



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor

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 OCTOBER 4, 2020





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	October 4, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Carole Wachsmann ☩
11:00 a.m.	Waldo Harrington ☩
Monday	October 5, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	October 6, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday	October 7, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Aaron Drolet ☩
Thursday	October 8, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	October 9, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Professor Paul Iheakaram ☩
Saturday	October 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Becky A. Fumei (L)
5:00 p.m.	Eva McGarity Ponder ☩
Sunday	October 11, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Tom & Beth McMurry ☩

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*

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@stsmcc.org

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.

A Prayer Before You VOTE

Prepare your hearts in advance as you go to vote in 2020 or in any election.

Eternal Father, bathe my heart in the Truth. Assist me in voting the way You would. Help me to decide according to Your Divine Will. Amen.



Please consider joining us as we peacefully pray in front of the Lawrenceville Planned Parenthood from Sept. 23rd–November 1st. We will pray on Tuesdays and Saturdays which are the days that Planned Parenthood does abortions. Contact us to let us know when you can stand with us and that will help us make sure the hours are filled.

Contact Brenda for information about praying on Tuesdays, at bjstoll@comcast.net or for Saturdays, contact Mary at maryfranceshayes@gmail.com

Rosary Rally, October 10th

Our Lady asked at Fatima that we pray the Rosary everyday and our prayers are needed today more than ever.

Sharon Nixon will lead a Rosary Rally: America Needs Fatima — Saturday, October 10th at 12 noon in front of Planned Parenthood; 798 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd. Lawrenceville. Please park across the street. *We will be praying for our nation, for the elections and for an end to abortion.*

We will follow necessary guidelines for COVID.



OCTOBER 4, 2020

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Weekend of Sept. 27, 2020		2nd Collection: Arch. SVdP	
Offertory	\$ 4,057.00	Offertory	\$ 859.00
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Total	\$ 7,655.00	Total	\$ 1,029.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

October 4, 2020	Property Maintenance & Enhancements
October 11, 2020	LifeTeen/EDGE
October 18, 2020	Church in Lat Am/Cent & East Europe
October 25, 2020	All Souls Novena

Notre Dame Academy is hosting an Open House on 11/8/20 from 1:00-3:00 pm
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Adoption – especially the adoption of a newborn baby – almost always involves a loving, excited couple who have dreamed for years of holding and caring for their own special treasure.

Do mothers considering abortion realize that families actually go on waiting lists to adopt newborn babies? Do they realize that some couples wait years to adopt the baby they've desperately waited to hold in their arms? Do mothers realize how many experienced parents with wisdom, resources, and plenty of love are reaching out to adopt another child - no matter his or her race, gender, or disability?

We need to let mothers know that they can handpick their babies' adoptive families. They can choose an open adoption, where they see their babies at certain times throughout the year. They can choose a partially open adoption, where they receive photos and updates about their children's lives. Or they can choose a closed adoption and give their babies completely over to their adoptive families. We must let expectant mothers know that adoption is the loving, caring option.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
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