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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 FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Second Sunday of
LENT

*Jesus is
transfigured
in the presence
of Peter, James,
and John.*

Mark 9:2-10



"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new **and right**
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10



St. Stephen's Parish LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday March 1 7:00 P.M.

*Prepare for the Easter Season by celebrating
the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent!*

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,	February 25, 2018
8:30 a.m.	The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Eva McGarity Ponder ☩
Monday,	February 26, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Gloria and Roger Melanson ☩
Tuesday,	February 27, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Dr. Dominador Blanco, Jr. ☩
Wednesday,	February 28, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Barbara Spera ☩
Thursday,	March 1, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service
Friday,	March 2, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Alice Theriault ☩
	5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 3, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Alberto and Sylvia Bolet ☩
5:00 p.m.	Debbie Dupont (L)
Sunday,	March 4, 2018
8:30 a.m.	The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	John St. Pierre☩

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2018

Feb 26	St. Patrick's	7:00 PM
Feb 27	St. Lawrence	6:00 PM
March 1	St. Stephen	7:00 PM
March 5	St. John Neumann	7:00 PM
March 6	St. Monica	4:00 PM
March 8	Mary Our Queen	7:00 PM
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.

Eucharistic



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



Offerings

On-line giving is available
through our website

www.ststephenthemartyr.info



February 17 & 18, 2018

Offertory \$9,456.64

Online \$2,250.50

\$11,707.14

Second Collection

Black & Indian Missions \$1,009.00

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

Future Weekend Second Collections

February 25, Life Teen/EDGE

March 4, Debt Reduction

March 11, Catholic Relief Services

March 18, Easter Flowers

March 18, SVdP will be collecting after all Masses

March 25, Holy Land

Update on the Parish Debt

Some people ask... Why do we still have a Debt Reduction Collection on the 1st week of each month? Didn't we pay off the Mortgage debt in May of 2017?

The answer is that 'Yes', the \$2.1 million Mortgage debt on the building was paid off in May 2017.

However, we still have \$620,000 of debt from past unpaid assessments and Annual Appeal shortfalls that accrued from the years 2008 -2013. This money is still owed to the Atlanta Archdiocese.

Recently, The Archbishop has generously approved a dollar-for-dollar match on this remaining debt. In other words, we would be responsible for \$310,000 and the Archdiocese would cover the rest. With this incentive, we hope to pay off this assessment debt much sooner. So, yes please continue to give. Thank you for your generosity!



Come and enjoy a St. Stephen the Martyr 2018 Lenten Fish Fry 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

kccouncil14122sttm@yahoo.com.



FEBRUARY 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Devotion of the Five First Saturdays

Our Lady explained those Five First Saturdays to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, on Dec. 10, 1925, in the following way:

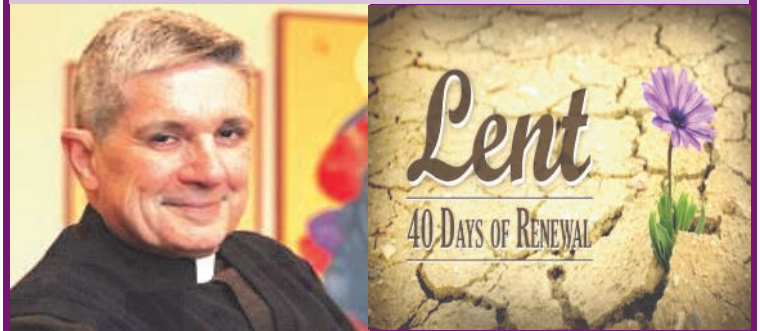
"See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary."

WHY FIVE SATURDAYS? Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucia May 29, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely: blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception, against her perpetual virginity, against the divine and spiritual maternity of Mary, blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonoring of her images, and the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.

After completing the Five First Saturdays, one may continue the devotion simply to console the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady. A tender love of our Blessed Mother will lead one to do all he can to make reparation for the sins which pierce her Immaculate Heart.

Please join us the first Saturday of each month at St. Stephen's for Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by the 9:30AM Rosary with meditations and confession.

Parish Lenten Mission 2018 with Msgr. Richard Lopez



Monday March 5
Tuesday March 6
Wednesday March 7
7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

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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