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Rev. Brian Lorei

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Sunday Masses

Saturday — 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday — 8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.
(Rosary after Mass)

*Thursday 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 JULY 26, 2020

A N D W E K N O W T H A T

ALL THINGS

W O R K T O G E T H E R

FOR GOOD

TO
THOSE
WHO

Love God

TO THOSE WHO

ARE THE CALLED

ACCORDING TO His PURPOSE

— Romans 8:28 —

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



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	July 26, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Steve Quigley ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Monday	July 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Kay Martinez ☩
Tuesday	July 28, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Joseph Balanesi Jr. ☩
Wednesday	July 29, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Mary Evans (L)
Thursday	July 30, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	July 31, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Priest Intention
Saturday	August 1, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Sunday	August 2, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Carlos DaSilva ☩
11:00 a.m.	Matthew Giannakos ☩

New 2020 Photo Directories Are Here!



If you had your picture in the previous photo directory or submitted a picture for our 2020 Parish Directory, you are entitled to a free copy.

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to claim your directory.

You may also pick your directory up at the Parish Office during office hours, which are listed on the cover page of our weekly bulletin. We look forward to seeing you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

O Holy Spirit of God,
Take me as Your disciple.
Guide me, illuminate me,
Sanctify me.



This past Friday, July 17, Auxiliary Bishop Joel Konzen came to our parish and Confirmed fourteen of our high school youth:

Caroline Buckley	Jeyson Medina
Chloe Carr	Brendan O'Malley
Lily Darr	Luke Roman
Zakary Elias	Olivia Schultz
Claudia Freshwater	Alexandra Snyder
Emma Geaney	McKenzie Taliaferro
Gracie Geaney	Eduardo Valdes

In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit strengthened them with spiritual gifts so that they could be more closely united to Jesus Christ and his Church, and so that they could become witnesses of Christ in every part of their lives. They now bring the love and power of God in a new way into all their words, actions, and relationships.

The newly Confirmed each prepared for the sacrament through prayer, study, and learning to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful to our Catechists: Jon and Angie Thomas for a wonderful job in teaching the Confirmation class, and also to our DRE Kathy Roger and Seminarian Joe Wagner for their help.

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JULY 26, 2020

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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OR

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Weekend of July 19, 2020

Offertory \$ 7,258.00

On Line \$ 3,061.22

Total \$10,319.22

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

<u>July 26, 2020</u>	<u>No Second Collection</u>
<u>August 2, 2020</u>	<u>Property Maintenance & Enhancements</u>
<u>August 9, 2020</u>	<u>No Second Collection</u>
<u>August 16, 2020</u>	<u>Outreach</u>
<u>August 23, 2020</u>	<u>No Second Collection</u>



It is with great JOY, even APPREHENSION, along with contemplative prayer that the International Board has made a decision to offer a Virtual Weekend.

Phase 1 of the Retrouvaille Program will be provided as an extended four-day "Virtual" experience with evening sessions on Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31, then continue Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am until dinner time, August 1 and 2. The Presenting Team will be members of the International Board. The extended schedule will allow us to maintain the integrity of the program with fidelity to the outlines. This program will take place 7:30 PM Thursday.

If you have knowledge of couples in your parishes who are in need of a Retrouvaille weekend, please refer them to our Registration couple, Andy and Lilly Cichon at 770.912.4743. An explanation of our ministry can be found at www.helpourmarriage.org.

An "in person" Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for October 2-4. If gathering restrictions allow, we will go forward with this as planned at the Wyndham Hotel, 6345 Powers Ferry Road NW, Atlanta, GA.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Million Families A MILLION ROSARIES

During Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution
Our Lady said to Sister Lucia,
"When a million families pray the rosary,
the revolution will end."

**What if a million families joined hands
NOW to pray the rosary
for a cure to the coronavirus?**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
EVERYDAY FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC!**

Sign up NOW at www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org to join us and
commit yourself and/or your family to imploring Our Lady to
intercede on behalf of all humanity at this moment of crisis.

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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 a couple of hours a month, please leave a message on the help line and you will be contacted. You can mail your contribution to the church or do online giving using the **Miscellaneous** option and putting SVdP SSTM in the **Special Instruction**.



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.

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