



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras

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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

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 JANUARY 1, 2017

*Mary,
Mother
of God*



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, 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)
Monday, January 2, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Nixon and Davenport Families (L)
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Richard Sobon ✕
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Jeffery Spillane ✕
Thursday, January 5, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, January 6, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Ruth Poss (L)
Saturday, January 7, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Ravi Iyer ✕
 5:00 p.m. Don Davisson ✕
Sunday, January 8, 2017
 8:30 a.m. James Gatherer ✕
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)

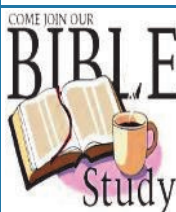
Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

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
Monday Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 I Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday Saint John Neumann, Bishop
 I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Friday Saint André Bessette, Religious
 I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday Saint Raymond of Penyafort
 I Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

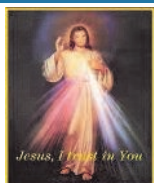


JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

CHRISTIAN UNITY. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



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.



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.



New Winter/Spring Session begins Tuesday January 10, 2017

The Tuesday evening Adult Faith Program will begin on January 10, 2017 at 7:00-8:30 P.M. 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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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.

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

JANUARY 1, 2017



Offerings

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



Due to the early publication of this bulletin the Offertory for Christmas and New Year's weekend will be posted in the January 8th bulletin.

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

Future Second Collections

January 1, Debt Reduction

January 8, Parish Outreach

January 15, Life Teen/EDGE

January 22, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries



The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday January 2, 2017 and will
reopen on Tuesday January 3, 2017.

Fr. Brian and the Parish Staff wish
everyone a Blessed and

Happy New Year.

Religious Ed classes cancelled for Sunday January 1st,
and RCIA and EDGE classes are cancelled
for Wednesday Jan. 4th.



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

Room Reservations for 2017

All room reservation requests for St. Stephen's Ministry groups for 2017 **must** be submitted in writing by fax or e-mail. Please submit name of parish group/ministry, contact person, contact number (or e-mail address), the room, date (s) and time(s) needed. Fax: 770-923-8061, or e-mail to secretary@sstmcc.org. A confirmation will be sent once the request is reviewed and there are no conflicts.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School will be hosting an Open House this year. We invite you to join us on Wednesday January 25, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Let your child grow with us! To RSVP or request more information, please contact Meaghan Schroeder at 404-636-4488 or mschroeder@ihmschool.org.



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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