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St. John
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Ann Stone ***RCIA***
Joel Everett ***Music***

St. Stephen
S. Janis McQuade, S.S.J. ***Faith Formation***
Phillip Parrish ***RCIA***
Theresa Martin ***Music***

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday ***4:00p***
Sunday ***11:15a English***
1:00p en español
Wednesday ***11:00a***

St. Stephen
Sunday ***9:00a***
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days ***7:00p***

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ***3:00 - 3:45p***

By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners: We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasures in life-giving ways.
To register and get more information: go to our website ~ www.StStephenNC.org

Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Reconciliation (Penance), or Matrimony)
Call S. Janis (336) 835-4542

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered for adults who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, rites, and practices.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is desirous of God's healing and would like to receive the sacred anointing, contact S. Janis.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025



**Stop Human Trafficking – Learn and Take Action
Catholic Charities (CCDOC) in Winston-Salem
Friday, February 21 (1612 East 14th Street).**

A free lunch, offered at 11:30 am, followed by a presentation on the current realities of human trafficking in NC and ways of stopping this horrific crime.

Presenter:

Dr. Jim Duncan: President and Founder of Project Light Rowan, Salisbury, NC

To register, please email scaeducation@ccdoc.org
by February 19.

Go to www.ccdoc.org/education for an event flyer. Due to event subject matter, attendees need to be at least 16 years old. Parental discretion is advised. This event is sponsored by CCDOC in collaboration with Project Light Rowan.

Joseph T. Purello
Dir. Office of Social Concerns and Advocacy
Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte



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Fasbook page

**to view the videos shown during our
Martin Lluther King, Jr. Prayer service**



**CARE for CREATION
KINDLY RECYCLE INK
CARTRIDGES in
LOBBY CONTAINERS.**

Thank you!

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
FEB	Spaghetti sauce; corn
MAR	Small laundry soap
APR	Canned fruit
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste



¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Había sido SSJ durante 25 años cuando tuve que crear un currículum. Antes de 1990, cada agosto se notificaba por correo a los SSJ si permanecerían en su ministerio actual o si serían reasignados a uno nuevo. Para mí, preparar mi primer currículum se convirtió en un acto de gratitud hacia mi comunidad por mi educación y hacia todas las personas que conocí desde mi ingreso y que me ofrecieron un conocimiento experiencial invaluable.

Seguir a Jesús no requiere un título. Requiere voluntad de servir. Las virtudes de la fe, el coraje, la resiliencia, la generosidad y la lealtad son un buen comienzo. Algunas habilidades esenciales incluyen la capacidad de escuchar lo que dice la gente y lo que significa para ellos; la voluntad de asumir riesgos y ser adaptable en cada situación; y denunciar la injusticia en todas sus formas.

Donde hay una injusticia generalizada, hay daños colaterales generalizados. Para algunos, el aluvión de órdenes ejecutivas en los primeros días se siente como si estuvieran bebiendo de una manguera contra incendios. Estas órdenes encontraron un rechazo inmediato por parte de muchos grupos afectados por la pausa en la financiación. Se alzó una oleada de voces fuertes contra el cierre y se revirtió la pausa en la financiación. La AP informó que se están organizando protestas contra las órdenes divisivas. Iglesias y sinagogas se están uniendo para protestar por la dolorosa deportación y separación de familias inmigrantes. Esta es una gran preocupación para muchos hispanos en todo nuestro país, nuestra diócesis y nuestra parroquia.

Un grupo afectado por la pausa en la financiación es National Meals on Wheels. Este programa para personas mayores comenzó en el Reino Unido en 1940 y llegó a Filadelfia en 1954. Margaret Toy, una trabajadora social, fue pionera allí para apoyar la entrega de comidas a personas mayores confinadas en sus hogares. Nuestro local Feed the Elderly es una forma de este servicio. Los miembros de la iglesia del área son parte de su personal voluntario.

