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St. John

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St. Stephen

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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.

Feast of the holy Family

December 29, 2024

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Community Worship Service
Sunday, January 19, 2025 – 3:00 PM
All are invited and welcome!

First Baptist Church
Elkin, North Carolina



“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” Amos 5:24

This worship service is sponsored and led by *CommUNITY Connections*, a group of local clergy who are seeking to dismantle racism one relationship at a time.

You are cordially invited to a FREE

Fellowship Meal and Table Talk

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
6:00 PM

New Beginnings United Methodist Church
311 West Main Street
Jonesville, North Carolina



Sponsored by *New Beginnings UMC* and *CommUNITY Connections*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 12th at 6pm



Please Come Join Us!

There will be a dance of praise performed by our Youth and a short play about the appearance

Gracias a nuestras Familias de Formación de Fe por compartir estas dos celebraciones con su familia parroquial.

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Come join and sup
Joyful Mysteries of
liturgical dance

ii Gracias a nuestros niños por su baile de alabanza!!
Gracias Lupe y Natalie que ayudaron

Food and refreshments will follow
in our Family Life Center.

Can't wait
to see YOU there!!



*El vínculo que une a tu verdadera familia no es de sangre,
sino de respeto y alegría en la vida de cada uno..*

~Richard Bach

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

La familia es nuestra primera relación. En la mezcla de la familia, aprendemos, principalmente con el ejemplo, cómo tener una relación y cómo no tenerla. Para que podamos convertirnos en un signo de la presencia de Dios como familia, debemos permanecer comprometidos con las buenas y las malas de nuestras relaciones familiares. Básicamente, la familia está llamada a vivir junta su Bautismo

*"...en lo bueno y en lo malo, en la riqueza, en la pobreza, en la enfermedad
y en la salud, hasta la muerte..."*

Colosenses proclama en frases concisas cómo estar y permanecer en una relación. Cada frase individual es una pegatina espiritual para el parachoques... soportáos unos a otros... perdonaos unos a otros... dedícate al agradecimiento... Deja que la Palabra de Cristo, rica como es, habite en ti... todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús...

Las virtudes enumeradas en la epístola de Pablo son la gracia que une todas las relaciones... compasión, bondad, humildad, gentileza y paciencia..." Imagine la transformación de las relaciones familiares si estas virtudes se vivieran en cada hogar/Iglesia doméstica, cuando ¡El sarcasmo y el desánimo son reemplazados por estas virtudes vivificantes! La primera lectura (Eclesiástico, de la literatura sapiencial), dice que una familia moldeada en el camino de la virtud se convierte en "una casa levantada en la justicia".

La angustia de la crianza de los hijos hoy se puede resumir en la descorazonadora declaración de María a Jesús: "¿Por qué nos has hecho esto?". La naturaleza compulsiva de la juventud es el detonante aquí. Los niños actúan por capricho, sin pensar mucho en los efectos o consecuencias de sus palabras o acciones. Para asegurar "una casa educada en la justicia", los padres deben esforzarse por comunicar a sus hijos que son amados, ofrecer disciplina constante, límites claros y las consecuencias de sus decisiones sin amor. El Rito del Bautismo dice: "Los padres son los primeros y mejores maestros de sus hijos". Así los niños aprenden lo que viven y ven en casa. La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia es una invitación para que las familias renueven y fortalezcan sus relaciones, sanen lo herido y se acerquen a Dios y a los demás. Es un recordatorio de que todos nosotros, ya sea que estemos relacionados "por sangre" o no, todos somos hijos de Dios, y todos somos parte de la familia de Dios.

En comUNIDAD,

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La enseñanza social católica resumida:

Dé la bienvenida al extraño, al refugiado,
al que no tiene hogar.

🕊 *Reflexionando sobre la Palabra*

Crea una lista de Gratitud con los nombres de las
personas de tu "familia".

¿Quién está en tu lista? ¿Quién falta?

¿Quién escribiría tu nombre
en su "familia" Gratitude Lise?

*The bond that links your true family is not one of blood,
but of respect and joy in each other's life.*

~ Richard Bach

Morning, Church!

Family is our first relationship. In the mix of family, we learn, mostly by example, how to be in relationship and how not to be in relationship. For us to become a sign of God's presence as a family, we need to stay committed to the thick and thin of our family relationships. Basically, the family is called to live their Baptism together

"...for better for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death..."

