



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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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 3, 2021



“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life



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 3, 2021
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Norma & Rafael Cintron ☩
Monday	October 4, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Dick Whitcomb (L)
Tuesday	October 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Kellogg ☩
Wednesday	October 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Protection of the Unborn
Thursday	October 7, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	October 8, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Alan Richardson ☩
Saturday	October 9, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Dolores Messier (L)
5:00 p.m.	Giang Ngo ☩
Sunday	October 10, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Sam Nader ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)



*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart
is the heart of a Mother."*
St. Therese of the Child of Jesus



Lilburn Co-op serves families in our area needing food during this time. Their pantry shelves are low. In addition to financial contributions, donated goods go a long ways toward helping us provide assistance to our Gwinnett neighbors who really need it.

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| • Ground Beef | • Mac-n-Cheese |
| • Turkey | • Hamburger Helper |
| • Toilet Paper | • Shampoo |
| • Hot Dogs | • Toilet Paper |
| • Bacon | • Paper Towels |
| • Pancake Mix | • Body Wash |

Can you help feed needy families?

ITEMS IN MOST NEED

**Please bring your food pantry donations
directly to the Lilburn Co-op.**

5329 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lilburn
Bring donations Mon.— Sat. 2pm - 5pm



Please consider joining us as we peacefully pray in front of the Lawrenceville Planned Parenthood from Sept. 22nd –October 31st. We will pray every Tuesday from 7am to 6pm and every Saturday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Planned Parenthood is located at 798 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Suite 300, Lawrenceville, GA. Contact Tom at thomashblack@aol.com

Respect Life Sunday

Each year, the first Sunday of October is designated: "Respect Life Sunday", when we are asked to re-commit ourselves to promoting the culture of LIFE. It is a good time to ask ourselves whether we are good witnesses to the respect we are called to have for all human life, from conception to natural death. This is challenging because we are members of a society in which there is tremendous pressure to limit our love and ignore the sacredness of human life. We live in a violent society that sees violence and death by abortion, euthanasia, suicide and capital punishment as a solution to many of our personal and societal "problems". And many of these attitudes are enshrined in our law and culture, leading to more violence, manifested in spousal and child abuse, the gang culture and so on.

On this Respect Life Sunday, we should pray hard for our legislators, for those mothers who feel forced to choose abortion and for those who provide and promote abortion. But we must also look at ourselves. Do we speak up for the innocent abortion victims? Do we promote pro-life values? Do we vote for pro-life politicians? Do we do anything tangible to protect the unborn? We can definitely help change our society to become a culture of LIFE, but we must be active, informed and faithful witnesses.



LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful, silent witness to the sanctity of human life. It is appropriate for the whole family and will be on October 3, 2021 from 2pm to 3pm around the old courthouse in downtown Lawrenceville (Crogan and Perry Streets). Signs are provided.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE.

**Unable To Give Your Offertory In Person?
Consider Using Our On-line Giving Portal**

www.ststephenthemartyr.info/giving/online-giving

OR, You can mail your offertory gift to:

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Weekend of Sept. 26, 2021	Archdiocesan St. VdePaul
Offertory \$ 6888.00	Offertory \$ 860.00
On Line \$ 3369.00	On Line \$ 250.00
Total \$ 10,257.00	Total \$ 1110.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

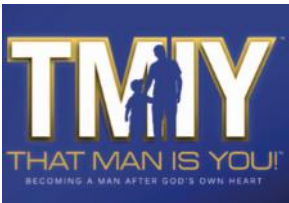
October 3, 2021	Property Maint. & Enhancements
October 10, 2021	No Second Collection
October 17, 2021	Retirement Fund for the Religious
October 24, 2021	World Missions

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**.



All Things New

Fall Session Meets
Every Saturday Morning
7:30 - 9:00 am

(Breakfast snacks will be served)

Saturdays Sept. 18 - Nov. 20

Featuring 6 Dynamic Presenters

Attention Men: *That Man Is You* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

www.thatmanisyou.org

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 pre-register for the class with the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 during normal business hours or email secretary@sstmcc.org (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.

We Grieve With You. New human life is fragile; one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage, still birth or infant loss. The grief experienced by mothers, fathers and families that comes from this type of loss is many times unseen and unappreciated by their brothers and sisters in Christ.



If you have experienced such a loss, please know that the prayers of the Saint Stephen the Martyr family are with you.

In your loss, there is help through the **All Embrace Ministry of Atlanta** which surrounds families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss with support in their times of need. www.allembrace.com

Married Couples:

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy, learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter on **Nov 5-7. This will be in-person and space is limited.** You can get more information or apply online at wwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 9:30am to 6:45pm
Evening Prayer at 4:30pm and
Benediction at 6:30pm

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Manahan Painting & Remolding