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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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 2, 2023



St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!

Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây!

Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen

Ngày 7 tháng 5 năm 2023

để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn

bằng tiếng Việt.

**Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình
gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự!**

Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào,

nói chuyện với Hạnh.



Arroz con pollo ACP

Our Youth Group/Confirmadi are asking your help in preparing **ACP dinners for five.**

The prepared dinners will be donated to area families and to Tri-C Christian Ministries.

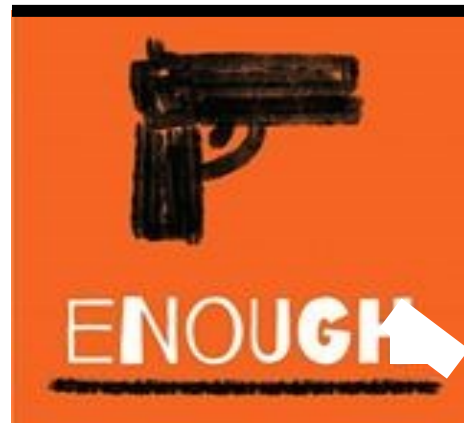
It's a **simple meal for five (5)** consisting of rice, chicken and cheese.

Cook the dinner in a aluminum pan, cover it with a lid or aluminum foil.

Bring your prepared dinner to the FLC on **Sunday, April 23.**

For your meal for five (5) you can use chicken legs or bone-in breasts.....as long as the meal will feed a family of five. You choose the kind of chicken and just add the rice and the cheese.

Tri-C Almsgiving	
Thank you so much !!	
APR	Instant potatoes
MAY	Dry pasta
JUN	Jelly



**301 Mass shootings
since January, 2023**



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

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Please pray for your suffering sisters and brothers and the first responders. If you wish, you can send a donation to:

Catholic Relief Services
228 West Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Memo line:
Earthquake relief

ST. STEPHEN YOUTH
COME, CELEBRATE
E A S T E R

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2023
AFTER MASS ~ 3:00P
(INCLUDES LUNCH)



The Week We Call Holy

Morning Church!

In religious life, the postulancy and novitiate are times devoted to spiritual apprenticeship, with an intense focus on prayer, theological reflection, deep listening, and learning to live Community life with complete strangers. In our Church Community, the Lenten season resembles these first two years of religious formation.

In ways no other liturgical season does, Lent focuses on your relationship with Christ and the meaning The Cross has in your life. Like initial formation in religious life, these six weeks have called you to examine your prayer life; your relationship with God and others; the quality of your gospel service, and how often you are a hospitable and healing presence with all who are journeying to God.

All of us are life-long novices in Christ's *Way of Love*. As his followers, we come to discover the "ridiculousness" of discipleship, of **sacrifice and surrender, and of being in solidarity** with others, especially those who seem so unlike us or liked by us. Gospel sacrifice means you offer yourself in loving service for the life of the world, for the good grace and growth of your local and global communities. When your sacrifice is fueled by a God-given intention to renounce your will and way, you can resist any human tendency to play the victim.

Surrender, like sacrifice, is pure foolishness: losing to find, letting go to keep, dying daily to live forever. Sacrifice and surrender are the truth and truce that yield to Holy Abandonment. Through sacrifice and surrender you can strive every day to live into Christ's words and example, "...not my will, but yours be done."

In the sacred intimacy of being in solidarity with others, we life-time novices commit to sharing our lives together. We commit to reaching out beyond the comfortable cloister of our heart to companion others with compassionate, inclusive love — God's Love; we commit to being with and for others as God is with and for us in Christ.

We are disciples of Gospel Foolishness, the sacred mystery that is part of *every* moment of our lives. Mentored by Christ, we learn to live with abandonment and a resilient, crush-proof hope, knowing Jesus is the ultimate, graced example of sacrifice, surrender, and solidarity. We're all life-long novices, nothing more, nothing less.

God's blessings,

Reflecting and Acting on The Word


In *The Week We Call Holy*, where are you spiritually? Are you on *Palm Sunday*, hearing the Hosannas of praise from a fickle crowd? Are you betraying or being betrayed by a close friend? Are you gathered with those you desire to be with most, sharing and serving them? (*Holy Thursday*)

Are you agonizing and suffering, being condemned and killed for being who you say you are in Christ? (*Good Friday*)

Are you anticipating God's grace to raise you up from your dark, dank entombed heart? Are you waiting and hoping for new life? (*Holy Saturday*)

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



A P R I L		
02	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion NO FFF; Faith Fusion: Tri-C Ministries	
03-07	HOLY WEEK SERVICE @ St. Stephen 12N-1:00p	
06	Holy Thursday, 7p	
07	Good Friday, 7p	
08	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8p	
09	Easter Sunday, 9a ALLELUIA! No FFF	
 10	Ladies Guild, 5p	
11	Communion Service, 12:15p Connect Clergy: Racism, St. Home Ch 3p	
 16	2nd Sun Easter FFF after Mass	
18	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association Mtg., 12N HHealth	
19	RCIA, 6:45p; Choir, 7p	
23	3rd Sun Easter; FFF after Mass	
25	Communion Service, 12:15p	
 30	4th Sun Easter; FFF after Mass	

Pope Francis Walking the Word

God's way of thinking goes against this self-centred crowd who shouted at Jesus, "Save yourself."

