



# St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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## Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

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Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

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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 18, 2020



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 13:47







## 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

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 18, 2020</b>     |
| 8:30 a.m.        | Michael Baumann ✙           |
| 11:00 a.m.       | People of the Parish (L)    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 19, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Gerald Soeiro ✙             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>October 20, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Maureen & Cecil Gonsalves ✙ |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>October 21, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Ray & Mary Ellen DuVarney ✙ |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>October 22, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Communion Service           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>October 23, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Walter & Nora Rabideau ✙    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>October 24, 2020</b>     |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Douglas Arthur Harrow ✙     |
| 5:00 p.m.        | People of the Parish (L)    |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 25, 2020</b>     |
| 8:30 a.m.        | Conversion of Hearts        |
| 11:00 a.m.       | Ken Evans (L)               |

## ELECTION PRAYER:

*Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations,*  
we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgment, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life — from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance property with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust".  
Amen



Please consider joining us as we peacefully pray in front of the Lawrenceville Planned Parenthood from Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>–November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:bjstoll@comcast.net) or for Saturdays, contact Mary at [maryfranceshayes@gmail.com](mailto: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



## ALL SAINTS DAY

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS  
DATE: SUNDAY, NOV 1ST, 2020 at 3:00 PM

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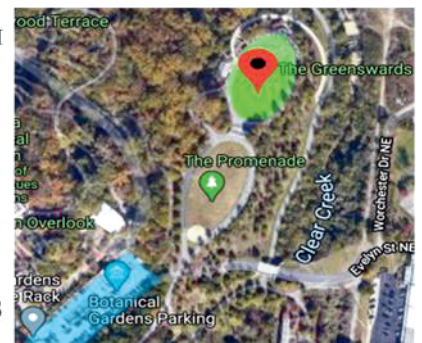
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OR ICONS OF YOUR SAINTS



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ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS  
ARE WELCOME



## 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

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| Weekend of   | Oct. 11, 2020       | 2nd Collec: LifeTeen/Edge |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Offertory    | \$ 7,493.00         | Offertory \$ 881.00       |
| On Line      | \$ 2,775.00         | On Line \$ 140.00         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 10,268.00</b> | <b>Total \$ 1,021.00</b>  |

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Current and Upcoming Second Collections

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 18, 2020 | Church in Lat Am/Cent & East Europe |
| October 25, 2020 | All Souls Novena                    |
| November 1, 2020 | Property Maintenance & Enhancements |
| November 8, 2020 | Archdiocesan Seminarians            |

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT MASS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 10:00 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:**

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**“You cannot legislate morality or force your religious views on others!”**

To say that laws cannot make an immoral person moral is correct. To say that we do not legislate morality is nonsense. Virtually every law is based on an idea of what is right or wrong.

Laws are not passed to control thought, but to control behavior. For example, we impose our morality on rapists. We do not care so much why rapists rape, or what their moral and religious views are, or the reason why rapists disrespect women. Rape is evil and when people want to do evil, it is clearly correct for the government to impose its morality on them. Similarly, pro-lifers do not care so much what people think about babies, as long as they do not kill them.

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Indeed, if laws should not be based on morality, what on earth should they be based on? The reality is that laws are based on our collective moral values and is the way society decides which activities it will and will not tolerate.

If we are going to reject a law simply because it is supported by religion, then we would have to abolish most laws. A person does not have to be especially religious to say that it is wrong to abort a child, any more than they would say it is wrong to steal money. Certain activities are unacceptable to civilized people regardless of religious beliefs. Abortion is one of those issues. In reality, abortion is a civil rights and a human rights issue.

Let us not forget that the black civil rights movement was dominated by pastors and was often headquartered in churches. That did not make civil rights a religious issue!

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