



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
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Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday— 5 p.m. Vigil
Sunday— 8:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.
(Rosary after Mass)
*Thurs 9 a.m. Communion Service

Confessions
Saturdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
or by appointment.

Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

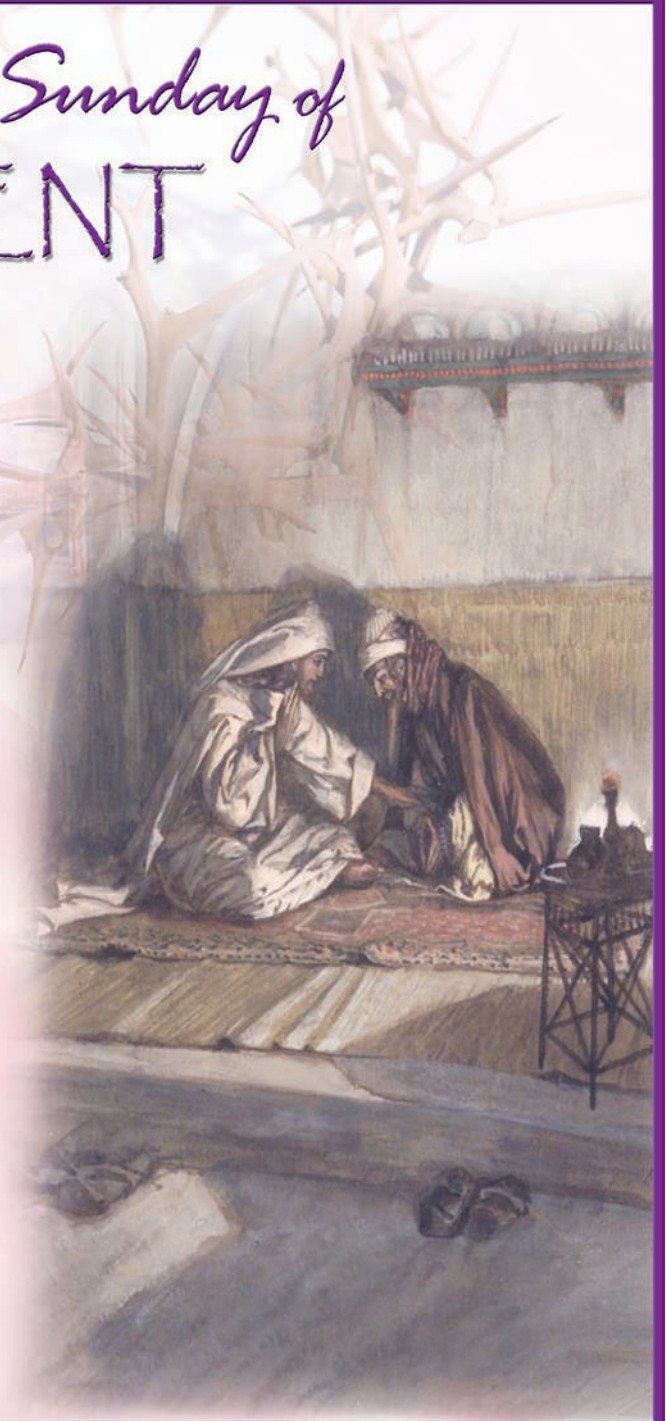
(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of
LENT

*Jesus tells
Nicodemus that
the Son of Man
will be raised up
so that those who
believe him will
have eternal life.*

John 3:14-21



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of God of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, united in One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism celebrate and are nourished and sustained by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and in His Holy word. Brought together by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit we fulfill His command to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news of salvation by sharing our faith through Prayer, Evangelization, and acts of Charity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 11, 2018
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Katy Oubre (L)
Monday, March 12, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Msgr. Donald Kieran ✠
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Mary Giannakos ✠
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Janet Spera ✠
Thursday, March 15, 2018
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, March 16, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Harry Laing ✠
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 17, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Robin Eldridge ✠
 5:00 p.m. Eva McGarity Ponder ✠
Sunday, March 18, 2018
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Charles and Louise Seibel ✠

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent
 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Saint Patrick, Bishop
 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9;
 Jn 12:20-33

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2018

March 13 Holy Cross 7:00 PM
 March 15 St Oliver 7:00 PM
 March 20 St. Marguerite 7:00 PM

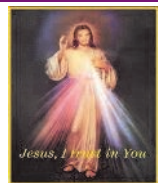


With the Lord there is Mercy and fullness of redemption.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm
 Evening Prayer at 4:30pm
 and Benediction at 6:45pm



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
 also the 2nd Sunday of each month after
 the 8:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 All are welcome.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday of each month
 following the 9:00am Mass

"The Eucharist is alive."



If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – He's alive!"

— Vinny Flynn



Come and enjoy a St. Stephen the Martyr 2018 Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinner from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM every Friday thru March 23rd. Your Knights of Columbus Council 14122 is leading this event but **ALL** members of our Parish are welcome to assist with cooking, serving, providing cup cakes or cookies, any way you may wish to be involved. All are welcome. Please contact us at kccouncil14122stm@yahoo.com.



MARCH 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Offerings On-line giving is available through our website www.ststephenthemartyr.info



March 3 & 4, 2018

Offertory \$10,694.23
Online \$ 3,963.50
\$14,657.73

Second Collection

Debt Reduction \$8,862.00
Online \$1,222.00
\$10,084.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

Future Weekend Second Collections

March 11, Catholic Relief Services

March 18, Easter Flowers

March 18, SVdP will be collecting after all Masses

March 25, Holy Land

April 1, Debt Reduction

April 8, Archdiocesan Seminarians



Did you know, as a parishioner of St. Stephen, you have free 24/7 access to **FORMED**.

With **FORMED**, using any device with internet access, you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks.

All **FREE** For Parishioners.

Go to www.formed.org and signup using St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Access Code: **6T2BD7**

On the registration page, it will ask you for an email. For security reasons, it is recommended that you use/enter a different password (than your normal email password) for accessing www.formed.org

Once you register, you will have your own personal **FORMED** account and you will not need to use the Access Code. Simply Login from the **LOGIN** Icon on the top right of the page.



WIN A FREE DINNER

Winning Ticket Numbers for a free Lenten Fish Fry Dinner, weeks #1 thru #5 are:
Week 1 5284438* Week 2 5284458
Week 3 5284433 Week 4
Week 5 Week 6

Save your tickets each week and check to see if you are a lucky winner!



Saint John Neumann Church Preschool is registering for the 2018-2019 school year. Our preschool program offers a loving Catholic environment where the children have the opportunity to explore, discover and create through a balanced curriculum. We also offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which is a special religion program designed for young children to get to know God and His love. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the preschool office at 770-833-0404 or marti.mcleer@sjnlilburn.com.



Next Sunday, March 18, is our monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the K of C, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, juice and coffee for \$6 a plate or \$15 for a family of four (includes all children under 18).

All are welcome.

Baptism Classes

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish before taking the class. Both Parents must attend the Baptism class which is usually held the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in *Our Lady of Fatima* room. Please make arrangements for a babysitter as we do not provide baby-sitting services. Please contact the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 to register for the class. Parents will need to select Godparents for their child who are active, practicing Catholics.

Baptisms are scheduled only AFTER you have taken the class. Parents must be active, practicing members of St. Stephen the Martyr for at least three months before scheduling a baptism for their child.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assistance, please contact the SVdP Help Line at 770-381-7488, ext. 251. If you can assist for a couple of hours a month, please come to one of our meetings held the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 13, 2018 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on March 17 & 18.

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