Colossians proclaims in pithy sentences how to be in and stay in relationship. Each individual sentence is a spiritual bumper sticker...*bear with one another...forgive one another...dedicated yourself to thankfulness...Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you...do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...*

The virtues listed in Paul's epistle are the gluing grace of every relationship....*compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...*" Imagine the transformation of family relationships if these virtues were lived in each household/Domestic Church, when sarcasm and discouragement are replaced by these life-giving virtues! Reading I (Sirach, from Wisdom literature), says a family molded in the way of virtue becomes "*a house raised in justice.*"

The angst of parenting today can be summed up in Mary's dismaying statement to Jesus, "*Why have you done this to us?*" The compulsive nature of youth is the igniter here. Children act on a whim, with little thought of the effects or consequences of their words or actions. To insure "*a house raised in justice*", parents must strive to communicate to their children that they are loved, offer consistent discipline, clear boundaries, and the consequences for their unloving choices. The Baptismal Rite says, "Parents are the first and best teachers of their children." So children learn what they live and see at home.

The Feast of the Holy Family is an invitation for families to renew and strengthen their relationships, to heal what is wounded, and to draw closer to God and one another. It's a reminder that all of us, whether we are related 'by blood' or not, all of us are Children of God, and all of us are part of God's family.

In CommUNITY,

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**Catholic Social Teaching Summed Up:
Welcome the Stranger,
the Refugee, the UnHoused**











 *Reflecting on the Word*

Create a Gratitude list of the names of people in your "family".

Who's on your list?

Who's missing?

Who would write your name on their "family" Gratitude List?

| DECEMBER | |
|---|---|
| 29 | <i>Feast: The Holy Family</i> Mass 9:00a |
| JANUARY | |
| 01 | <i>Feast: Mary, Mother of God</i> St. John Mass 11:00a & 6:30p |
| 05 | <i>Feast: The Epiphany</i>  |
| 07 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 08 | Choir, 7p  |
|  12 | 2nd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass |
| 14 | The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p RCIA I, 6:30p |
| 15 | RCIA II, 6:30p; Choir, 7p  |
| 16 | Wise Ones, 1p TBA  |
| 18 | Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a  |
| 19 | 3rd Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> <i>Community Worship Service</i> <i>First Baptist Church, Elkin 3:00p</i>  |
| 20 | <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>  Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Cntr., 1:30-6:00p |
| 21 | The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p RCIA I, 6:30p; Choir, 7p  |
|  26 | 4th Sun OT Family Faith Formation, After Mass |

| MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| 24 | St. Stephen Parishioners +Helen Purcell; +Tessie Horneck |
| 25 | St. Stephen Parishioners |
| 29 | +Ann Goodson Faust |
| 05 | Fr. Bill "J.W." Hines |

Birthdays & Anniversary

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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 02 | Jorge Lopez | 11 | Rosa Parral |
| 03 | Alayna Faw | 13 | Luis Martinez |
| 08 | Francisco Fuentes | 16 | Jenny Ardizzola |
| 10 | Anahi Parral | | Barry Blackburn |



01 Minnie & Julian Espino

02 Mary & Barry Blackburn



S. Ruthan O'Mara, SSJ

1945 ~ December 21, 2024
62nd Year as Sister of St. Joseph

¡MANY THANKS! ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

...to our Youth for your leadership at our Christmas Eve Mass: Brylee A, Shayla A, Victor & Osvaldo B, Susana & Osvaldo M, Diana, Luis, & Matteo R...and our Praise Dancers: America, Andy, Cecilia, Luz, Natalia, Rianna and Natalie L who prepared them...to all who participated in our wonderful Las Posadas celebration, who led the Rosary, and all the wonderful chefs who brought food to share!!!

...to Aileen for putting together our newest parish directory...our church cleaners and decorators, our Liturgical Ministers, Theresa and our Choir...

...a nuestros jóvenes por su liderazgo en nuestra Misa de Nochebuena: Brylee A, Shayla A, Victor & Osvaldo B, Susana & Osvaldo M, Diana, Luis, & Matteo R...y a nuestros bailarines de alabanza America, Andy, Cecilia, Luz, Natalia, Rianna y a Natalie L quien los preparó.... a todos los que participaron en nuestra maravillosa Celebración de Las Posadas, quienes dirigieron el Rosario, y todos los maravillosos chefs que trajeron comida para compartir!!!
...a Aileen por armar nuestro nuevo directorio parroquial...nuestros limpiadores y decoradores de la iglesia, nuestros Ministros Litúrgicos, Theresa y nuestro Coro...



