



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor
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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 DECEMBER 25, 2016

A SAVIOR
IS BORN!

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, December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day)
10:30 a.m. For Our Country

Monday, December 26, 2016
9:00 a.m. Sandy Allman (L)

Tuesday, December 27, 2016
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Wednesday, December 28, 2016
9:00 a.m. Mike Carpenter ☩

Thursday, December 29, 2016
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Friday, December 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. Bernerdine Fernandes (L)

Saturday, December 31, 2016 (New Year's Eve)
9:00 a.m. Barbara Spera ☩
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Morris ☩

Sunday, January 1, 2017 (New Year's Day)
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m. John and Marie Fidero (L)

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord
10:30 am: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday Saint Sylvester I, Pope
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

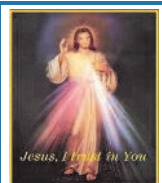
Sunday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday December 27, 2016.
Fr. Brian and the Parish Staff wish everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

Religious Ed classes are cancelled for Sunday December 25th and Sunday January 1st, 2017.

RCIA and EDGE classes are cancelled for Wed. Dec 28th and Wed. Jan. 4th.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Stephen's every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm
Evening Prayer at 4:30pm and Benediction at 6:45pm

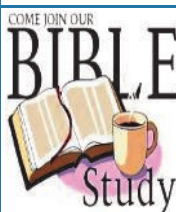
Bulletin Announcements and Room Reservations:
Please submit in writing to secretary@sstmcc.org



DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

END TO CHILD SOLDIERS. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

EUROPE. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



Join us every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30am, beginning January 5, 2017, for St. Stephen's Bible Study, as we study **The Book of Daniel**
All are welcome.



New Winter/Spring Session begins Tuesday January 10, 2017

The Tuesday evening Adult Faith Program will begin on January 10, 2017 at 7:00-8:30pm. Study for this semester will be based on the new film and study program entitled "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron.

Contact Deacon Rick at r_kaz@msn.com for more information.



Our Annual Life Teen Retreat is coming!!!

"GLORY REVEALED" is a great opportunity to bring all the teens of St. Stephen's together for a fun spirit filled weekend, January 13-15, 2017. More information is available in the Narthex at the Church Information Center.

DECEMBER 25, 2016



Offerings

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



December 17 & 18 2016

Offertory \$10,419.05

Online \$ 1,625.50

\$ 12,044.55

Second Collection

Christmas Flowers \$2,073.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$13,583.00

Future Second Collections

December 25, Christmas Offering

January 1, Debt Reduction

January 8, Parish Outreach

January 15, Life Teen/EDGE

January 22, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Totally Redesigned | Mobile Friendly | 100% Awesome

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The St. Stephen the Martyr parish family is invited to the celebration of the Mass for Taylor Halbig, as she enters her year of discernment with the Daughters of the Virgin Mother in Charlotte, North Carolina. Please join us on December 29, 2016 at 6 PM at Saint Stephen the Martyr for Mass, with a potluck dinner reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Debra Halbig at halbig06@bellsouth.net.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER



O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Do you feel pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? Is it difficult to manage all the details thrown your way? According to Richard Swenson, M.D., we have "more and more of everything, faster and faster." Unfortunately, this can leave us feeling frazzled and out of control. God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives. Keeping in Balance will take us on a journey throughout

Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. Join us as we explore biblical ways that we can manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. A lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Thursdays 7:00 PM —8:30 PM

Resuming January 5, 2017

Parish Fellowship Hall

RSVP Required, please contact:

Joann O'Neil, 678-908-4118 or

joann.m.oneil@gmail.com



Has Abortion affected your life? Have you lost a child, grandchild, or sibling through abortion? Is there a deep sense of loss in your life because of abortion? There is no grief like that of unspoken grief. You are not alone. Post Abortion Treatment and Healing (PATH) is here to help. PATH will be facilitating a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat, January 27-29, 2017. This weekend retreat helps women and men, who are struggling with the grief of abortion, find peace and inner healing. Start your New Year in a New Light. For more information please visit our website at www.healingafterabortion.org or call Jody at 404-717-5557.

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 January 10, 2017 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on January 21 & 22.

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.

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