This mocking statement collides with the words of the Saviour who "offers himself." Jesus did not defend or justify himself. Rather, He prayed to the God, offered mercy to the good thief, and said: "**Father, forgive them**" amid the most searing physical pain of his Passion.

Like Grey Boyle, S.J. book title says,
Forgive Everyone Everything



Easter Flowers

You can donate Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special intention, use the flower envelope in the pews. **PRINT** their names on the back.

Your name, envelope #, & amount on the front.

Place it in the basket.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

02	+Mary "Meg" Bresse; Bill & Linda Talley r/b Bill +Tom Lux r/b Ladies Guild
09	St. Stephen parishioners' intentions
16	Deceased members of the Simon family +Geri Jones Gilliam r/b S. Janis +Jennifer Lynn Wood-Long

Parish Celebrations

04 Gus Habowski	11 Osvaldo Martinez
05 Marcellino Trinidad	12 Jose Ledesma
06 Natalie Trinidad	15 Andy Crawford
08 Melisa Bustos	21 Mario Crispin
Jennifer LaCashio	27 Dianne Crawford
09 Osvaldo Bustos	Luis Rodriguez
Alberto Nava	30 Liza Go-Harris
10 Richard Jones	Vanessa Lopez

04 Eileen & Leo Ouellette
05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



S. Kathleen Bernadette Moss, S.S.J.

Born

March 31, 1927

Born to Eternal Life

March 28, 2023

78 years in religious life.



S. Conradine Lehmann, S.S.J.

Born

March 6, 1924

Born to Eternal Life

February 25, 2023

81 years in religious life.

(omitted earlier)



Holy Week



Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It is followed by *Holy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and *Holy Saturday*.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus came in to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover. He'd just left the town of Bethany, where he raised Lazarus from the dead. Everyone felt so happy and excited that Jesus brought his friend, Lazarus, back to life. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd greeted him like they would a king. They broke palm branches off of the trees and waved them in the air saying, "Hosanna to the King!"

In Jesus' day, servants would meet guests at the door and wash their feet before the guests entered the home. On Holy Thursday, before the Passover meal began, Jesus took a basin of water and a towel and began to wash the apostles' feet. They were so surprised! By doing this, Jesus showed them how important it is to serve others. If Jesus, their Lord, is willing to serve others, they ought to follow his example and do the same. Also, this Passover meal is the night Jesus gave us his holy Body and Blood. We call this great gift Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion.

That same night, soldiers came and arrested Jesus while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. In an illegal night trial, Jesus is condemned as a liar for saying he is God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

The next morning on Good Friday, Jesus is scourged and a crown of thorns is placed on his head to make fun of him for lying and saying he is God, our Savior. Jesus is treated like a criminal by the angry mob who shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him!". Jesus is condemned to death. A heavy wooden cross is placed on his shoulders. He is made to carry it outside Jerusalem where he will be nailed to it until he dies. Jesus spoke from the Cross as he died, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Even as Jesus died, Jesus still showed mercy and forgiveness to the people who hated him. This day is called Good Friday, because Jesus gave his life for us, his own Body and Blood, so we could be given the promise of living forever.

After his death, his body is placed in a new tomb given by his friend, Joseph of Arimathea. The apostles were saddened and scared by his death. Will they be crucified, too, because they believed in Jesus?

Good Friday is followed by Holy Saturday. Jesus is still in the tomb. He and his close friends, the apostles, are hiding in the Upper Room where they all had celebrated the Passover.

Do you know what happens next?

**Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.**

The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
April 2nd, 2023

T A H B I C S D I E S F M G Y H B I L J
O K O L D M O N F O T P H Q E R N S
E T W U C W O X V Y E Z N A A B N C T
D W E H F I G C H H I W J I K L L L M
B N E O S P H Q E R D S F T O U R V
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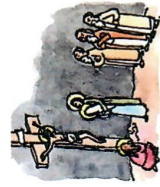
Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

T H

Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.



Good Friday Word-Find

H H W E D B H E A V Y
 D I E P C A R I O M S I O
 J O L E T A R Y E D N S I O
 S E S A L V E T E S F R O I C
 P H I S C Y R E S E T E A
 I N E H A N S J O H N E S
 M A G D A L E N E S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.