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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

Easter Sunday
April 9, 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.

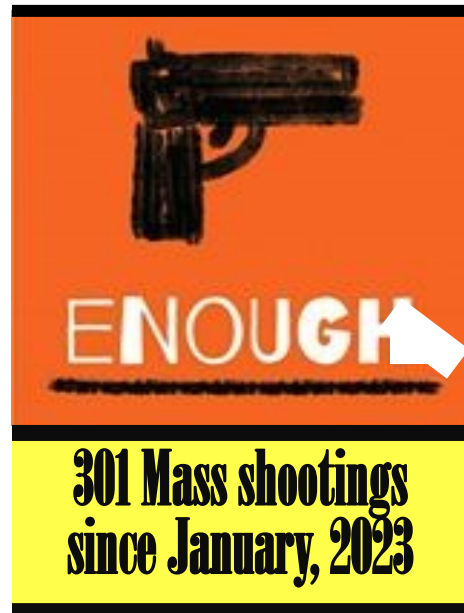
It's a **simple meal for five (5)** consisting of rice, chicken and cheese.

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



**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

This past week, St. Stephen hosted the *Ministerial Association's Holy Week Services*. Every day different ministers lead us in meditations on our daily scriptures; we gathered, we prayed, we shared faith and hospitality, prepared by volunteer church groups. Many who attended remarked how moved they were by our shared worship and appreciated the attractiveness of our Family Life Center. Participants were genuinely grateful to be here at St. Stephen ~ some for the first time. One man said on Good Friday, "Every year I say, 'These were the best Holy Week services'. I have to admit, *this year's services are the best we've ever had. I wish we could pray together more often.*"



During our Easter Vigil, *Christopher Michael Butash*, grandson of Cheryl and Carmen Daecher, celebrated Confirmation and First Communion. His faith journey, especially the last year, has affirmed he is a man of growing faith, whose presence truly enriches the Church. He made the decision to enter into a serious study of his Catholic faith on his own, while away at college. Meeting with Chris via Zoom is a weekly grace we share. *Blessings, Christopher Michael!*



Blessings on *David Serafin, Allan and Alex Lara*, who celebrated their First Communion on Holy Thursday. We pray you continue to grow in faith and love. They will remember this day forever.

Bendiciones para *David Serafin, Allan y Alex Lara*, que celebraron su Primera Comunion el Jueves Santo.

Oramos para que sigas creciendo en la fe y el amor. Ellos recordarán este día para siempre.

Just As He Said...

Morning Church!

So much has happened in this Week We Call Holy. Let's begin with St. Stephen hosting the Ministerial Association Holy Week Services. The presence, participation of the faith communities, and the preaching proved to be pure grace for all of us. All of these services are on our **YouTube** channel. If you were unable to attend you can join in the prayer and preaching of each day by going to our channel: **Saint Stephen Church in Elkin.**

On Monday, Rev. Jonathan Pucik from Galloway Episcopal invited us to enter the Dance Zone with Martha, Mary and Lazarus,

*This Holy Week, as we journey together with Jesus to the cross and ultimately into the joy of the resurrection,
I want to challenge us to enter the dancing zone as disciples, to be a little ridiculous, to be unusual.
Let Mary's prophetic anointing be your prototype. Don't be afraid to love recklessly.
Love impractically. Love in a way that costs you something.*

On Tuesday, Pastor Wally Hairston from Purpose of Love Church, lead us in another sermon in which he, too, like Jonathan, elevated the place women had in Christ's life and ministry. He challenged us to be prepared to recognize and affirm Christ's presence, especially in the most unlikely places.

*The first message of Jesus' Resurrection came from a woman ~ in a man's world ~
while the men were all huddled together in fear for their lives.*

On Wednesday, the new Pastor of Elkin Presbyterian, Arlo Tysinger, gave an extraordinary sermon on Judas,

*We are guilty like both Judas and Peter, and we are also treasured and loved by Christ just like Judas
and Peter. We must accept Christ's grace and love and share it with all our other Peters and Judases out there.
So that we all might know the joy that will come Sunday morning.*

On Holy Thursday, Associate Pastor and Youth Minister, Rev. Justin Bell from First Baptist Church, Elkin

*We serve a savior who conquers evil and death by allowing evil and death to conquer
him first. We serve a savior who gains victory through sacrifice. In God's Kingdom,
we exchange crowns for towels. So you must die to yourself if you're going
to put down the crown, grab a towel, and wash some feet.*

On Good Friday, Pastor Alvin Hayes from St. Home Missionary Baptist Church, masterfully ended by week of prayer and fellowship by summarized the message of the Bible in 12 minutes:

*"All of us are called follow Christ's example and
to be about 'our Father's business'.
We have work to do.
Try to love your enemies...
He concluded with,
"So I'll leave you with three words",
'Love never fails.'"*

Daily Doris W. and Lou S. stepped up to be Greeters-Ushers; Aileen C., Peggy R., and Ellen B. helped facilitate hospitality with the churches who prepared the lunches. Thanks to all who came over after Mass last week to set up the tables, too. Team work makes the dream work....

