



St. John Baptiste de LaSalle Catholic Church

275 C.C. Wright School Road
North Wilkesboro NC 28659-9103
336-838-5562
Email: Info@StJohnNC.Org
Website: www..StJohnNC.Org



St. Stephen Catholic Church

101 Hawthorne Road
Elkin NC 28621-3016
336-835-3007
Email: connect@ststephennc.org
Website: www.ststephennc.org

Fr. John D. Hanic 704-763-2475

Rev. Mr. Harold Markle 336-466-4173

Sister Janis McQuade, S.S.J. 336-835-4542

Fr. Jose Rebaque 203-954-7134

Mr. Cuauhdemoc (Temoc) Herrejon 828-773-2353

St. John

Mary Buran, Karen Huffman Music Ministry
Sabrina Caudill Parish Accountant
336-957-1295
Laura Yanes Bookkeeper, Census
Ann Stone RCIA

St. Stephen

Theresa Martin Music Ministry
Natalie Lopez Youth Faith Formation
Peggy Reikowsky Youth Faith Formation
Phillip Parriah RCIA

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

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 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.

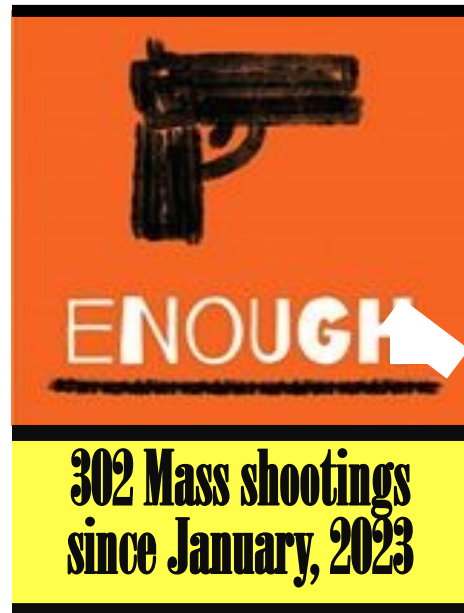
It's a **simple meal for five (5)** consisting of rice, chicken and cheese.

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

No Doubt



Morning Church!

Growing up, I loved playing with my youngest sister and Godchild, Celeste. As she got older I taught her to count, the alphabet, and nursery thymes. One of her favorites: “Here’s the church, here’s the steeple, open the door and see all the people.”

Celeste always giggled as I turned my hands over and showed my energetic fingers ~ “all the people”. This simple rhyme with its imaging words and actions describes what it means to Be Church. At this early age, Celeste began to learn what it means to Be Church.

To Be Church requires imagination, energy, and action. To Be Church means to gather with all the people, the People of God, around the sacred Tables of Word and Sacrament, to be transformed in faith and generously share faith in service.

The First Followers were learning what Being Church means as they developed in their understanding of Jesus’ ministry and teachings. Acts 2:42-47 show what occurs when the Spirit “opens the doors” of our hearts and minds ~ we “see ALL the people.” He taught them to live courageously, in uncommon unity, in a shared vision, with zeal for the proclaiming of the gospel.

Acts of the Apostles challenges us to re-examine and re-form our lives in Christ’s image and what Being Church means. Your faithjourney continues after Lent! Conversion, like love, is not relegated to a time or season. Today’s Word is meant to nurture your ongoing conversion and serve as your mirror and model for Being Church.

Reflecting and Acting on The Word

What does it mean to Be Church for you?

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

Like the First Followers, especially Thomas, you are called to move away from your isolation, fear and shame. You are called to move away from being a registered parishioner to Being Church, being in communion with your faith community. Being Church is not “living together” with no attachments, no commitment. *Living together* mentality creates spiritual, psychological, and emotional distance, a selfish distancing detachment with no accountability. Being Church means you are tethered to God and one another and that means relationship.

Thomas hesitated to re-gather with the others after they told him of Christ’s visit. He’s still in the doubters corner because he’s still learning to Be Church. We are Thomas. We, too, suffer from momentary skepticism. We are doubters.









In spite of Thomas’ and our lack of faith, Jesus continues to be present among us offering us his Divine Peace. He pours his Spirit out on us and sends us to be unifier and reconcilers. Through your presence and ministry others “see the Lord.”

The Doubter, in the presence and peace
of the Risen Lord, is re-gathered
into the community with “his Lord and his God.”

This 2nd Sunday of Easter gather in the Upper Room of Christ’s heart. Re-commit to Being Church in Jesus’ Name. Commit to Being Church even with your doubts, and do so with new energy, imagination, rooted in gospel-like words and actions. Much joy follows when we “open the doors and see ALL the people”. No doubt.