IF, by some **extraordinary** change from past winters, and we have icy /snowy conditions, you will be notified of St. Stephen closings on:
WXII Channel 11 or 1203
FOX Channel 10 or 1206



| <i>Christmas Flowers</i> | |
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| <i>Donor</i> | <i>In honor/memory of</i> |
| Arelis Hadfield | Francisca Tavarez |
| Wendy McClamrock | Mary E. Cain |
| Doris Watson | The Watson & Langlois Families |



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USED INK CARTRIDGES
at CHURCH!!
RECYLCE CONTAINER
IN THE LOBBY.
Thank you!



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 Attn: Central Processing
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 Charlotte NC 282034003
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ONE NATION

Prayer After an Election

UNDER GOD

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in the USA. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

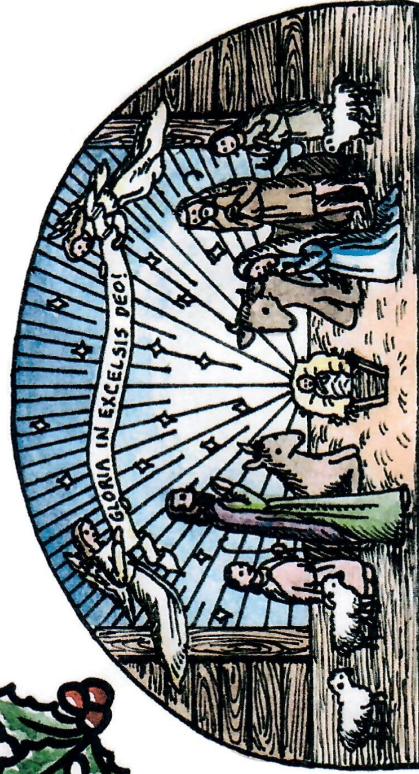
We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. U.S.C.C.B.



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| Tri-C Christian Crisis Ministries | |
| DEC | Dry beans |

All are welcome!
¡Todos son bienvenidos!
Tat ca đều đư ợc chào đón!



Happy Birthd**ay**, Jesus!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

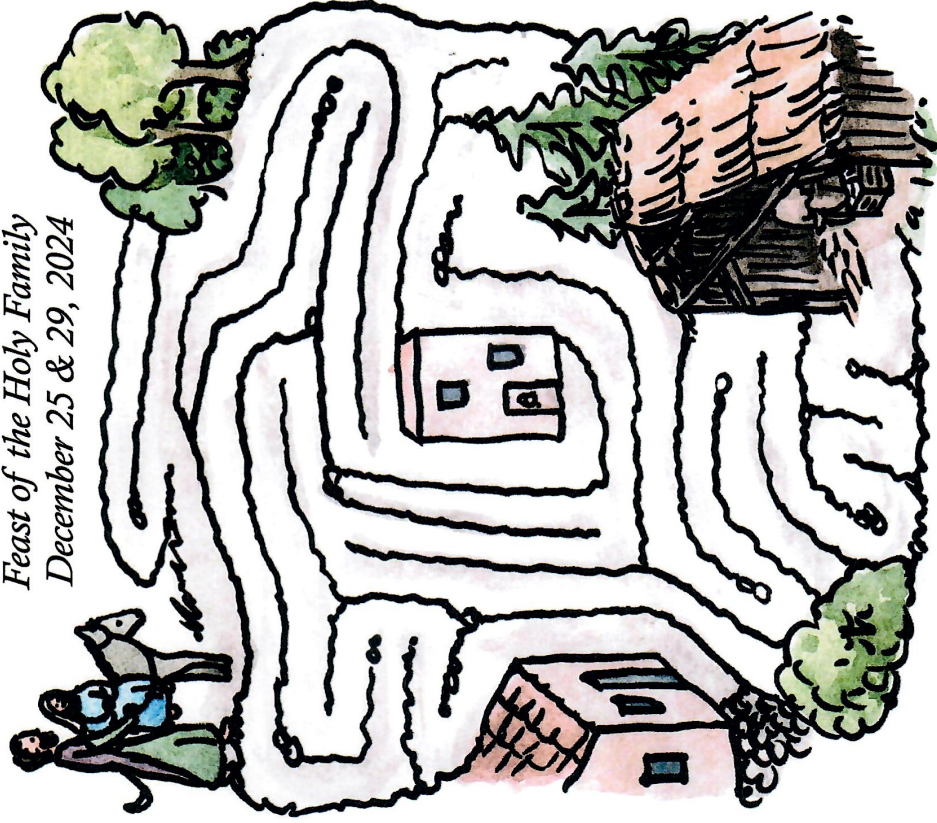
What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

