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YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 23rd, 2022

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:
4:00pm @ St. John Church

SUNDAY:
8:30am @ St. John Church
10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page
10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome
12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church
4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

MONDAY:
5:30pm @ St. John Church

TUESDAY:
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAY:
12:00pm @ St. John Church

THURSDAY:
7:00am @ St. John Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Every Thursday @ St. John Church
Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

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Thursday @ St. John Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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HYMN

SING A NEW SONG


Dan Schutte

Refrain



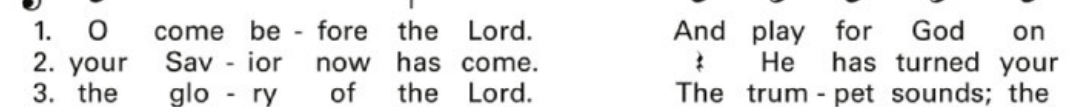
Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from
moun-tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing

Verses




al - le - lu - ia.

1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!
2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;
3. Glad my soul for I have seen



1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for God on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. † He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

to Refrain



1. glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

Text: Based on Psalm 98:1, 4-6. Text and music © 1972, 1974, 1979, 2008, OCP. All rights reserved.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 69

Reading I Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly,
which consisted of men, women,
and those children old enough to understand.
Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate,
he read out of the book from daybreak till midday,
in the presence of the men, the women,
and those children old enough to understand;
and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.
Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform
that had been made for the occasion.
He opened the scroll
so that all the people might see it
— for he was standing higher up than any of the people —;
and, as he opened it, all the people rose.
Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God,
and all the people, their hands raised high, answered,
“Amen, amen!”
Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD,
their faces to the ground.
Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,
interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.
Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe
and the Levites who were instructing the people
said to all the people:
“Today is holy to the LORD your God.
Do not be sad, and do not weep”—
for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.
He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared;
for today is holy to our LORD.
Do not be saddened this day,
for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. (cf John 6:63c) Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.
R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.
R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Reading II 1 Cor 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters:
As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ.
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.
If a foot should say,
“Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, “
it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.
Or if an ear should say,
“Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, “
it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.
If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
But as it is, God placed the parts,
each one of them, in the body as he intended.
If they were all one part, where would the body be?
But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.
The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you, “
nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.”
Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker
are all the more necessary,
and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable
we surround with greater honor,
and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety,
whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.
But God has so constructed the body
as to give greater honor to a part that is without it,
so that there may be no division in the body,
but that the parts may have the same concern for one another.
If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it;
if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.
Some people God has designated in the church
to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers;
then, mighty deeds;
then gifts of healing, assistance, administration,
and varieties of tongues.
Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?
Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing?
Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Alleluia Cf. Lk 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events
that have been fulfilled among us,
just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning
and ministers of the word have handed them down to us,
I too have decided,
after investigating everything accurately anew,
to write it down in an orderly sequence for you,
most excellent Theophilus,
so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings
you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,
and news of him spread throughout the whole region.
He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.
He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.
He said to them,
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

DIOCESAN
PRAYER
FOR
VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY

AS GRAINS OF WHEAT

Laurence Rosania



- 1. As grains of wheat are gath-ered in we've come to - geth - er;
- 2. Each grain must fall and give it - self: it first is bro - ken;
- 3. From man - y fields the har - vest comes to feed the hun - gry;
- 4. Your har - vest, Lord, is gath-ered in; we stand be - fore you



- 1. from lives a - part we bring our hearts to make one whole.
- 2. then, joined with oth - ers, makes one bod - y and one bread.
- 3. the world cries out to taste the good - ness of the Lord.
- 4. to be your bread, to be your bod - y in the world.



For man - y are we, and bro - ken we've come, but



we shall be - come one. one.



one. We shall be one.

COMMUNION

YOU ARE THE LIGHT

Sarah Hart

HYMN(S)



1. You are the light that stands a - lone in depth of night and eye of
 2. You are the word that's writ - ten deep with - in the hearts of all who
 3. O you are God who spoke the dawn; the sav - ior son who came in



1. storm. Where shad - ows fall, you en - ter in; ig - nite with
 2. long for end - less days be - yond the skies, for peace on
 3. flesh to be a lamp for wan - d'ring hearts, to steal our



1. hope what dark has dimmed. And though our eyes may fail to
 2. earth, a king - dom come. We sing the name that heals our
 3. dark - ness by your death. And as you rose, you gave us



1. see, it is the heart that's giv - en sight through night and
 2. souls, and share the way, the truth, the life. For hearts that
 3. peace, your Spir - it - gift to kind - ly lead. Sweet mys - ter -



1. storm, to trust in you. Up - on our path you are the light.
 2. long, both lost and found, we speak the word: you are the light.
 3. y, how true you guide. We look to you; you are the light.

