

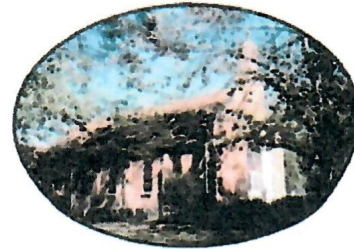


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St. John

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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, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation

Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

Ash Wednesday
Fast from negativity
Feast on a positive heart.

Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.

Thursday
Fast from selfishness.
Feast on generosity.

Friday
Fast from compulsions.
Attend Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hard-headedness.
Feast on cooperation.

1st Sunday of Lent
Fast from control.
Feast on collaboration.

Monday
Fast from self-indulgence.
Feast on abstinence.

Tuesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on letting go.

Wednesday
Fast from resentment.
Feast on gratitude.

Thursday
Fast from stubbornness.
Feast on flexibility.

Friday
Fast from resentment.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from abusing others.
Feast on appreciating others.

2nd Sunday of Lent
Fast from rigidity.
Feast on flexibility.

Monday
Fast from wasting time.
Feast on good planning.

Tuesday
Fast from judging.
Feast on affirming.

Wednesday
Fast from compulsions.
Feast on praying.

Thursday
Fast from shaming.
Feast on honoring.

Friday
Fast from wasting time.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from sarcasm.
Feast on graciousness.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Fast from stressing differences.
Feast on appreciating them.

Monday
Fast from arrogant pride.
Feast on humility.

Tuesday
Fast from road rage.
Feast on road compassion.

Wednesday
Fast from fear.
Feast on risks for faith.

Thursday
Fast from a blind heart.
Feast on seeing with love.

Friday
Fast from being divisive.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from hypocrisy
Feast on integrity.

4th Sunday of Lent
Fast from belittling.
Feast on praising.

Monday
Fast from useless stress.
Feast on being intentional.

Tuesday
Fast from arrogance.
Feast on humility.

Wednesday
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

Thursday
Fast from contempt.
Feast on admiration.

Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving

Friday
Fast from confrontation.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from willfulness.
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

5th Sunday of Lent
Fast from insecurity.
Feast on confidence in God.

Monday
Fast from discouragement.
Feast on hope.

Tuesday
Fast from religious rigidity.
Feast on openness to God.

Wednesday
Fast from rebelling.
Feast on supporting.

Thursday
Fast from caustic glares.
Feast on loving glances.

Friday
Fast from judging.
Pray Stations of the Cross.

Saturday
Fast from being disorderly.
Feast on good planning.
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

Passion Sunday
Fast from sadness.
Feast on honoring your grief.

Monday of Holy Week
Fast from craving approval.
Feast on who you are in God.

Tuesday of Holy Week
Fast from betrayals.
Feast on loyalty.

Wednesday of Holy Week
Fast from anger.
Feast on forgiveness.

The Triduum

Holy Thursday
Fast from laziness.
Feast on generous service.

Good Friday
Fast from fear.
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem*.

Holy Saturday
Fast from anxiety and fear.
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

Easter Sunday



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

Easter Monday
Feast on Christ's light.

Easter Tuesday
Feast on Christ's recompense.

Easter Wednesday
Feast on Christ's presence.

Easter Thursday
Feast on Christ's courage.

Easter Friday
Feast on Christ's resolve.

Easter Saturday
Feast on Christ's mercy.

2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast on healed wounds.

Monday
Feast on gratitude.

Tuesday
Feast on thoughtfulness.

Wednesday
Feast on creation.

Thursday
Feast on joy.

Friday
Feast on patience.

Saturday
Feast on your Baptism.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Feast on waiting.

Monday
Feast on
being loved by God.

Tuesday
Feast on
being created by God.

Wednesday
Feast on
being chosen by God.

Thursday
Feast on
being anointed by God.

Friday
Feast on
being sent by God.

Saturday
Feast on
being God's prophet.

4th Sunday of Easter
Feast on
being lead by God.

Monday
Feast on
thirsty for God.

Tuesday
Feast on praising God.

Wednesday
Feast on God's faith in you.

