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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

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Dcn. Rich Kren

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.)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless
each of you forgives his brother from his heart.

Matthew 18:35



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	September 13, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Matthew Giannakos ☩
Monday	September 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Willa McGarity (L)
Tuesday	September 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.	James Cronin ☩
Wednesday	September 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Hoyt Lively (L)
Thursday	September 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	September 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Barbara & Janet Spera ☩
Saturday	September 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Beatrice Frantisak ☩
5:00 p.m.	Priest Intentions
Sunday	September 20, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Mary & James Zaccarino ☩



*The altar flowers
this weekend were donated by*

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Bring a Breaking Bread Hymnal home with you



In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we're inviting parishioners to have their own personal copy to take home and bring to Mass each week.

Please sign up in the narthex
or email secretary@sstmcc.org
to receive your free copy.
(one copy per family)

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



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

**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, or have questions, 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 at 770-381-7488 ext. 222 / psr@ststephenthemartyr.info*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Weekend of Sept. 6, 2020		2nd Collection: P. M. & E	
Offertory	\$ 6,435.00	Offertory	\$ 6,532.00
On Line	\$ 6,680.00	On Line	\$ 3,903.00
Total	\$ 13,115.00	Total	\$ 10,435.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

September 13, 2020	Catholic University of America
September 20, 2020	Georgia Bulletin Subscription (suggested donation of \$25)
September 20, 2020	Local SvDP Collection after all Masses
September 27, 2020	Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul



Our second collection for the Georgia Bulletin is September 20, 2020.

At the Archbishop's request, all registered parishioners in the Archdiocese of Atlanta can receive *The Georgia Bulletin* in their homes. Parishes are assessed for those receiving the print edition of the newspaper, and parishioners are urged to support the work of *The Georgia Bulletin* with an annual donation of at least \$14 (the published price of a subscription). Catholics wishing to receive the newspaper should contact their parish office.

Last year we were charged \$4690 and we collected \$2299, which means we were \$2391 short, and had to make up the difference. Please consider a \$15-\$20 donation to cover your subscription and to possibly help a family who may not be able to pay this amount. Thank you.



Happy Grandparents Day!

*"Grandchildren are the crown
of the elderly."*

Proverbs 17:6



Beginning this Fall, we will be offering a family-based catechetical program called "Families Forming Disciples," developed by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The entire family, children K - grade 12 and parents, will 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 families are also given a related activity to be completed in their home each month. 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 mission 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. Additionally, the capability of implementing this model virtually allows us to provide faith formation this year as safely as possible.

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

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