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We Are Many Parts

Refrain



We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,



and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.



May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;



one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -



spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
 3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est



ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
 my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
 gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, 13; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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**PRAYER TO
ST. JOSEPH**

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen.*

**CLOSING
HYMN**

ALLELUIA! RAISE THE GOSPEL

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the Gos - pel
o - ver the earth! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Peace and jus - tice bring - ing to birth!

**Verses*

1. Bless - ed those whose hearts are gen - tle. Bless - ed
2. Bless - ed those who work for jus - tice. Bless - ed
3. Trem - ble, you who build up rich - es. Trem - ble,
4. Trem - ble, you who thirst for pow - er. Trem - ble,
5. Glo - ry like the stars of heav - en— Glo - ry
6. Glo - ry to the Word of Jus - tice. Glo - ry

1. those whose spir - its are strong. Bless - ed those who
2. those who an - swer the call. Bless - ed those who
3. you with op - u - lent lives. Trem - ble, when you
4. you who live for ac - claim. Trem - ble, when you
5. like the sun in the sky— Glo - ry shines up -
6. to the Spir - it of Peace. Glo - ry to the

to Refrain

1. choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.
2. dare to dream of last - ing peace for all.
3. meet the poor and see Christ in their eyes.
4. find no com - fort in your wealth and fame.
5. on all peo - ple, e - qual in God's eyes.
6. God of Love whose bless - ings nev - er cease.

*Alternate verses available in the accompaniment books.

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Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

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Pray for Those in the Military:

Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary Katherine Mulholland; Marckia Wilson; Matthew Brown; Stephen Carter; James Parker; Chelsea Carter; Alexandra & Anthony Walters; Matt Woods

This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, JANUARY 24:
5:30p (SJC) (MI) Audrey-Anna Hunter Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25:
8:30a (ONLINE ONLY) (MI) Susie and Sonny

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
12:00p (SJC) (MI) Mary G. Clever Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27:
7:00a (SJC) (MI) Tobias Lanfels Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29:
4:00p (SJC) (MI) Joe and Shea Mulholland

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30:
8:30a (SJC) (MI) Peter Daly
10:30a (Cardome) (MI) Pete Dueben
12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) Maria Viso
4:00p (SFC) (MI) John Daly

Giving

Did you know you can tithe online?
It's safe, easy & only takes a minute.
Go to the homepage of the SSFJ website
(ssfrancisjohn.org) and give!

OTHER METHODS OF TITHING:

You can drop off your offertory through the slot in the Parish Office door if needed.
Someone will be collecting them daily.

You may also mail contributions to the Parish Office: Ss. Francis & John Parish, 604 E. Main St., Georgetown, KY 40324

If you need help or have questions, please contact the Parish Office by email: parishoffice@ssfrcisjohn.org

Mass Schedule

at SSFJ

SATURDAYS:
4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. John Church

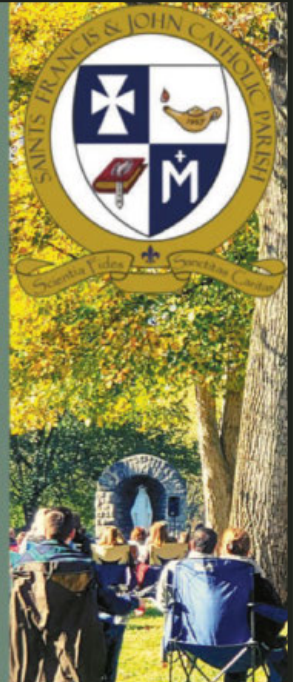
SUNDAYS:
8:30am Mass @ St. John Church
10:00am Mass Streamed on SSFJ Facebook
10:30am Outdoor Mass @ Cardome Grotto
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8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAYS:
12:00pm Mass @ St. John Church

THURSDAYS:
7:00am Mass @ St. John Church
7:30am to 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Church
6:00pm-7:00pm Confession @ St. John Church



BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL UPDATES ON THE SSFJ

WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: www.ssfrcisjohn.org

BE SURE TO SAVE SSFRANCISJOHN.ORG AS A CONTACT SO THE EMAILS WILL NOT END UP IN SPAM!

If you need to update your email address or are having trouble receiving Parish Emails, please contact us at gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org

IF YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN UPCOMING BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO GINA BY EMAILING: gstewart@ssfrcisjohn.org



Help Us Support Mothers in Need!



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for the Not Alone Pregnancy Center in Georgetown. Items will be collected before and after Masses on the weekend of January 22nd/23rd

The Not Alone Pregnancy Center is in great need of the following items:

Formula, (the most requested is Gentle or Gentlease)

Baby food-fruits and vegetables

Baby girl and boys socks

Baby blankets/baby hats for the winter

If you are unable to attend Mass, you may drop off donations at the Parish Office M-F between 8a-2p.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Youth Life is going Skiing!

