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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.

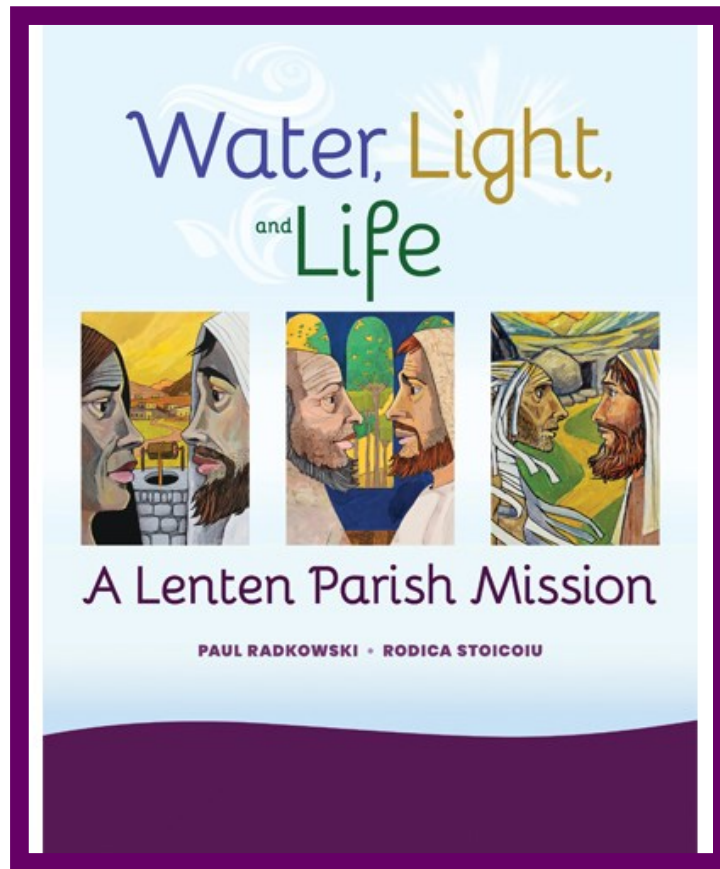
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

1st Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023



2023 St. Stephen

PARISH MISSION

March 9, 15, 23, 30

6:30p

Family Life Center

Register at church



St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!

Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây!

Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen

Ngày 5 tháng 3 năm 2023, 2:00

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.



Tikkun Olam Shaddai Nicholas
Tikkun
"Healer"

Olam Shaddai
"for the kingdom of God"

Born:
 December 18, 2006

Born to Eternal Life:
 February 21, 2023

Thank you, God and Tikkun,
for 16 years of soul companionship
and unconditional love.



...most of what happens at St. S, is done in a St. Joseph style, a behind the scenes generosity...like our good and generous ladies who clean our church and do so times in between "cleaning days"... ..to our generous tech team, John and Lukas for your generous service among us ~ you came on Ash Wednesday!!...to Theresa and our Music Ministers for your faithfulness and leadership...to Bill B & Dolores S who kindly bring Lorraine to church...and Bill, who quietly and singlely continues to transport and store your weekly donations at at Tri-C... (anyone willing to help Bill?)...and to our reliable tellers, Judy, Frank, Jane & Rob ~

Finally, *thank you* for your consoling words, emails and cards...Tikkun loved coming to church to "help" me do a few things or come to Stations or Tuesday's Communion Service...

Tikkun will always be part of this community.

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

BE A SUMMER MIRACLES HOST AND GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE TO FIND THEIR FOREVER FAMILY.

With little hope of adoption in their home country due to their age, Kidsave's *Summer Miracles* program gives older orphans a chance at family.

- Host a child (ages 11-14) during the summer
- Give them a chance to experience life in the U.S. and learn about another culture
- Be their champion and introduce them to your local community
- Help them find a forever family (it could be you!)

JOIN KIDSAVE AND HELP CHANGE A LIFE TODAY.



