



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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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 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of
LENT

*Jesus teaches his
disciples about
the way in which
he will be glorified
by God, and a
voice from heaven
is heard to affirm
his teaching.*

John 12:20-33



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 18, 2018
8:30 a.m.	The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Charles and Louise Seibel ✠
Monday,	March 19, 2018
9:00 a.m.	David Dufour ✠
Tuesday,	March 20, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Harry Laing ✠
Wednesday,	March 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Margaret T. Franzman ✠
Thursday,	March 22, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday,	March 23, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Freda Atkinson ✠
	5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 24, 2018
9:00 a.m.	Mary Francis Hudson ✠
5:00 p.m.	John St. Pierre ✠
Sunday,	March 25, 2018
8:30 a.m.	William Kowalczyk ✠
11:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish (L)



Palm Sunday Holy Land Collection March 24-25, 2018

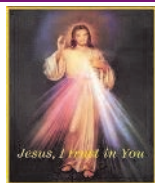
Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds, and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Palm Sunday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Palm Sunday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Palm Sunday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support!

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.

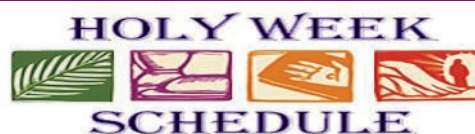


FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



Holy Thursday March 29
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Silent Adoration after
Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 30
1:00 p.m.- 7 Last Words of Jesus
2:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m.- Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 31
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 1
Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Come and enjoy a St. Stephen the Martyr 2018 Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinner from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Friday March 23rd is the last one. 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 kccouncil14122sstm@yahoo.com.



MARCH 18, 2018



Offerings

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



March 10 & 11, 2018

Offertory \$9,350.64
Online \$2,505.50
\$11,856.14

Second Collection

CRS \$1,188.25
Online \$ 35.00
\$1,223.25

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

Future Weekend Second Collections

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

The Season of Lent

Lent consists of forty-four days. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes immediately before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At that time, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. The season of Lent aims at preparing us for the celebration of Easter and has a twofold character.

First of all, it directs the Christian faithful to recall their own baptism when they rejected the devil and confessed their faith in Christ. They are also asked at this time to engage more deeply in prayer and penance. Secondly, for those who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, it serves as a more intense time of preparation as the moment of their baptism draws near.

During Lent, the disciplines of fasting and abstinence from meat apply on Ash Wednesday, and the discipline of abstinence from meat applies on the Fridays of Lent unless a solemnity occurs on those days. Towards the very end of Lent, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when we commemorate his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and read the Passion of the Lord from one of the gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, in the evening, the bishop concelebrates the Chrism Mass with his priests and blesses the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick and consecrates the chrism that will be used throughout the year.

Rev. Kurt Belsole, www.liftupyourhearts.church

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 5284591

Week 5 Week 6

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.



This 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 April 10, 2018 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on April 21 & 22.

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