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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.

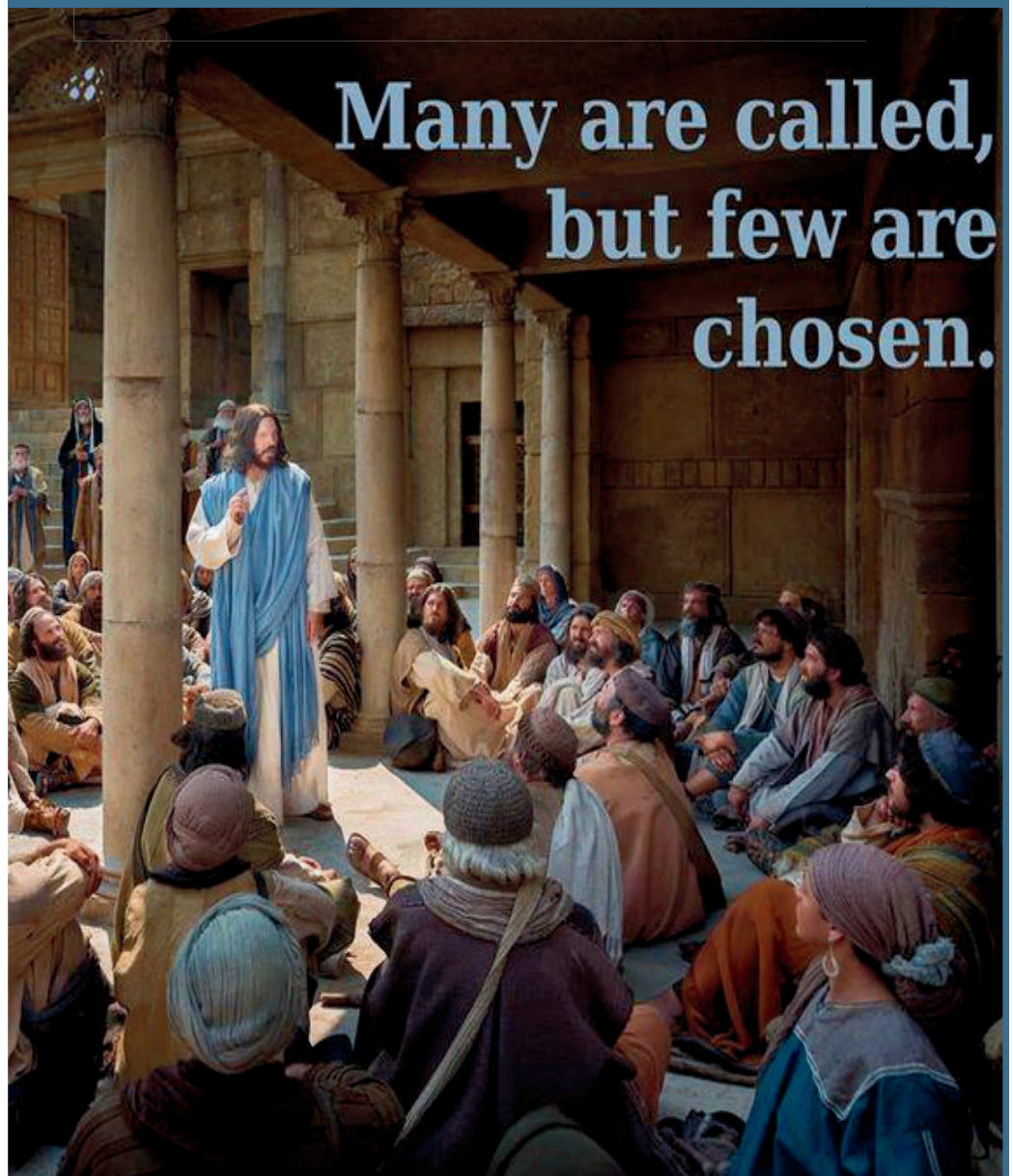
Office Hours

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 11, 2020



*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what
is the hope that belongs to our call.*



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 11, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Tom & Beth McMurry ☩
Monday	October 12, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls In Purgatory ☩
Tuesday	October 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Paul Turtle Jr. (L)
Wednesday	October 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Ray DuVarney ☩
Thursday	October 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	October 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.	John C. Donlon ☩
Saturday	October 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Sophie Zahn (L)
5:00 p.m.	Dr. Charles R. Stearns ☩
Sunday	October 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Michael Baumann ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)

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*



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

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.



PROCESSION OF HEARTS

UNITE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER TO CONSECRATE OUR CITIES AND STATES TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & SACRED HEART OF JESUS



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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.



TITHES & OFFERINGS

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE.

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Weekend of	Oct. 4, 2020	2nd Collection: P. M. & E.
Offertory	\$ 9,556.00	Offertory \$ 5,598.00
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Total	\$ 15,581.00	Total \$ 9,276.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

October 11, 2020	LifeTeen/EDGE
October 18, 2020	Church in Lat Am/Cent & East Europe
October 25, 2020	All Souls Novena
November 1, 2020	Property Maintenance & Enhancements

VOCATION DISCERNMENT MASS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, at 10 am

YOU ARE INVITED to this Mass located at the Borromeo House of Priestly Formation in Sandy Springs if you are a single man ages 18-30 who has a sense or desire to deepen your commitment as a disciple and would like to explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood.

Please register at <http://www.calledbychrist.com/discern2020>



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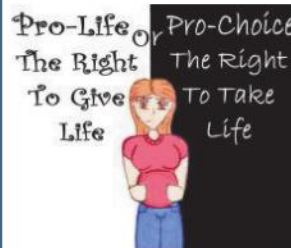
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"CHOOSE"

A Woman's Right to "Choose"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.



While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death---a live baby, or a dead one.

Consider this hypothetical situation. A group of young men have just started a "Right to Rape" organization. They argue that they have the right to choose to rape women. The real question, they tell us, is, "Who decides, us or the government? We believe that the government should stay out of this very private matter." Furthermore, they want the state to set up tax-funded centers where they can rape women in a safe, legal fashion.

Clearly, our response would be, "Absolutely not; rape is wrong!"

Note carefully that the real and overriding question is not, "who decides" but a question about the action itself. We must first ask ourselves, "Is rape right or wrong?" Only then can we answer the question of who has the right to choose to do it.

And so it is with abortion. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity.

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