Thursday
Feast on God's goodness.

Friday
Feast on worshipping God.

Saturday
Feast on
the faith of our ancestors.

5th Sunday of Easter
Feast on compassion.

Monday
Feast on a childlike wonder.

Tuesday
Feast on God's glory.

Wednesday
Feast on your faith journey.

Thursday
Feast on God's fabulous
deeds.

Friday
Feast on God's peace.

Saturday
Feast on God's respect of
you.

6th Sunday of Easter
Feast on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's victory
over death.

Tuesday
Feast on blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on achievements.

Thursday
Feast on being Church.

Friday
Feast on inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on a variety of music.

Feast of the Ascension
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"That all may be one."

Monday
Feast on Christ's words:
"Ask and you shall receive."

Tuesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
"I entrust them to You."

Wednesday
Feast on Christ's
prayer for us:
*"I guarded them
with your name."*

Thursday
Feast on Christ's prayer
for all of us:
*"I have revealed
your Name to them,
and I will continue
to reveal it
so that your love
for me may live in them."*

Friday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
*"Do you love me?"
"Feed my lambs....
Feed my sheep..."*

Saturday
Feast on
Christ's words to you:
"Follow me."

Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the
Spirit sent by Jesus,
the love of God
always with you.

Monday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Wisdom.

Tuesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Knowledge.

Wednesday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Fortitude.

Thursday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Understanding.

Friday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
Piety / Spirituality.

Saturday
Feast on the Spirit's gift
given in Confirmation:
**Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence.**



*Blessings on Pope Leo XIV
our Shepherd.
Continue to hold him in your prayers.*



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

for the people of Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;
for a peaceful and just end to this war, and all wars...
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
MAY	Toilet tissue
JUN	Toothpaste

Remember in prayer,
the Florida State University Community
and their families,
as well as the shooter and his family.



2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Pilgrim,
what is your **deepest hope**
for yourself, your family,
St. Stephen, your Church,
in this time of transition?

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Peregrino,
¿cuál es tu esperanza más profunda?
para ti, tu familia, San Esteban,
tu Iglesia, en este tiempo de transición?

Cristo murió.
Cristo resucitó.
Cristo volverá.

*Mi paz
es mi regalo para ti...*

spanis



Reflexionando sobre la Palabra

¿Qué tipo de paz deseas para nuestra Iglesia y para el mundo?

A Vision for a Future Full of **HOPE**

*Full-page ad in
Philadelphia Inquirer*

To Our Dear Neighbors,

As Catholic Sisters, vowed women religious, we deeply value the relationships and encounters we have had with so many of you while serving in schools, hospitals, parishes, retreat centers, nursing homes, food pantries, and outreach centers. Even if we do not know each other personally, we feel compelled to reach out to you today to express our heartfelt sadness, grief, and lament as we witness sudden and devastating changes severely impacting people in our communities—people we know, love, and who are our neighbors.

Many actions we observe in our nation today seem to contradict values that underlie our shared humanity, values which we have nurtured and endeavored to embody in our actions—although not always successfully—over our lifetimes as Catholic Sisters. Love, compassion, empathy, radical hospitality, and mercy are central to our lives. These values shared among all the world religions make us genuinely human. We firmly believe these values must ground us as a nation if there is to be a future full of hope for ALL generations to come.

Imagine a future centered on principles that allow for the full flourishing of all humanity and our common home, Earth. We know these principles as Catholic Social Teaching. Although you may use different words, the essence of this teaching transcends faith traditions and resonates in the lives of all people of goodwill. Adopting these principles can guide us in the days ahead.

We believe that:

- Every person is an expression of God. All life is sacred.
- We must prioritize the needs of those who are the most vulnerable.
- There is dignity in all work, and the rights of all workers must take precedence over profit.
- Earth is God's gift to us, and we have the privilege to cherish, defend, and protect her for future generations.
- Justice is the path to lasting peace.

Today, we ask you to join us in living these values with courage. Love our neighbors! Welcome the stranger! Care for the most vulnerable among us! Speak the truth! Work for justice! Only when "We the people" lead with compassion and empathy will a future filled with hope for all generations be possible.

