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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

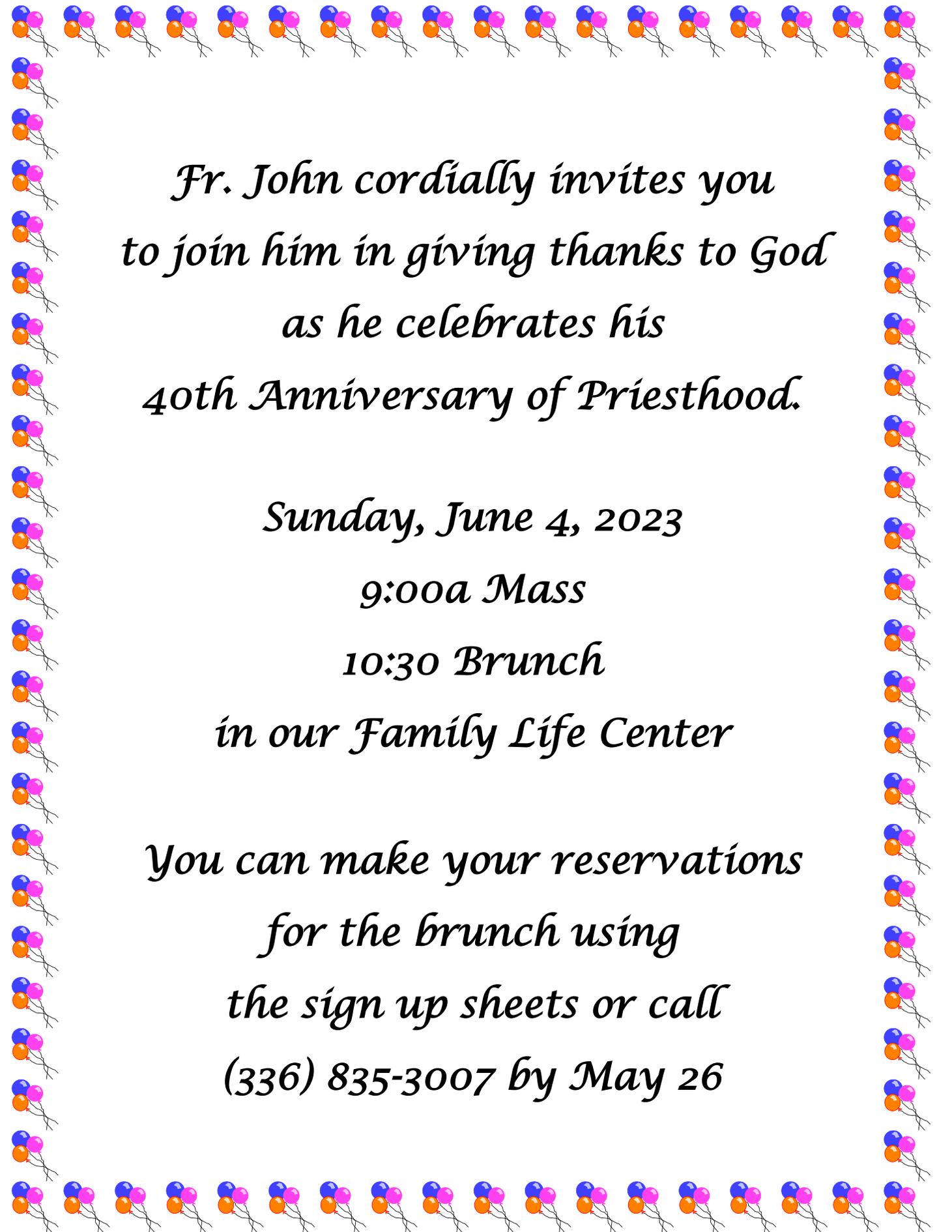
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023



*Fr. John cordially invites you
to join him in giving thanks to God
as he celebrates his
40th Anniversary of Priesthood.*

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9:00a Mass

10:30 Brunch

in our Family Life Center

*You can make your reservations
for the brunch using
the sign up sheets or call
(336) 835-3007 by May 26*



During the month of June,
St. Stephen Churches
& St. John the Baptist de LaSalle
are taking up a special collection
of **diapers** to support
Catholic Charities Wee Care Ministry.