Fr. John lead our Palm Sunday celebration. In his homily he said,

*"What will you give me to betray him? It all begins with fear, a fear that leads to betrayal,
a fear that grips one's mind and heart. Fear leads to distrust. Distrust leads to a deteriorating faith.
He reminded us of all those who stopped coming to church during COVID and have yet to return.
"When all is said and done, isn't this a kind of betrayal? Judas ask teh chief priests,
'What will you give me?' The faithful followers ask Jesus, 'What can we do for you, how can we help?'"
With the others we go to the garden in weakness, fear, and hesitation...to learn wht Jesus wants to teach us."*

(Reflection continued from p. 5)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday

Fr. Joe Mulligan homilized on the importance of "Remembering". He shared his First Communion black and white framed photo with David Serafin, Allan and Alex Lara, three of our Youth who received their First Communion on Holy Thursday. Fr. Joe impressed upon them the importance of following Jesus encouraging his followers to remember as a way of strengthening and growing in faith. He said we remember what Jesus said and did every time we celebrate the Mass. He reminded the boys that they will always remember their First Communion. (photo on p. 4)

A holy moment of remembering came next when Fr. Joe, following the the mandate of Jesus at the Last Supper, bent over and washed David, Allan and Alex's feet, . They, in turn, bent over and washed the feet of their mother, Margarita. She, then, washed the feet of her husband, Guillermo "Memo". The Foot Washing Rite of the Holy Thursday Mass is not something the family experienced before coming to St. S. Their initial reluctance faded once I said this is what Jesus did to give his disciples and all of us an example of Servant-leadership. *"If I, you're the master and teacher, wash your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Good Friday

Fr. Joe shared that his prayer this Lent flowed from two sources: The Ash Wednesday text from the prophet Joel and the Lamentations of the Old Testament. The Book of lamentations is a collection of five poems that serve as the Hebrews' anguished response to the destruction of Jerusalem and the siege of the invading Babylonian army. Fr. Joe's laments come from the division in our Church, our country, and in our world. He cited the dissident bishops who refuse to follow the mandates of Vatican Council II, which occurred 61 years ago; our party before people politicians who continue to cause great division, suspicion, and violent rhetoric in our country; his personal lament of the known and unknown times he hurt people during his priesthood; the idolatry some Americans give to guns and the ratio of gun violence and mass shootings in the U.S. 79% vs. 0% average among all other countries on our planet. Fr. Joe invited us to spend some time in prayerful review of our own laments that hurt others and to do what it takes to reconcile with them. Andrea Faw and husband, Stephen Faust (RCIA), along with Martha Neaves, served as crossbearers during the Veneration Rite.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil

Lead my Natalie Lopez and Lupe Hernandez and with their parents, our youngsters in Faith Formation gathered in our Family Life Center to celebrate Easter with crafts and activities this morning. They had a marvelous day! Go, check out the Cross they created! Tomorrow they will do an Easter dance after Communion as their prayer to the Risen One!

At the Easter Vigil, Christopher Michael Butash will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. Chris is the grandson of former parishioners, Cheryl and Carment Daecher. Chris is a student-athlete at Limstone University in Gaffney, SC, and has been preparing via Zoom all year. Chris' parents, Lisa and Michael came from FL, along with his grandmother, Rita to celebrate with him.

Fr. Joe began his homily with, "We never grow tired of hearing This Story, a story of Resurrection and Transformation. Out of weakness, we celebrate through power. Through Easter we understand where true power lies. Through the Easter Story we come to believe Christ is resurrected and transformed. Believing this, we, too will be transformed when we rise from the dead.

Just As He Said!

If you ask me, this Story isn't incredible. No, it's very credible. Happy Easter and Blessed !






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 **Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

Has the meaning of Christ's resurrection changed for you since childhood?

