



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Deacons

Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
Deacon Michael Mobley
Deacon Rick Kaszycki

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

Reconciliation

Every Saturday after the
9:00 a.m. Mass 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 OCTOBER 1, 2017
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Instead of death and sorrow, let us bring



peace and joy to the world -Saint Teresa

Respect Life

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.

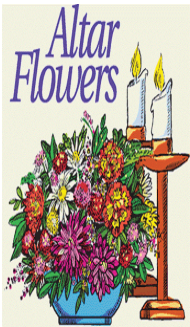
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 1, 2017
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Maria Tuyet Nguyen ☩
Monday, October 2, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Shirley Riddle Hitmar ☩
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Brian DuVarney (L)
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Miguel Vincente ☩
Thursday, October 5, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, October 6, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Angelita G. Morales ☩
Saturday, October 7, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Gerard Soeiro ☩
 5:00 p.m. Frank Kuhl ☩
Sunday, October 8, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Lucinda Markis ☩
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday **Holy Guardian Angels**
 Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23;
 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday **Saint Francis of Assisi**
 Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**
 Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday **Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**
 Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday **Our Lady of the Rosary**
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;
 Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

The Altar Flowers This Weekend Were Donated By



Dick and Sharon Nixon
 in loving memory of their mothers,
 Catherine Thouvenot and Jean Nixon
 and by
 Janis Schrader
 in loving memory of her husband,
 Mark Schrader,
 and her parents,
 Robert and Jane Rockwell



OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



Come and join us for coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome.



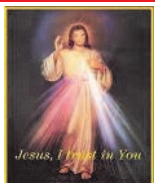
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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.



BIBLE STUDY CLASSES
What is a life in the Spirit?
What does it mean to pray,
Come Holy Spirit into our hearts and take up Thy rest?

Join us for St. Stephen's Bible Study, meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:30pm, with Deacon Rick, in the St. Pio room, and on Thursday mornings, with Deacon Mike, in the St. Pio room, from 10:00am-11:30am. We will be studying the "Holy Spirit", the third person of the Blessed Trinity, in History, Tradition, and Scripture.
 This Bible Study is for everyone and all are welcome.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register now for the 2017-2018 Confirmation Classes beginning Sunday October 15, 2017 in the St. Pio room from 9:30am-11:00am.



If you are a parish teen in the 10th grade and are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill out a registration form located at the Information Center in the Narthex and return it, along with a copy of your baptismal certificate, to the Religious Ed office. Contact Deacon Mike at 770-381-7488 x222 for more information.

Bulletin Announcements and Room Reservations:
 Please submit in writing to secretary@sstmcc.org



Offerings

On-line giving is available through our website

www.ststephenthemartyr.info



September 23 & 24, 2017

Offertory \$8,481.00

Online \$1,815.50

\$10,296.50

Second Collection

Archdiocesan SVdP \$1,565.00

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

Future Second Collections

October 8, No Second Collection

October 15, No Second Collection

October 22, Latin Am/World Missions

Thank You to all who helped with making the **Parish Fall Picnic** a wonderful day of fun and fellowship for all.

A special thanks to our Chairperson, Rebecca Bishop for her excellent leadership; to Larry Finney and the entire **Knights of Columbus** for the delicious BBQ, hamburgers and hotdogs.

We are grateful to all those who played lead roles in making sure the Parish Picnic ran smoothly:

Ron and BJ Reisinger, John Poplin, Gary & Cathy Miller, Matt Sones, Jean MacInnis, Katy Oubre, Rebecca Berry-Joliff, Debbie Dupont, Angelle Buckley, Leo Eleuterius, Claire Smith, Christa Morgan, Matt and Michelle Dukes, Michele Quigley, Rosemary Ocampo, Richard Panarese, Patty Palmquist, and Deacon Mike.

We are so grateful for all our generous sponsors: Wall Heating and Air, The Orlando Firm, Bill Head Funeral Home, and Rozier Roofing. And to all who supported in any way, from set-up to clean-up, and to those giving of your time and talent for the live entertainment and to all who donated to the wonderful dessert table.

God Bless You All, Fr. Brian

Life Chain-October 1st in Lawrenceville



Life Chain is a peaceful, silent witness to the sanctity of human life. It is appropriate for the whole family and will be on October 1st, from 2-3pm around the old courthouse in downtown Lawrenceville (Crogan and Perry Streets).



Plan Your Will Online

Have you been procrastinating about getting a Will? The Catholic Foundation has made the process of planning your Will simple. Please go to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on "Plan Your Will." The site is free, confidential and will give you and your spouse a chance to plan in the privacy of your home. When done, simply print out the document to take to your attorney. This will save you time and money. When planning, please consider including the parish endowment fund as one of the beneficiaries of your assets or even to receive the remainder of your estate. For more information contact: Julie Greco at jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.



A Rosary Rally for America will be held at 12 noon on October 14th in honor of Our Blessed Mother and the 100th anniversary of her apparitions at Fatima. We will pray the rosary for her intercession for America, for peace, and to end the culture of death and restore the culture of life. The Rosary Rally will be held at 798 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd., Lawrenceville GA 30043 in front of the shopping center where

Planned Parenthood has a facility. Please DO NOT park in that shopping center! Parking is available across the street and in the Public shopping center near the intersection of Duluth Hwy and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd. Please call or text Marianne Dudley at 404-402-7531 for any questions.



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 Oct. 10 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on October 16 & 17.

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 babysitting 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 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.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday October 7 at 10:00 AM at the lower parking lot Gazebo. All Are Welcome

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