This ministry provides assistance
to help families with small children.
The ministry needs boxed diapers in all sizes,
especially **sizes 3 to 7.**

Catholic Charities is very grateful
to the parishioners for their generosity
to those most in need.

Please bring donated items to the church

**Sundays,
June 4, 11, 18 & 25**



IT'S A GREAT TIME!! "SPRING CLEAN"!!
SET ASIDE ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
ST. S YARD SALE ~ JULY 29, 2023

Donations do not include:

Clothing	Books without covers
Unframed glass	Large or CRT televisions
Opened paint cans	Building supplies
Large appliances	Broken items
Cribs or baby equipment	Dirty items

**Please do your part:
donate items, come to the Yard Sale
and buy something!**

*Yard sales proceeds will be directed towards
a parish need or charity.
Last year the proceeds went towards our new church roof.*

The gospel
is not a
fire **insurance policy**
for the next world...
...it is an
assurance policy
for this world.
~ Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

203 Mass shootings
since Jan, 2023
13,912 dead
(Subject to change until we do)



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

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**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,
pray for us!**

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

*In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts,
let each of us name and call on the One
whose power over us is great and gentle,
firm and forgiving, holy and healing...*

*You who created us,
who sustain us,
who call us to live in peace,
hear our prayer this day.*

*Hear our prayer for all who have died,
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone...*

*Hear our prayer for those
who put the welfare of others ahead of their own
and give us hearts as generous as theirs...*

*Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives
in the service of others,
and accept the gift of their sacrifice...*

*Help us to shape and make a world
where we will lay down the arms of war
and turn our swords into ploughshares
for a harvest of justice and peace...*

*Comfort those who grieve
the loss of their loved ones
and let your healing be
the hope in our hearts...*

*Hear our prayer this day
and in your mercy answer us
in the name of all that is holy.*

The peace of God be with you.

- Austin Fleming

Morning Church!

Your vital statistics ~ your date, weight, height, place and time of birth are recorded on your Birth Certificate and in local and national logs. Celebrating birthdays becomes part of your family's tradition.

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the Birthday of our Church, our Catholic Christian Community. Today we celebrate how the Holy Spirit served as the Midwife of the first Christian Community, and how the Spirit has continued to lead and guide us.

Every promise God has ever made to us has been kept. From the beginning, God promised to recreate the face of the Earth and the heart of humanity wounded by sin. Renewing the face of the Earth, the re-birth of creation, is another expression of God's Covenant Affection and commitment to us.

It is not enough for God to initiate the Covenant. God has renewed and strengthened this sacred Covenant with us throughout Salvation History. As in the sacred Scripture with The Chosen, God does the same for us by renewing and strengthening our Baptismal Covenant throughout your faith journey.

Pentecost celebrates the birth and the ongoing re-birth of our Covenant. God's committed to giving you life and rebirth in Jesus' Spirit.

The life of the Spirit is replete with graced gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety (personal relationship with God), and wonder and awe in God's presence.

These gifts are the spiritual reservoir you draw on as you make your way Home. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen you to live a virtuous life as you reap the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithful endurance, mildness, faith, modesty, temperance, and chastity (personal integrity).

All the Gifts and Fruits of Holy Spirit are the spiritual harvest which grace you to be born again and again. So, today is your Birthday! You were born again into New Life through Water and the Spirit. Make this their most memorable birthday ever! Look at your Baptismal certificate. Appreciate what it truly is:

Your Spiritual Gift Certificate.

God's blessings

Janis

The Blessing That Undoes Us

~ Jan Richardson



On the day
when you are wearing
your certainty
like a cloak
and your sureness
goes before you
like a shield
or like a sword,
may the sound
of God's name
spill from your lips
as you have never
heard it before.

May your knowing
be undone.

May mystery
confound your
understanding.

May the Divine
rain down
in strange syllables
yet with
an ancient familiarity,
a knowing borne
in the blood,
the ear, the tongue,
bringing the clarity
that comes
not in stone
or in steel
but in fire,
in flame.

May there come
one searing word:
enough to bare you
to the bone,
enough to set
your heart ablaze,
enough to make you
whole again.

