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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

Dcn. Rick Kaszycki

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.)

ASH WEDNESDAY



**A Clean Heart Create For Me, GOD;
Renew Within Me A Steadfast Spirit.**

Psalms 51:12





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	February 14, 2021
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Marian Plowkio ☩
Monday	February 15, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Gina Weinmann (L)
Tuesday	February 16, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Mountaineer Priests ☩
Wednesday	February 17, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Fumei ☩
7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory ☩
Thursday	February 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	February 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Claire Gidman (L)
Saturday	February 20, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Fr. John Paul ☩
5:00 p.m.	Oscar Lopez ☩
Sunday	February 21, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Richard Ferris ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)

OUR Joyful RETURN TO THE LORD
Isaiah 51:11

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

On an archdiocesan level, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal stands with you and your parish:

- In the sacraments, through ensuring the formation of our 50 seminarians and through supporting our 135 priests and 42 retired priests

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*The altar flowers
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Melissa's birthday.

Father Brian and the parish community of St. Stephen The Martyr wish to extend their deepest sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially: Ann Richardson, wife of Alan Richardson who passed away January 25th and Andy Hoeckele, husband of Barbara Hoeckele who passed away Thursday, February 4th.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS OPTIONS THIS LENT



- We encourage you to pray them privately anytime at your own pace - either indoors in the church or the outdoor stations in the lower parking lot.
- Every Friday at 5 pm in a group setting, socially distanced in the Church.

I am very grateful to all of our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign goal is \$8,700,000 and our parish goal is \$53,700. Every penny collected above our goal will be returned to the parish!

To learn more about the impact of our support to the Appeal, Visit archatl.com/appeal. You can donate online. A video of the appeal is also available online.

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COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE

**Unable To Give Your Offertory In Person?
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OR You can mail in your offertory gift to:

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Weekend of February 7, 2021		2nd Coll: Building Maint.	
Offertory	\$ 9,491.00	Offertory	\$ 5,248.00
On Line	\$ 4,996.00	On Line	\$ 3,525.00
Total	\$ 14,487.00	Total	\$ 8,773.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

February 14, 2021	No Second Collection
February 21, 2021	Black and Indian Missions
February 28, 2021	No Second Collection
March 7, 2021	Property Maintenance & Enhancements

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assistance, please contact the SVdP Help Line at 770-381-7488, ext. 251. If you can assist a couple of hours a month, please leave a message on the help line and you will be contacted.

You can mail your contribution to the church or do online giving using the **Miscellaneous** option and putting SVdP SSTM in the **Special Instruction**.



2020 Archdiocese Financial Annual Report is now available.

<https://archatl.com/offices/finance/annual-reports/annual-reports-archdiocese/>

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 noon in *Our Lady of Fatima* room. Please make arrangements for a babysitter as we do not provide babysitting services. **Please contact the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 during normal business hours or email secretary@sstmcc.org to register for the class** (to ensure that the class will be held on a particular date.)

Parents will need to select God-parents for their children 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February 17th

**9:00 am Mass AND
7:00 pm Mass**

ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATE

This year, because of the health situation caused by Covid-19, **priests are to sprinkle ashes on the heads of penitents instead of tracing a cross** on each person's forehead.

(Vatican News: Note From the Congregation for Divine Worship detailing how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes)

Instructions: After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" At that point, the note continues, the priest "cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places." He then sprinkles the ashes on each person's head "without saying anything."



This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign up today for free by visiting formed.org/lent!

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