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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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 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!**

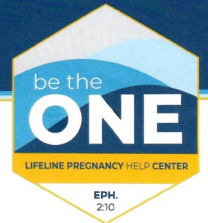
EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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

WALK for LIFE @ ELKIN PARK
May 5, 2023



Registration: 6:00p Program: 7:30p

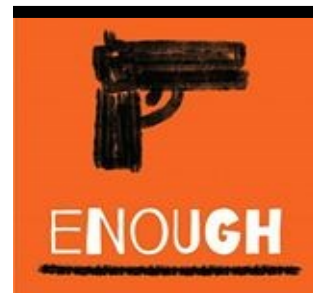
Walk Starts: 8:00p

We are so excited to gather at Elkin Park for his annual fundraiser and to celebrate 26 years of Lifeline ministry!

Be the One!

GOAL: Raise \$50K (200 people raise \$250 each)

Sharon Kelly, Executive Director



Morning Church!

The final Scrutiny gospel captures our imagination with a grasp that is relentless and hopeful. The raising of Lazarus is an epic story, rich in theology and spirituality. The drama is thick, palatable to the core.

Our culture seems to be obsessed with death. God's Word juxtaposes life and death, love and death, despair and hope, Christ invites, no challenges us, to open our graves, to live our lives in the Spirit, and to proclaim our faith in the resurrection of the dead. This story is about signs and works that led people to believe in Jesus. It's about spiritual stones being rolled away. It's about being called out of our personal tombs, and the extraordinary New Life of living forever.

Use your imagination. Be among the mourner-friends who have gathered at the tomb of Lazarus. One you loved has died. His sisters, overwhelmed with loss and grief, huddle together to comfort one another. All of a sudden a hush comes over the din of professional wailers who have been sitting shiva with Martha and Mary. It is the moment of Jesus' arrival in Bethany.

It is a moment rich with anticipation regarding what the intention of Jesus is. Imagine the reactions on the faces of those present when Jesus simply says, "Take away the stone!"

Moments ago they saw the emotional sadness become deeply embraced by Jesus. Jesus loved Lazarus and he allowed himself to feel deeply the grief a friend feels for another friend who has died.

The emotion of fear will not be found in Jesus. Jesus is not afraid of the potentiality of death's stench. Jesus is not afraid of death. Jesus knows this moment will show the glory of God. Jesus is one in love with God and is confident his prayer will be heard. We know how his story will end. Imagine the magnitude and shock of the mourners seeing Lazarus come forth after four days of death.

Pray with your imagination:

See yourself in the tomb's dark dankness.

What prejudice, compulsion, or addiction is your "spiritual boulder" preventing you from hearing Christ's call you forth to new life?

Listen to what Jesus says to you. How do you respond to Jesus?

The Raising of Lazarus reminds us that nothing is beyond Christ's saving power. No tomb can hold those who believe in him.

Nothing, not even death, will separate you from God's love.

It's the last week of Lent. Name and claim the *stones* that entomb you, the relationships that *bind and mummify* your soul. Reflect on your mortality and your death. Prayerfully review the choices you've made over time.

Ask Jesus to take away every stone, call you forth, and unbind you from all that prevents you from New Life *now and forever*.

God's blessings,

Janis



The secret of this blessing is that it is written on the back of what binds you.

To read this blessing, you must take hold of the end of what confines you, must begin to tug at the edge of what wraps you round.

It may take long and long for its length to fall away, for the words of this blessing to unwind in folds about your feet.

By then you will no longer need them.

By then this blessing will have pressed itself into your waking flesh, will have passed into your bones, will have traveled every vein

until it comes to rest inside the chambers of your heart that beats to the rhythm of benediction

and the cadence of release.

~ Jan Richardson



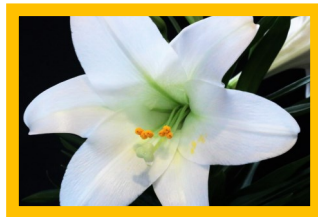
Reflecting and Acting on The Word

What "stones" block you spiritually from living a new life in Christ?

What needs to "die" in order for you to live a new life in Christ?

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

M A R	
26	5th Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass SSJA/CGG, 3p 
28	PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 10:30p FLC Communion Service, 12:15p
29	Choir, 7p 
30	PARISH MISSION: Water, Light, Life 6:30p Residence
31	Stations & Simple Meal, 6:30p
A P R I L	
02	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion FFF after Mass 
03-07	HOLY WEEK SERVICE @ St. S 12N-1:00p
06	 Holy Thursday, 7p 
07	Good Friday, 7p
08	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8p
09	Easter Sunday, 9a 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 HCHHealth
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



Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special intention, use the flowr envelope in the pews. PRINT the names on the back, your name, envelope number, and amount on the front and place in the basket. Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions	
26	Deceased members of the Ardizzola family Lovelle W. Golden (Birthday); +Fr. William J.W. Hines
02	+Mary "Meg" Bresse; Bill & Linda Talley r/b Bill +Tom Lux r/b Ladies Guild
09	For the intentions of St. Stephen parishioners

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. Clare DiGregorio, S.S.J.

Born

February 13, 1932

Born to Eternal Life

March 21, 2023

73rd year of her religious life.