Reflecting and Acting on The Word

*What gifts of the Holy Spirit
do you resource most often?*

*What Fruits of the Holy Spirit
are most verified in your life?*

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

M A Y	
28	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>"Wear Red" Sunday</i>
	
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
31	RCIA ZOOM 2p
J U N E	
04	<i>Feast of the Holy Trinity</i> <i>40th Anniv Celebration ~ Fr. John</i>

2023 Grads ~ Blessings & Congratulations!!

Andrew Cahill
M.B.A.
UC Berkeley School of Business

Julie Cortez
Elkin High School Diplom
To: Surry Community College



We are
so proud
of you!



Elkin M.S. A Honor Roll	
7 th	Brylee Ange, Shayla Ange, Sadie Keller
Elkin M.S. A-B Honor Roll	
7 th	Gerardo Parral Acevedo
Elkin H.S. A Honor Roll	
9 th	Luke Altemueller, Charles Pelkey
10 th	Isabella Estrada, Morgan Orta, Anahi Parral Acevedo
Elkin H.S. A-B Honors	
10 th	Gabby LaCashio, Payton Wagoner
11 th	Jovanny Lopez, Lukas McClamrock

PARISH DIRECTORY
HOUSEHOLD PHOTO Sessions
FINAL DATES
for HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS
INCLUDED in NEW DIRECTORY
May 28
June 11, 25 July 2, 9, 16, 23

🌿 Mass Intentions	
28	St. Stephen Parishioners' Intentions
04	Fr. John ~ 40th Anniversary +Jeff Stackhouse
11	Sonia & Sixto DeJesus 45 th Anniversary

Birthdays & Anniversaries

28 Diego Carreon, Jr.	30 Brian Lopez
30 Alex Lara	31 Hilda Lopez



 28 Theresa & Phil Martin
30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

01 Mary Harper	10 Emiliano Mata
04 Maggie Orta	11 Maddox LaCashio
05 David Ramirez	Joey Lopez
06 Lana Horneck	12 Roxana Hernandez
08 Jeff Harris	13 Adrian Martinez

04 Fr. John Hanic	22 Debbie & Phiullip Parrish
10 Sonia & Sixto DeJesus	25 Jane & Matt Norman
15 Wendy & Jason McClamrock	26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola
18 Holly & Keith Stringer	27 Ellen & Richard Bernabe



...Ronnie Krakovsky, her sister, Cathy King, for providing the food and cooking Brunch for our Faith Formation Families and our Vietnamese Community on Sunday...
...to Ellen Bernabe, Wendy McClamrock, and Judy Simon, who helped serve us...to Sonia & Sixto DeJesus for their generous donation of diapers to Catholic Charities Regional Office of Wee Care in N. Wilkesboro...our Faith Formation Team: Samantha Ange, John Darcey, Lupe Hernandez, and Natalie Lopez, for your dedication to our Youth and their families...

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

The Holy Spirit wants us to be together and makes us Church and today – and teaches the Church how to walk.



The disciples were covering in the Upper Room...
...the Spirit then came...and made them go forth.

Without the Spirit, they were alone, by themselves, huddled together.

With the Spirit, they were open to all.

PENTECOST

On the first **Pentecost**, the Community of Believers were gathered with the Apostles and Jesus' mother, Mary. All of a sudden, a loud noise like wind, filled the entire house. The Apostles looked up and saw a sign of the Spirit's presence above their heads: *small tongues of fire*.

Many Jews were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish **Feast of Weeks**, or **First Fruits**, celebrating the *first harvest of wheat*. They heard the loud noise and came to see what happened.

Filled with the Spirit, the Apostles went outside to speak to the crowd. Peter began preaching about the Lord Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection.

A crowd, from many different countries, *understood Peter's words*. His words touched their hearts. They believed what Peter said about Jesus. That day, 3,000 were baptized in Jesus' Name.

