



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor
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Deacons
Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
Deacon Michael Mobley
Deacon Rick Kaszycki

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 MARCH 5, 2017



St. Stephen's Parish LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday March 9th
7:00 P.M.

*Prepare for the Easter Season by celebrating the
Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent!*

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, March 5, 2017
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m. Joey Cruthers ☩

Monday, March 6, 2017
9:00 a.m. Catherine Thouvenot ☩

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
9:00 a.m. Msgr. Leo Herbert (L)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
9:00 a.m. Bob Fister ☩

Thursday, March 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

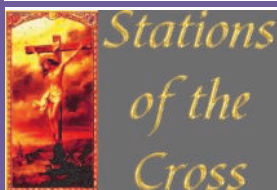
Friday, March 10, 2017
9:00 a.m. Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy (L)
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11, 2017
9:00 a.m. Manuel Martinez ☩
5:00 p.m. Don Davisson ☩

Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m. Douglas Harrow ☩

R.C.I.A.

Please pray for our Candidates and Catechumens as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at Easter

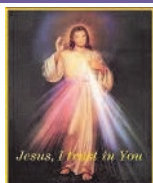


Every Friday during Lent
March 3-April 7
5:00pm & 7:30pm



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 March 5, 2017

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday
Tuesday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Saint John of God, Religious
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday
Saturday
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



MARCH PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

SUPPORT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Volunteers are needed from our Parish to assist with cooking, serving, providing cup cakes or cookies, any way you may wish to be involved, you are welcome.

Please contact us at

kccouncil14122sstm@yahoo.com

All Are Welcome



Normally on Fridays during Lent, we are obligated to abstain from all meat.



However, this year as St. Patrick's day falls on a Friday in Lent, Archbishop Gregory has granted a special **Dispensation** from the Discipline of Abstinence on March 17, 2017.

Enjoy your Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Sowing the Seeds of Hope:

The Plight of Refugees and Migrants

The next Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering will take place on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30305 (phone: 404-233-2145). His Excellency, the Most Reverend Wilton Gregory, Catholic Archbishop of Atlanta and His Eminence Alexios, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Atlanta will officiate. The Keynote Speaker will be Deacon Steve Swope of Catholic Relief Services.

MARCH 5, 2017



Offerings

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



February 25 & 26, 2017

Offertory \$11,308.04

Online \$ 2,375.50

\$13,683.54

Second Collection
No Second Collection

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

Future Second Collections

March 5, Debt Reduction

March 12, Black and Indian Missions

March 19, SVdP will be collecting after all the Masses

March 19, Catholic Relief Services

March 26, Easter Flowers

*The
Season
of
Lent*



LENTEN GUIDELINES

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In order to see that our preparation for Easter has a communal, and not just an individual dimension, the Church gives us certain norms for a common Lenten observance.

The Lenten guidelines for the Archdiocese of Atlanta are as follows:

- **Abstinence from meat** is observed on Ash Wednesday (Mar 1), Good Friday (April 14) and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

During the season of Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. Let us all pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter Sacraments with us this year. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ with one another.

Forever Young...

Senior Adult Group

There will not be any official meetings of this group during Lent. However, we have

arranged for a March 10th luncheon at Red Lobster, located on Hwy 78. Plan on being there between 11:30am and 12 noon if interested. Each member is responsible for their meal. Our next official meeting will be in May.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Dr. Alveda King

**"Protecting Innocent Life:
Keeping the Dream Alive with
the New Civil Rights Movement"**

All are welcome to this presentation by Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She is the Pastoral Associate for Priests for Life and the Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn. The event will be Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30pm at St. John Neumann, 801 Tom Smith Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047.



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!

For more information contact Brenda Stoll at

bjstoll@earthlink.net

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 March 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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