- ¿Cuáles son las virtudes y habilidades de su currículum que serán más útiles para su querido vecino?
- ¿Cómo compartes las redes reventadas de tu abundancia con los demás?
- ¿Cómo te llama Jesús hoy a servir, alimentar y acompañar?
- ¿Los más pequeños, los perdidos y los solitarios?

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🕊 Trabajo del CORAZÓN ~ Reflexionando y Actuando sobre La Palabra

- ¿Cómo te pide Cristo que levantes la voz?
 - ¿contra la injusticia en todas sus formas?
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Morning Church!

I'd been a SSJ for 25 years when I had to create a resumé. Prior to 1990, SSJs were notified by mail every August whether they would stay in their present ministry or be reassigned to a new one. For me, preparing my first resume became an act of gratitude to my community for my education, and to all the people I'd met since entrance who'd offered me invaluable experiential knowledge.

Following Jesus does not require a degree. It does require a willingness to serve. The virtues of faith, courage, resiliency, generosity, and loyalty are a good start. Some essential skills include the ability to listen to what people say and what it means to them; the willingness to take risks, and be adaptable in every situation; and to speak out against injustice in all its forms.

Where there is widespread injustice, there is widespread collateral damage. For some, the barrage of presidential orders in the initial days feels like you're drinking from a fire hose. These orders met with immediate pushback from many groups affected by the funding pause. A ground swell of loud voices were raised against the shutdown and the funding pause got reversed. The AP reported that protests against the divisive orders are being organized. Churches and synagogues are joining together to protest the painful deportation and separation of immigrant families. This is a great concern for many Hispanics across our country, our diocese and in our parish.

One group affected by the funding pause is the *National Meals on Wheels*. This seniors program began in the U.K. in 1940 and made its way to Philadelphia in 1954. Margaret Toy, a social worker pioneered it there to support meal delivery to homebound seniors. Our local *Feed the Elderly* is a form of this service. Area church members are part of its volunteer staff.

- ☪ What virtues and skill on your resumé will best serve your Dear Neighbor?
- ☪ How do you share the bursting nets of your abundance with others?
- ☪ How is Jesus calling you today to serve, nourish, and companion
The Least, The Lost, and The Lonely?

In CommUNITY,

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☪ **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word ~**

- ☪ How are you being asked by Christ to raise your voice
against injustice in all its forms?
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FEBRUARY	
09	5th Sun OT ♥ We Believe in Marriage Day ♥ Renewal of Marriage Vows Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
10	Ladies Guild, 5p
11	Adult Faith Formation The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p RCIA I, 6:30p
12	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
14	♥ Valentine's Day
15	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
16	6th Sun OT Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
17	Give Blood Elkin Rescue Center ~ 1:00p-6:30p RCIA II, 6:30p
18	Adult Faith Formation The Chosen, 10a Ministerial Association, 12N Communion Service, 12:15p SSJ ZOOM, 3:30-5:30P RCIA I, 6:30p
19	Music Ministry mtg, 3:30p; Choir, 7p
20	Wise Ones, 1p Pizza Party, FLC Host: Peggy
23	7th Sun OT Baptism Laura Peruzzo Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
25	Adult Faith Formation The Chosen, 10a 12:15 Communion Service 6:30p RCIA
26	RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p

☪ Mass Intentions	
02	John Castillo; +Deb Seipel
09	Married & Engaged Couples
16	Celeste M. Liss; Jackie Griffith, SSJ
23	Laura Peruzzo +Mary E. Burnham; +Ross Roeder

Birthdays & Anniver-



01 Jusselly Loyola	22 Wendy McClamrock
02 Julie Cortez	Natasha Cancel Velez
Jovanny Lopez	23 Gabby LaCashio
03 Ayda Chanez Lopez	Margarita Lara Serafin
08 Marbel Garcia	24 Andrew Ange
11 Bob Horneck	Laura Barrientos
14 Karen Gochnauer	Allan Lara
16 Julian CorAtez	Marcus Orta
19 Ryan Treannie	25 Ray Hernandez
22 John Castillo	27 Catalina Hernandez

14 Lana & Bob Horneck
17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

What is your **deepest** hope
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church, Creation?