For us, **Pentecost** is celebrated 50 days after Easter. This feast is called the *Birthday of the Church*. For *the first time*, on this day, Peter and the Apostles proclaimed Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world ~ *and our Faith Community is born!!*

The gift of Jesus' Spirit is given to you at Baptism. The Holy Spirit helps you remember all that Jesus said, did, and taught. The Apostles and Community of Believers grew together in faith and love. They shared possessions and gifts to help others, especially those who were poor.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart
with your love and your life.
Help me to be more and more
like Jesus every day. Amen. †*

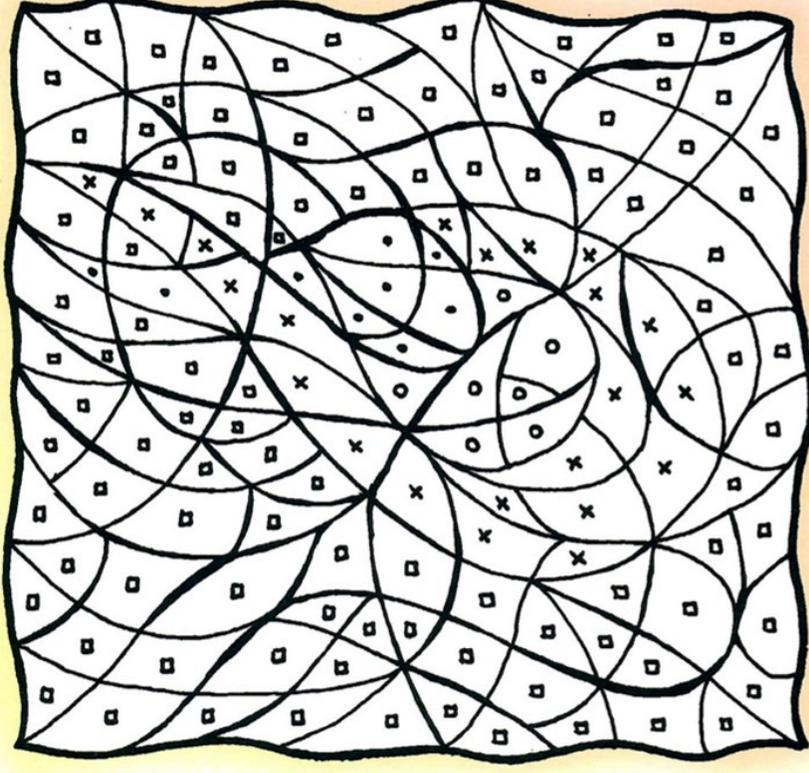


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO US!!!**

Answers to Scrambel: place, suddenly, wind, house,
filled, began, spirit, BIRTHDAY.

The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
May 28th, 2023



*In what form did the Holy Spirit come
to the Apostles on Pentecost?*

*Use this colour code
to colour in the picture and find out!*

o red • orange
□ blue x yellow

Saint Charles Lwanga And Companions

June 3

IN THE 1880'S SOME PRIESTS FROM EUROPE CAME TO BRING THE FAITH TO THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. CHARLES LWANGA LEARNED THE FAITH AND WAS BAPTIZED.

WHEN THE KING HAD SOME PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES KILLED THE CHIEF PAGE REPRIMANDED HIM, SO THE KING HAD HIM KILLED TOO.

CHARLES WAS MADE THE NEW CHIEF PAGE. HE SECRETLY TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE OTHERS.

If he tells you to do a sin, find an excuse to leave.

HE ALSO PROTECTED THEM FROM THE SINFUL DESIGNS OF THE KING.

WHEN THE KING REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING HE CONDEMNED THE CHRISTIANS TO DEATH.

THEY WERE FORCED TO WALK 37 MILES, AND SOME WERE KILLED ON THE WAY.

AFTER BEING IMPRISONED FOR SEVEN DAYS, ON JUNE 3RD, 1886 THE CHRISTIAN PAGES WERE BURNED TO DEATH FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP THEIR FAITH.

SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FELLOW PAGES DID NOT LET THE FEAR OF DEATH STOP THEM FROM FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. IF EVER YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SIN OR TO MAKE AN EASY CHOICE THAT IS WRONG, PRAY TO SAINT CHARLES AND HIS FRIENDS FOR STRENGTH TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one 7 [LCPAE] together. And 8 [ENYUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving 6 [DWN] and it filled the entire 5 [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of 3 [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all 2 [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and 1 [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the 4 [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the _____ of the Church!