Hi. I'm Kellan Wilsonwithers from Trinity Episcopal Church in Mt. Airy, NC. We are partnering with the organization Kid Save to bring their Summer Miracles hosting program to the NC/VA area, and we are searching for families who would be willing to host a child or group of siblings from Columbia. If anyone is interested in helping on the organization team or hosting, please let us know by contacting myself at

rapunzelofthehighcountry@gmail.com,

our Rector Sarah Carper-Morris

trinityrevsarah@gmail.com,

or reaching out directly to Kid Save at:

<https://www.kidsave.org/summer-miracles>.

The flier summarizing the program.

Thank you so much!



Scan to learn more about
 Kidsave's life-changing
Summer Miracles program
 or visit kidsave.org

Kidsave is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Morning Church!

Some lyrics from Sara Bareilles' "Brave" are an right entry point for the Lenten Season. Being brave means stepping forward into an unknown grace.

*You can be amazing, You can turn a phrase
into a weapon or a drug. You can be the outcast
Or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love
Or you can start speaking up...*

*Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do
When they settle 'neath your skin, Kept on the inside
and no sunlight. Sometimes a shadow wins*

*But I wonder what would happen if you
Say what you wanna say And let the words fall out...*

I wanna see you be brave..

*Everybody's been there, Everybody's been stared down
by the enemy. Fallen for the fear*

*And done some disappearing, Bow down to the mighty
Don't run, just stop holding your tongue...*

*Maybe there's a way out of the cage where you live
Maybe one of these days you can let the light in
Show me how big your brave is*

During Lent, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering and death are in the gospel foreground. No temptations to power, prestige, or popularity will drag him into the gloom that is pride's darkness. He is bravely in the foreground. He says what he wants to say, he proclaims his place in the Mystery that is beyond the Satan's reach.

When his achy hunger pangs are prodded, Jesus responds with a pure fast of forty days. When his desire to control his own life is gored and pierced, he responds with the sure conviction of confidence: he is totally safe in God's care. As he is challenged to dominate, he responds with Godly grace: nothing can supplant the worship or service of God. Nothing. And no one.

The Lenten Season brings *bravery* into the foreground. Bring to the foreground God's grace that overcomes temptation in this Desert of Choices ~ and not only for Forty Days! God's grace is braver, stronger, and more enduring than any and every temptation. This Lenten Season is your graced time. So stand in the foreground of your life; pray, fast and be generously sacrificial with your time, talent, and your treasure. *Show how big our brave is in Christ Jesus.*

God's blessings,



BLESSING OF COURAGE

I cannot say
where it lives,
only that it comes
to the heart
that is open,
to the heart
that asks,
to the heart
that does not turn away.
It can take practice,
days of tugging at
what keeps us bound,
seasons of pushing against
what keeps our dreaming
small.

When it arrives,
it might surprise you
by how quiet it is,
how it moves
with such grace
for possessing
such power.

But you will know it
by the strength
that rises
from within you
to meet it,
by the release
of the knot
in the center of
your chest
that suddenly lets go.

You will recognize it
by how still
your fear becomes
as it loosens its grip,
perhaps never quite
leaving you,
but calmly turning
into joy
as you enter the life
that is finally
your own.

—Jan Richardson











YOU WILL NEED COURAGE THIS LENT...

Reflecting and Acting on The Word

As you enter your Desert of Decisions, what is Jesus asking of you to affirm, release, remove, forgive?

What grace do you need this Lent?