+S. Cynthia Ludwig, SSJ	
Born	March 3, 1937
Born to Eternal Life	February 2, 2025
in the 65 th year of religious life	

+S. Rose Christine Wagner, SSJ	
Born	July 13, 1932
Born to Eternal Life	February 10, 2025
in the 71 st year of religious life	

LEARNING HOW TO FISH



In today's gospel, Peter, James, and John were fishing all night and hadn't caught any fish. When Jesus told them to lower their nets again, they did what Jesus asked.

It surprised them when their nets became so full that their boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter, James and John he would make them "fishers of people". This meant he would teach them how to bring people closer to Jesus.



Do you know how to "fish for people"?
Do you know how to bring your family and others closer to Jesus? Yes, you do!

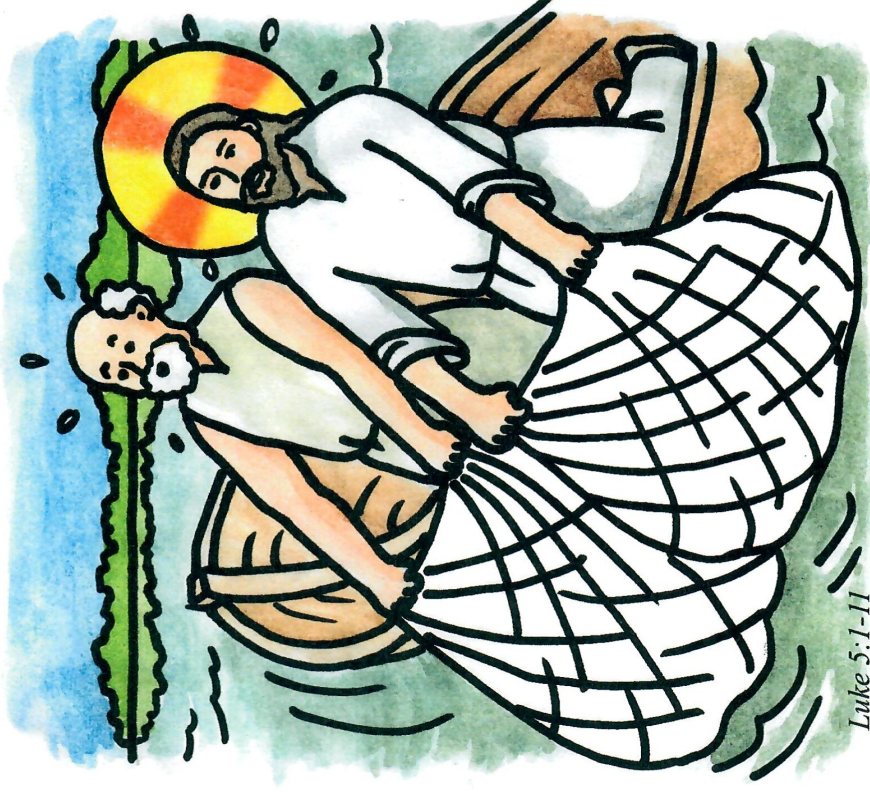


You bring your family and others to Jesus by your good example of your loving kindness, help, generosity, and forgiveness.

Answers to picture puzzle: top 2,4; middle 5,1; bottom 6,3

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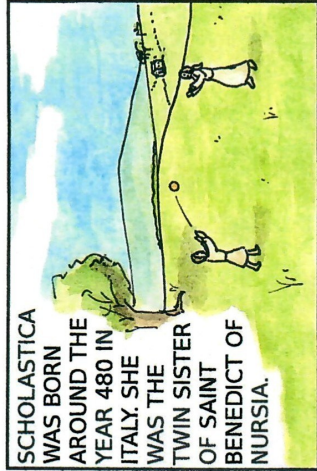
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Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

Saint Scholastica

February 10



SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.