May God continue to bless us on this journey.

With love and hope,

Your Sisters,

Sisters of Saint Joseph, Philadelphia, PA

*Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary, Malvern, PA*

Sisters of the Redeemer

Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary, Scranton, PA*

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

*Society of the Holy Child Jesus —
American Province*

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia, PA

Cenacle Sisters of the North American Province

*Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception,
USA Unit*

Sisters of Christian Charity

Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius

Sisters of Saint Basil the Great

Medical Mission Sisters

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary

Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, NJ

US Federation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph

Morning, Church!

This weekend we commemorate Memorial Day. We honor and remember all the women and men who gave their lives for our freedom here and abroad. These valiant members of the military are visible courage. They died to insure all of our freedoms, like freedom of speech.

Many gave their lives; and those who were severely injured gave their lives in other ways. They are heroes, not "suckers or losers."

It is a disgrace to call our heroes "suckers or losers.", and much worse for a U.S. president to use these derogatory terms to describe them. Being born on the Fourth of July, I have deep appreciation for all those who sacrificed their lives, limbs, and mental health so that all of us could live *in peace* and exercise our freedoms of speech and expression; freedom to worship; and freedom from want and fear. Thank you, Veterans. Thank you.

Peace. Peace is Jesus' farewell gift to his followers. Christ's peace is the conviction in our souls that he will always be with us ~ in plenty and want, in sickness and health, in joy and in sorrow, in failure and in triumph.

Jesus' farewell gift of peace grounds and strengthens us in faith.
His peace missions us to proclaim his peace by word and example.

His peace is counter cultural to a world that prioritizes division, dissension, and unbridled upheaval.

What you have received as gift, give as gift. 1 Peter 4:10

In the One, we are one in CommUNITY,

spanis

*In the One,
We are one.*

 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word**

What specific kind of peace
do you desire in your life?

What kind of peace do you desire
for our Church and the world?

May	
25	6th Sun Easter Blessing: 2025 College & H.S. Graduate
27	Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 1, 6:30p
 28	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
June	
01	Feast: Ascension
03	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 1, 6:30p
 04	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
05	Plan'g Father's Day Celebration ALL ARE WELCOME! 
National Gun Violence Awareness ~ Jun 6-8	
07	SSJ Associates' 40th Anniversary
 08	Feast: Pentecost WEAR RED or ORANGE DAY
 09	Ladies Guild, 5p; OCIA 1, 6:30p
10	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 2, 6:30p
 11	Choir, 7p
15	Feast: Holy Trinity Father's Day
 16	Give Blood ~ Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6p
17	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 1, 6:30p
 18	OCIA 2, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
 19	Wise Ones, 1p Hosts: Dianne & Andy TBA
 21	1 st Day of Summer / Longest Day of the Year Men's Breakfast, 8:30a, Cracker Barrel, J'ville
22	Feast: Corpus Christi
23	OCIA 2, 6:30p
24	Communion Service, 12:15p; OCIA 1, 6:30p
 25	Choir, 7p
29	Feast: Peter & Paul

Blessings & Congratulations, 2025 Grads!



*Maggie Orta
UNC - Charlotte*

Elkin High School

*Gabby LaCashio
Anahi Parral
Marisol Ledesma*

*Morgan Orta
Payton Wagoner*

☘ Mass Intentions	
25	2025 Graduates +Anthony DeJohn r/b Barb & Bob Crista & Patrick Gantz; Lila Keller [B]
01	Andrew & Ilona Cahill ~ Married May 30 th St. Stephen Parishioners
08	The Keller, Gore and Ford families

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Emilio Lopez	20 Lizette Hernandez
Phillip Parrish	21 Luz Hernandez
02 Cecelia Martinez	23 Aymes Davis
04 Samantha Ange	Morgan Orta
Guillermo Lara	Jonny Ramirez
Christian Ouellette	25 Ana Karen Carmona
05 Julia Carreon	27 Lila Keller
08 Matt Norman	28 Diego Carreon, Jr.
11 Maddox LaCashio	30 Alex Lara
15 Ron Berryman	Brian Lopez
Luis Lopez	31 Hilda Lopez
19 Miguel Nava	