God’s blessings,

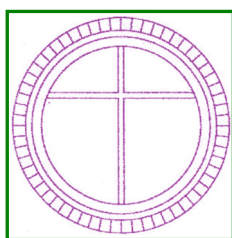
Janis

A P R I L	
 16	2nd Sun Easter FFF after Mass 
 17	SSJ Associates CGG, Charlotte, 10a GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 
18	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association Mtg., 12N HHealth
 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

🌿 Mass Intentions	
16	+Geri Jones Gilliam r/b S. Janis +Jennifer Lynn Wood-Long r/b Diana Gallagher +Joseph M. Mandes (15 th Anniv) Deceased members of the Simon family
23	+Rose & Jo El-Khoury r/b Theresa +Judy Tymko
30	+Kathy & Ray Hyer +Judy Tymko

Parish Celebrations

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 21 Mario Crispin | 30 Liza Go-Harris |
| 27 Dianne Crawford | Vanessa Lopez |
| Luis Rodriguez | |
| 21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez | 27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier |



NEW
PARISH DIRECTORY
PLEASE SIGN UP for
HOUSEHOLD PHOTOS
APRIL 16, 23, OR 30



...Natalie & the children who danced their gratitude to the Risen Christ ...Phillip Parrish who created the spray of flowers above the tabernacle as well as the lucious look in the flower pots at the front door...Rob & Jane Worley, and Aileen Cahill who are putting together on our new Parish Directory...Aileen for serving as our Holy Week photographer...**TYVM!**

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!*



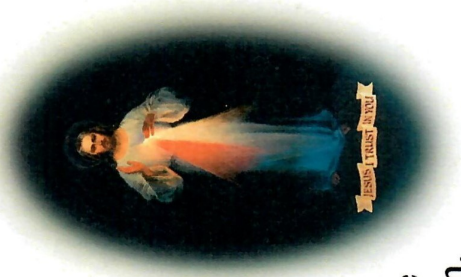
Easter Flowers	
Donor	In honor/memory of
Barb & Bob DeJohn	Members DeJohn & Bills Families
Ronnie Krakovsky	Irene & Joe Krakovsky Cladie & Laxton Pannel
Deborah McNally	Members McNally Family
Kathleen Ward Colden, NY	Jean Ward
Jane & Rob Worley	Deceased members Worley & Buckholz families



We too struggle at times like Thomas:
How can we believe that Jesus is risen,
that he accompanies us
and is the Lord of our Life
without having seen him,
without having touched him?
How can one believe in this?
Why does the Lord not give us some
clearer sign of his presence and love?
Some sign that I can see better...
...we too are like Thomas,
with the same doubts, the same reasoning..."

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

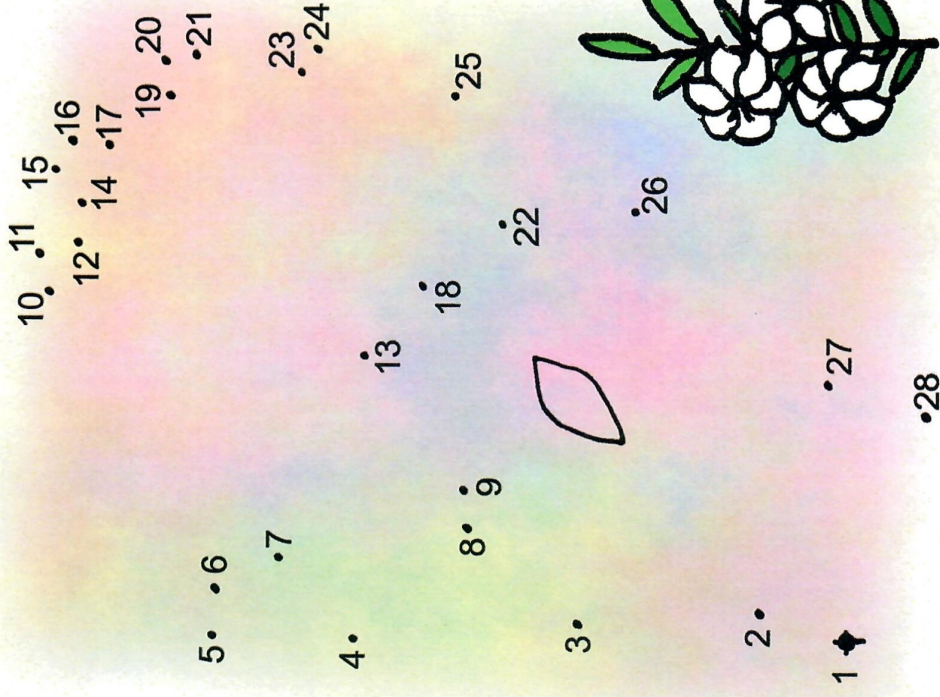
***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!***

Jesus, I trust in You!

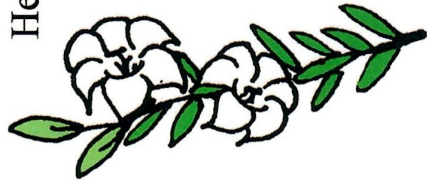
Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!
www.thokidbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16th, 2023



***Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive?
Connect the dots to find out!***



Saint Mark

April 25



SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

T W E L V E S I N S R M
 H R Y W U D J E W S E L
 O E V E N I N G O R J F
 M C D E L S A S F O O
 A E F K E C I P E A I R
 S I E N S I L E N T C G
 H V A D S P S A D H E I
 A E R M Y L O C K E D V
 N B E L I E V E D R G E
 D J E S U S P I R I T N
 S I D E B L E S S E D O
 U N B E L I E V I N G D

Doubting Thomas Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"_____!"
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."