Our God will raise us from the dead!

LAZARUS!



In the Old Testament, God promised to raise the people from their graves. In the New Testament, Jesus raised his friend, Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time, all who believe in Jesus will be raised from the dead, too!

Our God is a God of the Living. Yes, we will die one day. Like Lazarus, Jesus wants to raise us from the dead so we can live with him forever in the joy of heaven ~ the joy he promised to all who believe in him.

Lent is a time to remember you have one life.

Lent is a time to remember to live your life by loving, praying, helping, forgiving, listening, and serving your dear neighbors ~ your sisters and brothers.

Lent is a time to look at your loving and unloving choices. Ask Jesus to help you be more loving.

When do you deliberately refuse to love others as Jesus loves you? Selfishness is the same as refusing to love. We call this sin.

During Lent, try to be more loving and less selfish. We know and believe that even though we will die, God will raise us up.

Try to follow Jesus with your whole heart during Lent and every day. This is how you get ready for Easter and for the day when God will call you to heaven.

I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES and HAVE YOU RISE FROM THEM.
Answers to Ezekiel Puzzle:

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023



In today's Gospel reading,
Jesus finds out that his friend
Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the
maze to the tomb where Jesus will
raise him from the dead?

Saint Peter de Regalado

March 30

PETER REGALADO WAS BORN TO A WEALTHY FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1390. FROM THE AGE OF TEN HE BEGGED TO JOIN A MONASTERY.



PLEASE Can I go to the monastery?

Peter, dear, you know you're too young!

HE WAS FINALLY ALLOWED TO ENTER WHEN HE WAS THIRTEEN.

This is where you will begin your studies.

WHEN HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST, HE WAS MADE ABBOT OF ANOTHER MONASTERY.



Father Peter would be an excellent choice.


I think I can fit nine Lenten in a year...

PETER PRAYED AND FASTED VERY OFTEN.

HE REFORMED THE MONASTERIES TO FOCUS MORE ON PRAYER AND PENANCE.

It is our duty to make reparation for the sins of the world.

BECAUSE OF HIS HOLINESS, GOD USED HIM TO PROPHECY AND DO MIRACLES.



I feel so much better all of a sudden!

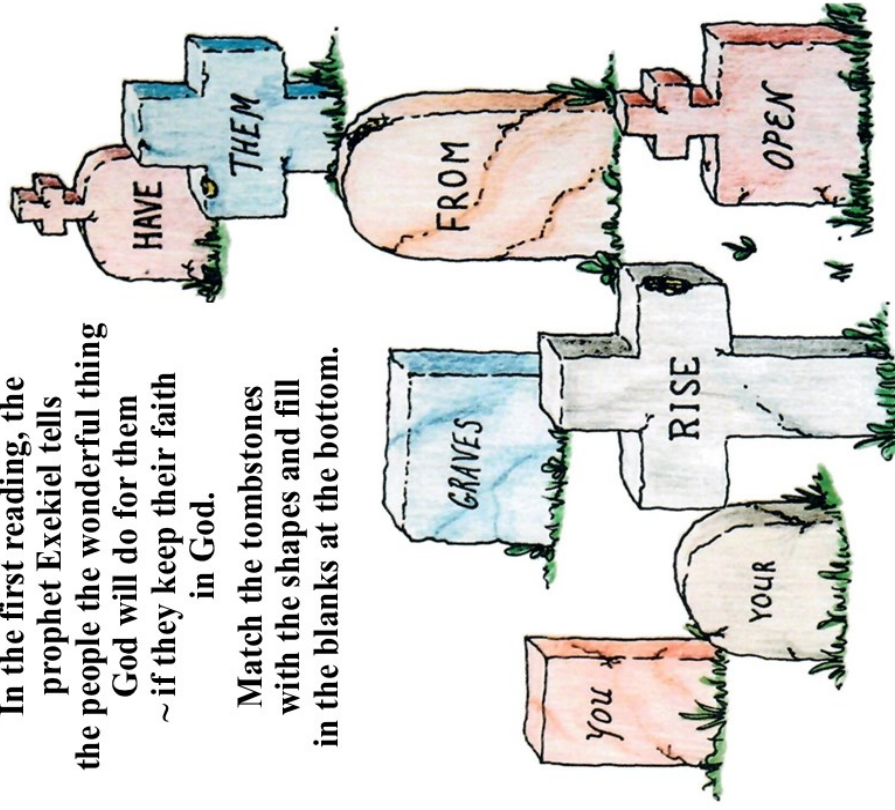
SAINT PETER DIED IN 1456. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE GRAVE THIRTY-SIX YEARS LATER AND FOUND INCORRUPT!

GOD DOES NOT CALL EVERYONE TO A LIFE LIKE SAINT PETER REGALADO, BUT HE DOES WANT EVERYONE TO DO SOME PENANCE. IN LENT ESPECIALLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE UP SOME FOOD WE LIKE AND PRAY A LITTLE BIT MORE. GOD USES OUR SACRIFICES TO DO GOOD IN THE WORLD.

An Ezekiel Puzzle

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel tells the people the wonderful thing God will do for them ~if they keep their faith in God.

Match the tombstones with the shapes and fill in the blanks at the bottom.



I will _____

and _____