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

| F E B R U A R Y | |
|--|---|
|  26 | 1st Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass <i>Sacrament of Anointing</i> |
| 28 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| M A R C H | |
| 01 |  CommUNITY FELLOWSHIP MEAL First U.M. Church 340 Hawthorne, 6p ALL ARE WELCOME ~ Follow-up gathering to Jan. 15 CommUNITY Prayer Service Music Mtg., 3-5p Choir, 7p 🎵 |
| 03 | Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p |
| 04 | Baptism prep, St. J 9a |
|  05 | 2nd Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass |
| 07 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 08 | Choir, 7p 🎵 |
| 09 | PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC |
|  10 | Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p |
| 11 | SSJ Assembly 9a-4p |
|  12 | 3rd Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass |
| 13 | Ladies Guild, 5p |
| 14 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 15 | PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC Choir, 7p 🎵 |
|  16 | Wise Ones TBA 1p Dinner for Habitat Volunteers, 5:30p |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p |
| 18 | Men's Breakfast Cracker Barrel, 8:30a  |
|  19 | 4th Sun Lent St. Joseph's Day |
|  20 | GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p |
| 21 | Ministerial Association, 12N, HCMH Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 22 | Choir, 7p 🎵 |
| 23 | PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC |
| 24 | St. Oscar Romero Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p |
| 25 | Feast: The Annunciation |
|  26 | 5th Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass |
| 28 | Communion Service, 12:15p |
| 29 | Choir, 7p 🎵 |
| 30 | PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p FLC |
| 31 | Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p |

| 🌱 Mass Intentions | |
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| 26 | +Penny Davis +Tom Rosser |
| 05 | +Ray Joyner +Carol McQuade |
| 12 | +Joe & Irene Krakovsky; Stephen, Anne & Paula Krakovsky; J.R. Lee Barnett, Jr., Veronica Sarwinski, Veronica Willimason, Laxton Pennell, Kenneth King |

Parish Celebrations

27 Catalina Hernandez 28 June Soots
27 June & Billy Soots

03 Kathy Jenkin 16 Epi Cortez
Payton Wagoner 20 Isabella Estrada
05 Patrick Colglazier Cecelia Jones
06 Elia Martinez 21 Ines Trejo
11 Rosa Parral 22 Sonia Rodriguez
16 Jenny Ardizzola 23 Lou Stackhouse
Barry Blackburn 30 Marta Lopez
31 Dolores Spicer

07 Beth & John Orta



S. Doris Narvell, S.S.J.

Born:
September 18, 1925

Born to Eternal Life:
February 23, 2023
the 80th year of her religious life.



Tri-C Almsgiving
Thank you so much !!

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| MAR | Sm. liquid laundry soap or laundry pods |
| APR | Instant potatoes |

What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!

Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!



The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.



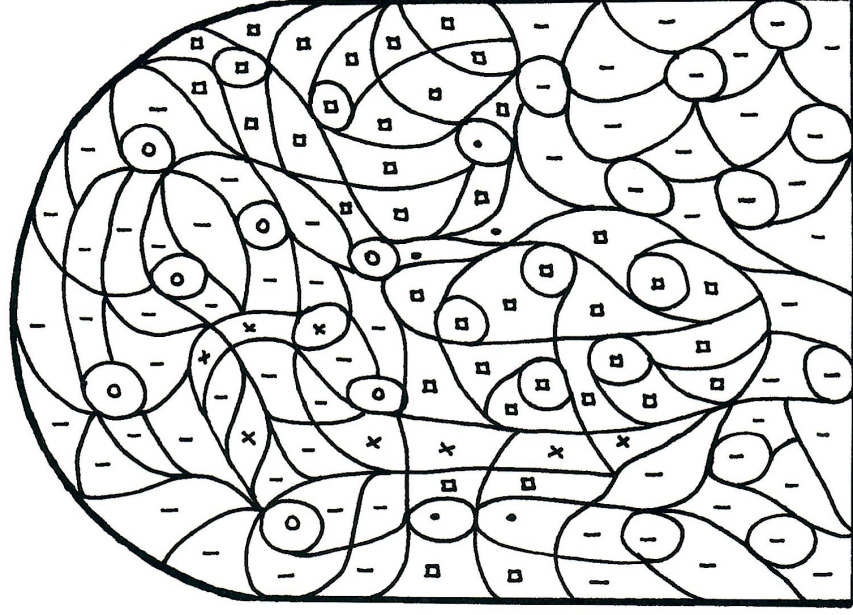
What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.

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

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 26th, 2023

*Today's first reading tells us about sin.
Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces
and find out what the story was.*




■ blue | green ✕ brown
○ red • skin colour

Saint Casimir


March 4

CASIMIR WAS THE THIRD OF THE CHILDREN OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF POLAND IN THE MID-1400'S. HE WAS A GOOD AND PIOUS BOY.