16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
28 Theresa & Phil Martin
30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

Blessings & Congratulations



*Andrew Cahill &
Ilona DeZamaróczy
who will be married
in Belgium May 30.*



+Sister Bernard Joseph Howe, SSJ

Born	May 31, 1939
Born to Eternal Life	May 19, 2025
in the 68 th year of religious life	

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



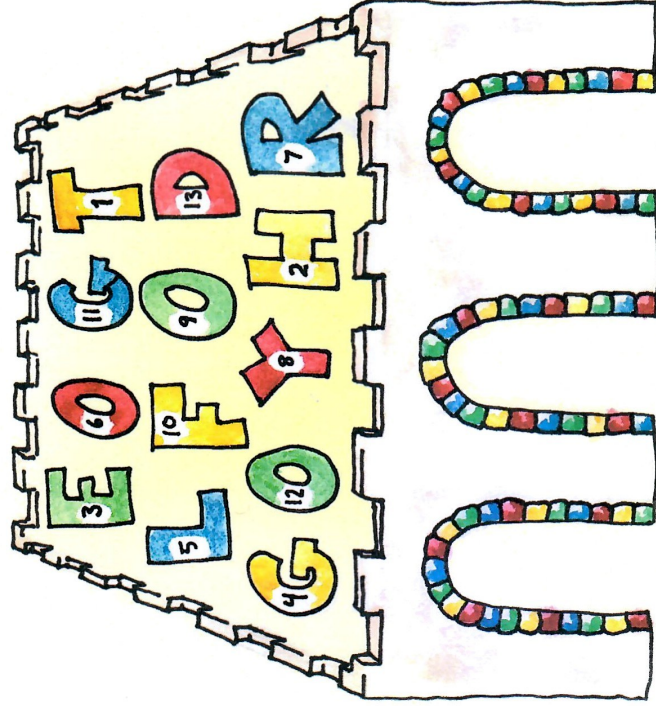
In the One,
we are one.
Pope Leo 14

Answer to Match-up puzzle: 1-D, 2-F, 3-A, 4-C, 5-E, 6-G, 7-B.

John 14:23-29

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 2025



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

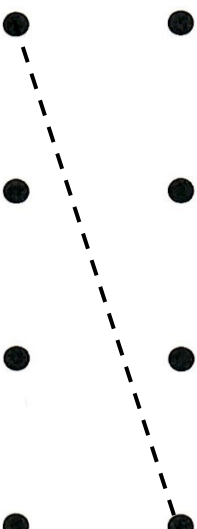
will be its light.

Rev.21:22-23

Gospel Match-up

Do you know your Jesus' message
from today's gospel?

See if you can match the parts of these sentences.

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. If you
love me, you | ● | ● | A. make our home
with you. |
| 2. My Father | ● | ● | B. this is my gift
to you. |
| 3. We will come
to you and | ● | ● | C. will not keep
my words. |
| 4. Those who do
not love me | ● | ● | D. will keep
my word. |
| 5. These thing I | ● | ● | E. have spoken
to you while
I am with you |
| 6. The Holy Spirit | ● | ● | F. will love you. |
| 7. The peace
the world
cannot give, | ● | ● | G. will teach you
all things. |
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The 90 Days:
Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

6th SUNDAY of Easter
Feast on
on being God's Child.

Monday
Feast on Christ's
victory over death.

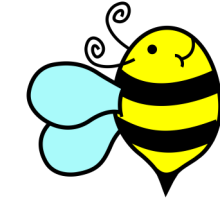
Tuesday
Feast on
Blessings.

Wednesday
Feast on loving
achievements.

Thursday
Feast on
being Church.

Friday
Feast on
inclusiveness.

Saturday
Feast on the
variety of music genres.



REMEMBER:
BE an EASTER PERSON.
Live your life in gratitude and joy!

Saint Philip Neri

May 26

