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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

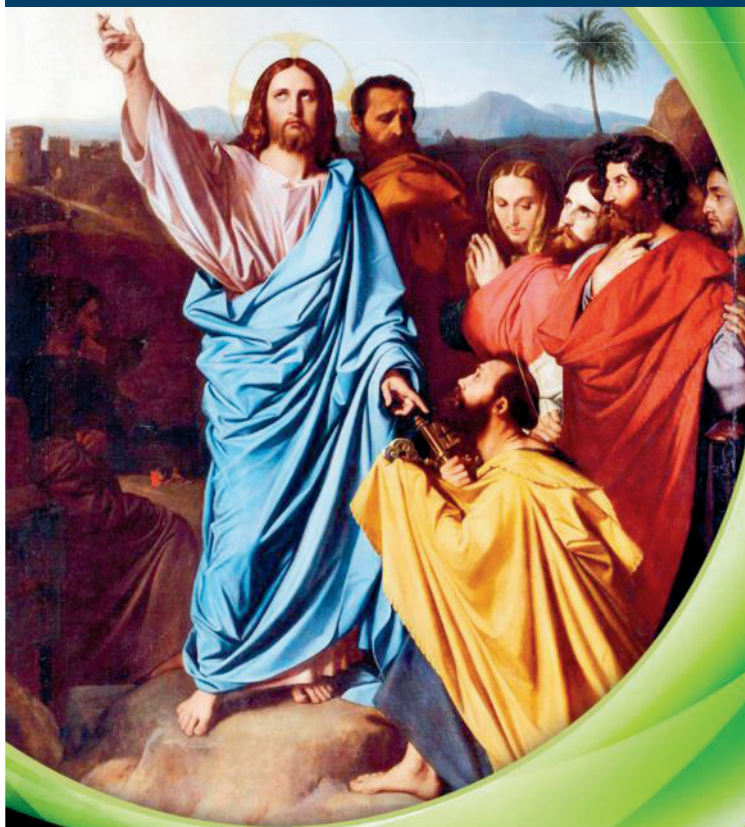
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

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

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2020



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1820
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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	August 23, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Reiner & Gerda Gerdes (L) 60th Anniversary
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Monday	August 24, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	August 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Archdiocesan Seminarians
Wednesday	August 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	August 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	August 28, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Dennis & Claire Magao ✠
Saturday	August 29, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Shirley Scheuer ✠
5:00 p.m.	J D'Souza Family ✠
Sunday	August 30, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Frankie Miller ✠



Do you want to be a better husband, father, a Catholic man, and help people and save lives? If interested, now is the time to join the Knights of Columbus. **Online Membership is free until August 31st.** Visit the website below and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020

Online Membership option: <http://www.kofc.org/un/apps/newjoin/en/registration/index.html>



Thinking about becoming Catholic or are you already Catholic and need to complete the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

If you are an adult seeking answers to questions about becoming Catholic, we invite you to journey with us in RCIA.

Join us on Tuesdays in the Saint Pio Room from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm, beginning in September, for the inquiry presentation sessions that allow opportunities to get answers to your questions and find out if this process is right for you. *(Due to COVID-19, we will meet in a classroom practicing social distancing with masks; there may also be online classes in the future)*

Please contact Kathy Roger for more information at 770-381-7488 ext. 222 / psr@ststephenthemartyr.info



2020-2021

REGISTRATION OPEN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

COVID19 has affected all aspects of our lives, which includes our Faith Formation Program at St. Stephen the Martyr. As the situation continually changes, we are planning both in-person and online options so we can switch back and forth as needed. In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, we are developing an interactive family-centered approach to catechize our children and strengthen our families. We will also offer Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

Registering now will help us better prepare for the upcoming year by knowing how many children to expect. We encourage you to fill out the registration forms online or in-person. Forms are available in the Narthex. If you visit us in-person, please wear a mask.

Sessions Beginning Sunday Sept. 13th

- Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- First Communion Preparation (2nd Grade & Up)
- LifeTeen (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)

Sessions Beginning Wednesday Sept. 16th

- EDGE (6th, 7th, 8th)

More information about times will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Roger at: psr@sstmcc.org or 770-381-7488 ext. 222

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20



We meet every Sunday from
9:40-10:50 a.m.

(in person & online options available)

If you are a parish teen in the 10th grade or above and are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete a registration form on the parish website or in the Narthex. Return it, along with a copy of a current baptismal certificate, to the Religious Ed office. Please contact Kathy Roger psr@sstmcc.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Weekend of August 16, 2020	2nd Collection: Outreach
Offertory \$ 5,592.00	Offertory \$ 940.00
Online Not Available	Online Not Available
Total \$ TBD	Total \$ TBD

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

<u>August 23, 2020</u>	<u>No Second Collection</u>
<u>August 30, 2020</u>	<u>No Second Collection</u>
<u>September 6, 2020</u>	<u>Property Maintenance & Enhance</u>
<u>September 13, 2020</u>	<u>Catholic University of America</u>

NEW FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Beginning this Fall, we will be offering a Family-based catechetical program called "Families Forming Disciples." The entire family is invited to participate together in monthly themed topics. Families will gather in live virtual groups lead by a catechist for 40-60 minutes twice a month. At least one parent must attend these sessions with their children. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evening or Sunday evening (determined by family preference).

This is what a typical month will look like:

- Week 1 – Online group session with families and a catechist: present topic materials and discuss.
- Week 2 – No online group session. Family works on activity given to them in Week 1.
- Week 3 – Online group session, with catechist, sharing family experience of past week.
- Week 4 – No group session.

This program is not meant to be an intense catechetical course and will not burden families with additional "schoolwork." Rather, it is intended to bring families together in prayer and conversation to strengthen their "Domestic Church." The monthly teachings will highlight the rich liturgical and sacramental life of the Church and provide a platform for each family to uniquely grow in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

<https://www.ststephenthemartyr.info/faith-formation/family-faith-formation>

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen the Martyr,

My name is Steven Shlapak and I will be with you for the coming year for my Pastoral Year as a part of my formation for the priesthood.



I grew up in Peachtree City on the south side of town, and my mother and father still attend Holy Trinity Catholic Church. I have an older sister and two younger brothers. Much of my extended family lives here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

I graduated from Starrs Mill High School in 2012. I studied Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech and graduated in May of 2016. In August of 2016 the Archdiocese of Atlanta sent me to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for my priestly formation. I have studied philosophy for 2 years and theology for 2 years. After my pastoral year I will return to Notre Dame Seminary for my last 2 years of seminary.

I had the chance to visit with Joe Wagner and Fr. Brian Lorei at the beginning of August, meet some of the parishioners and parish staff, and got acquainted with the parish. While restrictions due to the coronavirus may change some aspects of parish life, I hope to be able to help serve Masses, assist with RCIA, Life Teen, and other parish initiatives.

I look forward to meeting many of you during my time at St. Stephen the Martyr!

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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