I'm ready for Mass!

EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE HE WOULD STAY UP AT NIGHT TO PRAY, OR SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.




Why is the prince on the Church steps at this hour?

WHEN HE WAS STILL A TEENAGER HIS FATHER SENT HIM TO RULE HUNGARY.




The people there are not happy with their king.

Really, sir, this isn't worth fighting!



BUT HE LEFT AFTER HE WAS TOLD TO FIGHT A BATTLE THAT THEY COULDN'T WIN.

HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO MARRY SO THAT HE COULD DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO GOD.



But son, you could marry the emperor's daughter!

SAINT CASIMIR WOULD NOT LET THE GOOD THINGS OF THE WORLD DISTRACT HIM FROM GOD.



Daily, daily... Sing to Mary!

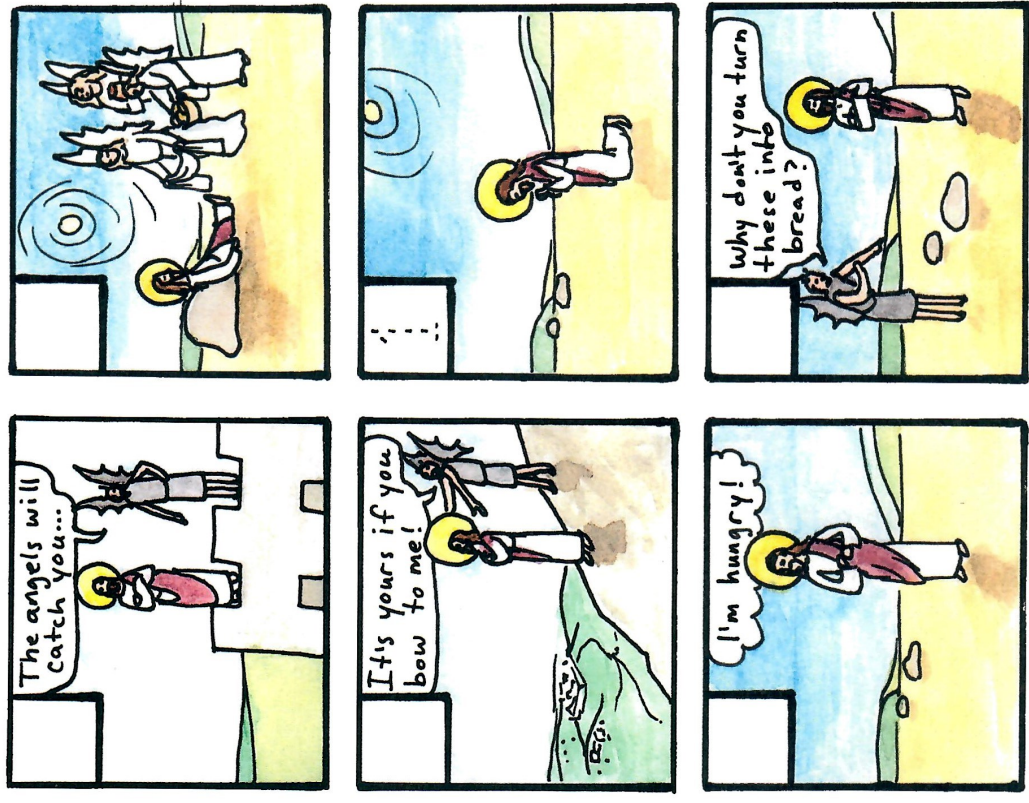


HE DIED OF LUNG TROUBLE AT THE AGE OF 23 IN LITHUANIA. HIS LAST WORDS WERE A HYMN TO OUR LADY.

SAINT CASIMIR WAS OBEDIENT TO HIS FATHER AS LONG AS HE WAS ALSO BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE LISTEN TO OUR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TEACH US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TODAY TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS AND PLEASE GOD?

Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert? See if you can sort out the order of these pictures. Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



The angels will catch you...

It's yours if you bow to me!

I'm hungry!

Why don't you turn these into bread?