When: Monday, Feb. 21st (President's Day)

Where: Perfect North Slopes Lawrenceburg, IN

Who: Middle and High School Youth

Space is limited. Forms and payment MUST be turned in by Sunday Feb. 13th. Forms may be turned in to either parish office or given to Katharine Coleman directly. If you need a form or more info, please contact Katharine at kcoleman@cdlex.org



The Synod for a Synodal Church Begins Listening Phase!

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. has announced that he will be attending six deanery-level listening sessions as the Diocese of Lexington begins the listening phase of the Synod for a Synodal Church. Please encourage your community to attend one of these sessions! The schedule is as follows:

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| > Fayette (January 30) | Holy Spirit Parish/Lexington • 2:30 pm |
| > Bluegrass West (February 6) | St. Leo/Versailles • 2:30-4 pm |
| > Mountain West (February 13) | St. William/London • 4-6 pm |
| > Bluegrass East (February 27) | St. Mark/Richmond • 2 pm |
| > Mountain East (March 13) | Mother of Good Counsel/Hazard • 1 pm |
| > Big Sandy (March 27) | St. Michael/Paintsville • 3-5 pm |



In addition, Bishop John hopes parish and school leaders will host additional listening sessions at the local level that facilitate the participation of our whole human community. A landing page has been developed at <https://cdlex.org/synod/> to support these local efforts. This page includes links to an 8-part informational video series (less than 10 minutes in length) in English, Spanish, and Swahili that helps answer important questions about the Synod process, a Synod toolkit in both English and Spanish that includes listening session templates, facilitator strategies, planning checklists, evaluation forms, and prayer resources, and a mobile-friendly digital survey in English and Spanish to help those who may not be able to attend a listening session be heard.

MEET & MINGLE

CHRIST CENTERED DATING GROUP FOR MIDDLE AGED ADULTS WHO ARE SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED WHO ARE FREE TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Renew Your Relationship with Jesus in the New Year by Making a Weekly Holy Hour!

Sign up for a holy hour. Don't just promise yourself that you'll make a holy hour each week, put it on your calendar!

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. John Church beginning after the 7a Mass and ending at 8p? We would love to have at least two adorers each hour to ensure that all hours are covered. We send out weekly sign ups via the Parish email on Tuesday mornings, so check your inbox and sign up! You can also find the sign up link on the homepage of our website: ssfrancisjohn.org

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT 12:00pm
& THE DIVINE CHAPLET
WILL BE PRAYED AT 3:00pm.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19-27, 2022

Pray to Protect Human Life!
9DaysforLife.com




WE'RE HIRING

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church is now accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant starting immediately. The Administrative Assistant provides skilled secretarial and office support to the Pastor and staff personnel, as well as facilitates parish communications and data entry. The candidate must have strong communication and organization skills, the ability to multitask, proficient computer skills, and a desire to work for the Roman Catholic Church. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Deanna Prisinzano, Business Manager, at dprisinzano@cdlex.org or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Attn: Deanna Prisinzano, 1730 Summerhill Drive, Lexington, KY 40515.

Cathedral of Christ the King
1st ANNUAL

CATHOLIC LEGO CONTEST

JAN. 23, 2022 • 1 P.M.

CTK • Hehman Hall

- Using Legos, create a Bible story or a Catholic Doctrine.
- 1st & 2nd place trophies will be awarded in 4 age categories: • 18 and over • 11-17 • 7-10 • 6 & under

For complete contest rules, check the Cathedral of Christ the King bulletins or contact Karen Kirkland: ctkccd@cdlex.org or (859) 266-0302

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. is one of the judges!





There is a real critical need for blood donors at the Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington. Blood supplies are running low at this time. Due to the pandemic, many blood drives have been cancelled.

If you are eligible to donate this month, please consider doing so. Donations are being accepted at their Lexington locations.

For an appointment, please call 800-775-2522 or kybloodcenter.org

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement. Need a companion for your journey?

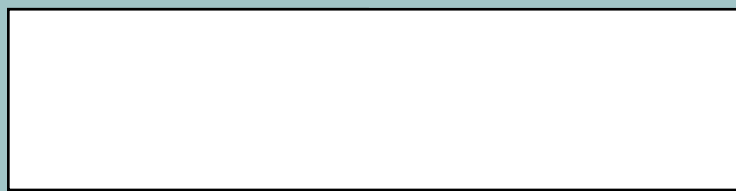
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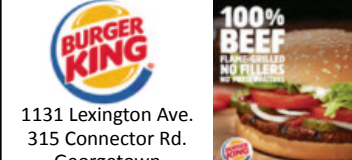
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