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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday— 5 p.m. Vigil

Sunday— 8:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.

(Rosary after Mass)

*Thurs 9 a.m. Communion Service

Reconciliation

Every Saturday after the
9:00 a.m. Mass 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2017



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

So be perfect, just as your
heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48



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 19, 2017
8:30 a.m. Joe Altschuler ✕
11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)

Monday, February 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. Jack Kirby (L)

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
9:00 a.m. Bernard McGarity & Marjorie M. Jones ✕

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
9:00 a.m. Ann Zbinden ✕

Thursday, February 23, 2017
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Friday, February 24, 2017
9:00 a.m. Margaret Franzman ✕

Saturday, February 25, 2017
9:00 a.m. Malcolm Hotard ✕
5:00 p.m. Barbara Spera ✕

Sunday, February 26, 2017
8:30 a.m. Rebecca Fidero (L)
11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)



Come and join us for coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome.

The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by



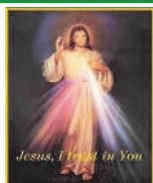
*William Pritchett
in loving memory of
Ann Pritchett,
Mother and friend
and by*

*Brian and Mary Darr
in celebration of
their anniversary*



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday of each month following the 9:00am Mass



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
also the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
All are welcome.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Stephen's every Tuesday
from 9:30am to 7:00pm
Evening Prayer at 4:30pm
and Benediction at 6:45pm

Bulletin Announcements and Room Reservations:
Please submit in writing to secretary@sstmcc.org

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday **Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday **The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday **Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**
Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18;
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED. That all who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



Join us every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30am for St. Stephen's Bible Study, as we study **The Book of Daniel**.

All are welcome.



New Winter/Spring Adult Faith Session Every Tuesday Evening

The Tuesday evening Adult Faith Program began on January 10, 2017 at 7:00-8:30 P.M. Study for this semester will be based on the new film and study program entitled "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron.

Contact Deacon Rick at r_kaz@msn.com for more information. **All are welcome.**



Charitable Gift Annuities give you extra income

The Catholic Foundation offers charitable gift annuities for parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations. If you are over 65, would like to receive additional income, need a tax deduction and at the same time would like to make a gift to your parish's endowment fund, a CGA may be the perfect answer. The rate of return you receive is based on your age and is set by the American Council on Gift Annuities. If you are 70, you would receive 5.1%; if you are 80, you would receive 6.8%. For a personal illustration on how a CGA would work for you, please contact The Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.

FEBRUARY 19, 2017



Offerings

On-line giving is available through our website
www.ststephenthemartyr.info



February 11 & 12, 2017

Offertory \$10,091.02

Online \$ 1,235.50

\$11,326.52

Second Collection

Parish Outreach \$1,551.00

Online \$ 100.00

\$1,651.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$13,583.00

Future Second Collections

February 19, SVdP will be collecting after all the Masses

February 19, No Second Collection

February 26, No Second Collection



The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is underway and coming to St. Stephen the Martyr!

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim

Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. St. Stephen the Martyr is hosting the tour on Friday March 3, 2017 from 12 noon-8:30pm. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!

Contact Sharon Nixon at 770-925-7358 for more information.

Learn more about the tour and the statue at

www.fatimatourforpeace.com.



Looking for something special to do this Lent? Please consider signing up to pray for an hour in front of the Lawrenceville Planned Parenthood on one or more Saturdays this Lent. Saturdays are abortion days there, so

prayer is greatly needed. We have found out that some women have changed their minds about having an abortion when they saw people peacefully praying in front of the abortion facility. Your presence and prayers could save an innocent life! There will be signups and more information on Feb. 25-26th after all Masses at St. Stephen's.



In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend, March 3rd – 5th program for couples, contact: Zack & Heather @ 317-691-2258 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

The Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Savannah invite Georgia Catholics to the State Capital in Atlanta on Tuesday February 21, 2017 from 8:00am-1:00pm for **Catholic Day at the Capital**. The day will start with a legislative briefing at 8:30am at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SW, Atlanta GA 30303. We will walk together to the Capital to view the opening of the session and meet your legislators. Lunch will be provided. The event is free, but **registration is required** so that we can communicate last minute changes.

To register for this event, please visit

<http://archatl.com/events/2017-catholic-day-capital/>.

For more information, please call 404-920-7340 or email

communications@archatl.com.

Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools is hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Chancery in Smyrna from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Teaching positions in Grades PK (4) – 12 may be available for the upcoming school year. Principals from our 18 Archdiocesan Catholic Schools, Marist School, Holy Spirit Preparatory School, Pinecrest Academy and Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School will be present. Qualified candidates should bring multiple copies of resumes to share with schools to which they are interested in applying. For directions to the Chancery please visit www.archatl.com/education/ocs/contact.html.

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 for a couple of hours a month, please come to one of our meetings held the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 14, 2017 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on February 18 & 19.

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 babysitting 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 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 for their child.

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