Answers to Holy Family puzzle: parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom

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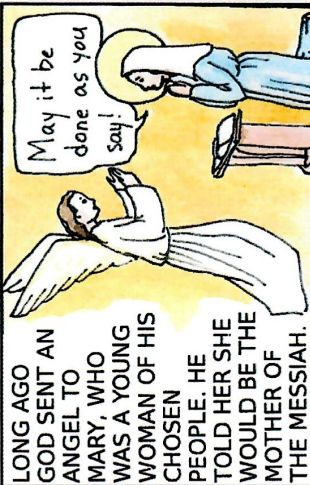
The Kids' Bulletin

*Christmas Day and
Feast of the Holy Family
December 25 & 29, 2024*



There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?

The Christmas Story



LONG AGO GOD SENT AN ANGEL TO MARY, WHO WAS A YOUNG WOMAN OF HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH.

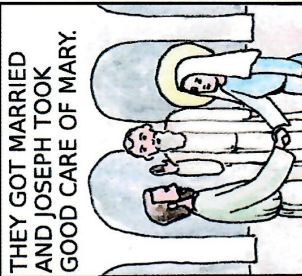
May it be done as you say!

God has chosen Mary...

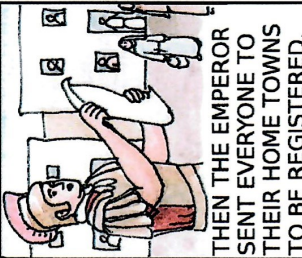


MARY WAS ENGAGED TO A HOLY MAN CALLED JOSEPH. AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM TO TELL HIM WHO MARY REALLY WAS.


God has chosen Mary...



THEY GOT MARRIED AND JOSEPH TOOK GOOD CARE OF MARY.



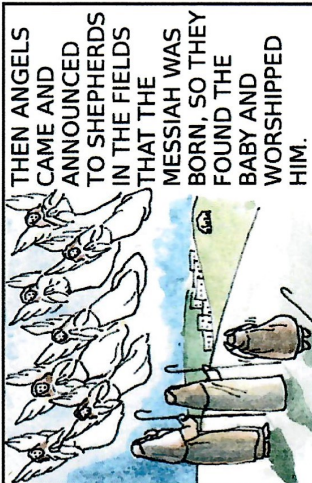
THEN THE EMPEROR SENT EVERYONE TO THEIR HOME TOWNS TO BE REGISTERED.



SO JOSEPH AND MARY HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM.



WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND NO PLACE TO STAY EXCEPT A STABLE. SO THE BABY WAS BORN THERE!



THEN ANGELS CAME AND ANNOUNCED TO SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS THAT THE MESSIAH WAS BORN, SO THEY FOUND THE BABY AND WORSHIPPED HIM.

FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME. A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His ¹² [] (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the

² [] (SVOPSARE) festival.

When ¹⁰ [] (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the ³ [] (LFSETVIA)

as usual, but Jesus stayed in the ⁵ [] (MPELET) afterwards. ⁶ [] (RMYA) and

Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't ¹ []

(DNIF) Him they went back and ⁷ [] (CHDEASRE) for Him.

On the ⁸ [] (HDRIT) day they found

him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not ⁹ []

(WNKO) that I must be in my

¹ [] [?] [] ¹² [] ¹¹ [] ¹⁰ [] ⁹ [] ⁸ [] ⁷ [] ⁶ [] ⁵ [] ⁴ [] ³ [] ² [] ¹ []

Then he went home with them to

⁴ [] (ZRNATHEA) and was

obedient to them, and grew up in ¹¹ []

(DSIWMO) and age and grace.