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



A P R I L	
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
17	GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
18	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association Mtg., 12N HCHHealth
19	RCIA, 6:45p; Choir, 7p
20	Wise Ones Host: Peggy @ Family Life Center, 1p
22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
 23	3rd Sun Easter; FFF after Mass
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
 30	4th Sun Easter; FFF after Mass



Roll away the stones of sin and fear to experience the power of Christ's resurrection. Rediscover the grace of God's resurrection within you! Today, brothers and sisters, the power of Easter summons you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust. The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear ... return to Him. Look with confidence to the future. For Christ is risen and *has changed the direction of history.*

TYVM...Holy Week Proclaimers of the Word, Greeters-Ushers, EMs, Acolytes, Morgan & Melia, and Eli...those who prepared the environment, Doris, Jane & Rob, Aileen, and those who assisted during the Triduum, Lou Stackhouse, Martha Neaves, Andrea Faw and Stephen Faust; our Music Minsters and Choir Director, Theresa; Natalie and Lupe who lead our Youth's Easter Celebration; those who faithfully do the Altar Linen ministry ...all who helped in any way to enliven our environment for the Week We Call Holy...**TYVM!**

🌿 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 r/b Diana Gallagher

Parish Celebrations

09 Osvaldo Bustos	21 Mario Crispin
Alberto Nava	27 Dianne Crawford
10 Richard Jones	Luis Rodriguez
11 Osvaldo Martinez	30 Liza Go-Harris
12 Jose Ledesma	Vanessa Lopez
15 Andy Crawford	
15 Judy & Frank Simon	
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez	



+Shirley "Mickey" Dowd Brantley
born to eternal life
Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023
Mother of parishioner
Andrea Faw-Faust

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!



Easter Flowers	
Donor	In honor/memory of
Wendy, Jason & Lukas McClamrock	+Elizabeth Cain, +Buddy Gough, +Susan Martin, +Jeff Stout
Doris Watson	The Langlois and Watson families

Alleluia!

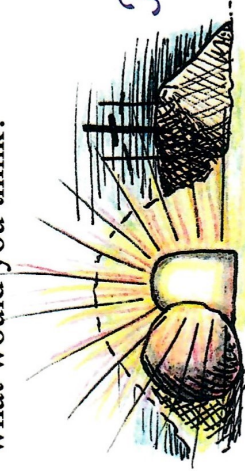


Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*

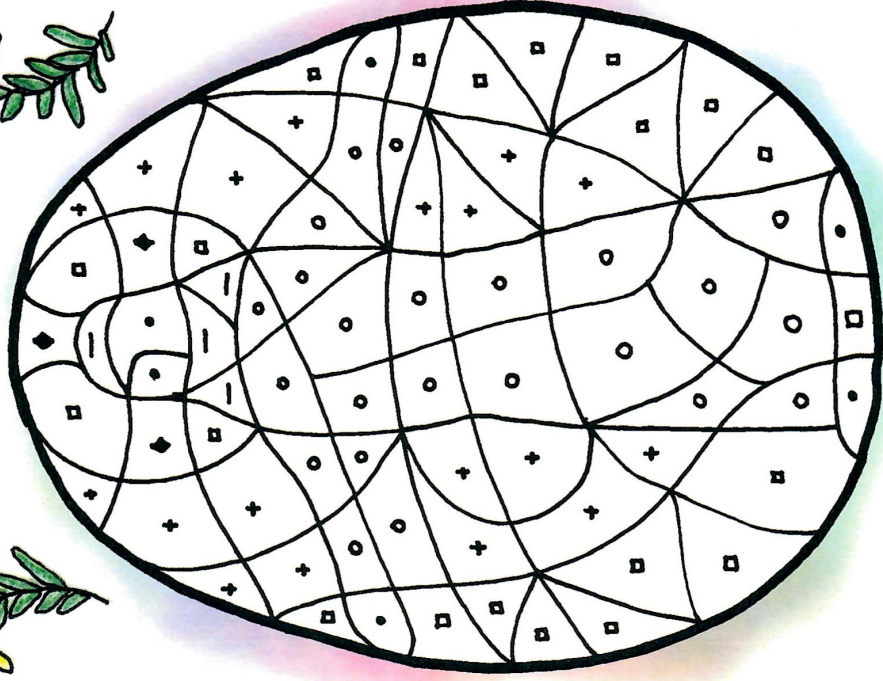


Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

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The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 9th, 2023



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- Yellow
- ♦ Purple
- Brown
- Skin-colour
- White

Easter Sunday

AFTER JESUS DIED ON GOOD FRIDAY THE APOSTLES WERE AFRAID AND HID AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY STAYED IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY HAD THE LAST SUPPER.

If they see us they'll kill us too!

Let's go back to the upper room!



EARLY ON THE SUNDAY MORNING SOME WOMEN WENT TO JESUS' TOMB...



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

