



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

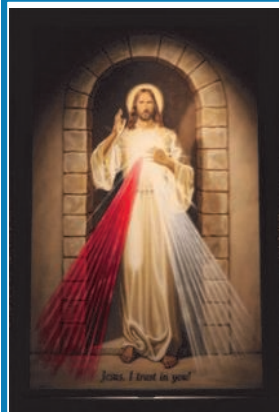
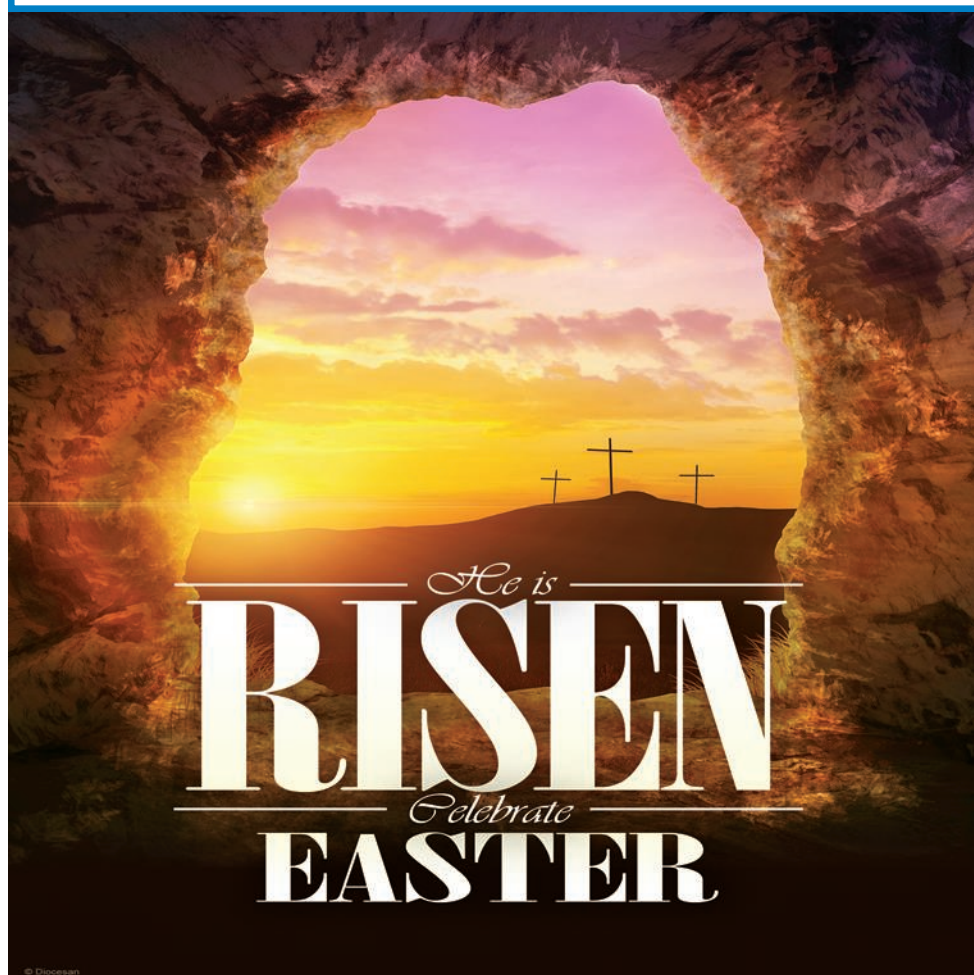
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2018



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

APRIL 8, 2018

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
Rosary and Benediction.



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, April 1, 2018 EASTER
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish ☩
Monday, April 2, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Joe Garrett ☩
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Maurice Mixon ☩
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Eva McGarity Ponder ☩
Thursday, April 5, 2018
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, April 6, 2018
 9:00 a.m. John Goodall ☩
Saturday, April 7, 2018
No 9:00 a.m. Mass or Confessions
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass
 5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, April 8, 2018
 8:30 a.m. Danny McCarthy ☩
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Paddy Donaghey ☩

Sunday Religious Ed classes are not in session on April 1, and April 8. Wednesday night EDGE classes are not in session on April 4. No Life Night on April 1 & 8. All classes will resume their normal schedule after the Easter Week and Spring Break.

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018

Sunday Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



FREE BREAKFAST

Week 6 #5284663

Fish Fry Dinner winning ticket for week 6 can be redeemed for a free pancake breakfast.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday April 2 and will reopen on Tuesday April 3 at 9:30am.

Fr. Brian and the Parish staff wish everyone a Safe, Happy and Blessed Easter Week.



CONFIRMATION MASS

Celebrate Mass with
Bishop Shlesinger

Saturday April 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.

All are invited to attend this special Mass with Bishop Shlesinger. There will be a reception following the Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

There will not be a 9:00 a.m. Mass or Confessions on this Saturday.



The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by the parishioners of St. Stephens for the Easter Season



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



Offerings

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



March 24 & 25, 2018
Offertory \$10,228.07
Online \$ 2,951.00
\$13,179.07

Second Collection
Holy Land \$1,773.00

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

Future Weekend Second Collections

April 1, Debt Reduction

April 8, Archdiocesan Seminarians

April 15, Parish Outreach

April 21&22, SVdP will be collecting after Masses.

April 22, No Second Collection



**Knights of Columbus
Golf Tournament**
Stone Mountain Golf Club
Thursday May 17, 2018
Check In 8:30 AM
10:00 AM Shotgun Start

**Information and registration forms
located on the bulletin board next to
the Parish Office or go to the website
sstmcc.org to download the
registration form.**

Proceeds benefitting PATH.
For more information call
Jim McVey @ 770-676-9169
Deadline to enter is May 6, 2018

THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and continues to Pentecost Sunday. During these fifty days, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with joy and exultation as one great Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season are celebrated as the Octave of Easter. This octave, in many ways, treats every day of the octave as Easter Sunday itself.

At Mass, the priest prays in Preface I of Easter, in reference to the resurrection of Christ, that it is our duty at all times to acclaim the Lord but especially on this day when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Likewise in the First Eucharistic Prayer, which is the Roman Canon, the priest speaks of how the Church is celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord in the flesh.

Finally, the dismissal at the end of Mass concludes with a double Alleluia every day of the octave. At this time, the deacon or priest dismisses the assembly with the usual words, but after the dismissal adds alleluia, alleluia as a sign of the great joy of the Church as she celebrates the Resurrection of the Lord.

From the solemnity of the Ascension until Pentecost, almost all of the collects at the beginning of Mass pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

Then at Pentecost itself, as the Church celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit, the priest prays that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon the whole world so that the hearts of believers may be filled with the divine grace that was at work at the first proclamation of the Gospel.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, www.liftupyourhearts.church

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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK