

Feb. 6, 2003!
NEWS YOU CAN USE

St. Stephen – Lawn and Garden Ministry

Praising God through every blade of grass, flower, tree, and shrub.

Need help, information, or want to share ideas and opportunities? Your input is critical to our success!

Contact Lisa or Dallas at 770-736-2832

God blesses each season of our lives with a beauty all its own.

Important Date: To meet or not to meet? I have been reflecting on the value of meetings for this ministry. Let me know if meetings help you or if you prefer we can stay organized via email. I want to make the best use of your time!

Many thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and commitment!

Those who place today in God's hands need never worry about tomorrow.

Spring/Summer Work Plan 2003

Category Garden Parties:

Garden parties are team projects which require several of us to work together to accomplish a larger goal. The more the merrier, we have a lot of work to do! Work is prioritized so we can have God's property in tip/top and organized such that we visit each and every garden in a cycle. We cover both the Church and Rectory areas. This ministry is a true labor of love! Don't worry! God's luminous energy will always find a way!

Garden Parties are scheduled on Saturday mornings from 10-1. We will have snacks and fellowship afterward! We can make this a time of fun and team building, as your time and weather permits.

March 1

Transplant Azaleas from Rectory Rear to Church Front

Father Paddy is having some work done on the rear of the rectory. His foundation is sinking! Let's try to save those beautiful azalea bushes. We will need to dig up as much of the root ball as possible and move to church front and side to replace many of the shrubs which have died.

Father Paddy allocated some funds to our ministry so I will be able to purchase a few more tools to put in the shed. We continue to expand. God's miracles are everywhere! For this job we need some muscle! Bring axes, and shovels if you have them.

March 15

Church Front

Preparation for Easter Sunday. Clean up, plant annual, fertilize, etc. Come if you can! This is a large area with several gardens. I am thinking about adding some additional drainage. We seem to have a lot of water retention in front of the church. If anyone can help me plan I would appreciate it. That way we can have pipe and materials ready.

Remember your gloves!

Welcome back everyone!

Note: In case of bad weather, Garden Parties will roll forward 1 week

Category Routine: Lawn and Garden Angels: Work on your own schedule!

Each new day is a gift from God!

Weekly lawn maintenance of church and rectory grounds.

St. Stephen's Riding lawn mower is available. Smaller mowers are also in great shape thanks to Ed Dantzer who graciously donates his mechanic time and talent to our ministry. You may use your own mower, but we now have several mowers for our use and the riding mower for use on the rectory lawn. Please do not use riding mower on the Bermuda grass at the church as it will get damaged. **Need several people to cover entire lawn!!! Last year we decided on tag team approach for church and rectory lawns and that seemed to work very well. Let me know if you can help mow the grass. We will need to perform this task weekly in the summer. We desperately need more volunteers to help. Please let me know if you are willing.**

Cut Lawn – Rectory Front and Rear (Include edging/trash pick up as required)

Cut Lawn – Church (Include edging/ trash pick up as required)

Tools Required – Mower; Edger (As required); Blower

-March

Church	Dallas and Bill
Rectory Front	Greg
Rectory Rear	Dallas and Lisa

-April

Church	Jerry and Tim
Rectory Front	Greg
Rectory Rear	(Will need two volunteers to establish a ew team for this area! Let me know if you can help!)

Weekly maintenance of flower beds surrounding church and rectory.

Focus is church and rectory gardens. Plant, pull weeds, clip dead plants, trim shrubs, mulch as required. **Wear long pants. Watch out for poison ivy! Need several people cover all flower beds!!! I kept names the same as last year. Please let me know of required changes.**

Church Front - Lisa

Church Side - Colleen and Melinda

Church Rear - Maura

Entrance - Maura

Fellowship Hall Side - Ellie & Dave

Rectory Front - Ellie & Dave

Way of the Cross - Ellie and Dave (Need 3 more volunteers, large area! Let me know if you can help!)

Circle and Horseshoe - Ann

Rectory side - Need 2-3 Volunteers. Let me know if you can help!

Rectory rear - Need 2-3 Volunteers. Let me know if you can help!

Category Odds and Ends:

Smaller projects that you may work on your own schedule. Let me know if you can help with one of these assignments!

- Trim Apple Trees rear of church. Father Paddy wants branches cut back.
- Spread Grass Seed where needed on empty patches. (Seed is in garage). Focus on area on side and behind church. Avoid the Fellowship hall side for now as that area must be filled first.
- Water trees (fill gator bags) - Derek?
- Fertilize - Rod Clark and Scotts
- Apply roundup to rectory – Gene
- Fill in rectory garden (side) –
- Apply all terrain killer Rockbridge & Wydella –
- Sod Rectory Area in Springtime –
- Plant new garden rectory side in Springtime-
- Build water erosion plan –
- Execute water erosion plan