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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 26, 2017

Then Jesus said,
“I came into this world
for judgment, so that
those who do not see
might see, and those
who do see might
become blind.”

John 9:39

Fourth Sunday of 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 26, 2017
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Fionnuala Barrett ✠

Monday, March 27, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Jena and Richard Dion (L)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Manuel Martinez ✠

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Mary Alice Hotard ✠

Thursday, March 30, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Friday, March 31, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Barbara Spera ✠
 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Linda Arterburn ✠
 5:00 p.m. Steve Whitney ✠

Sunday, March 26, 2017
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Mary and Hartley Black ✠



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

The Season of Lent



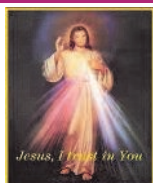
During the season of Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. Let us all pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter

Sacraments with us this year. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ with one another.



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 26, 2017

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday
 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

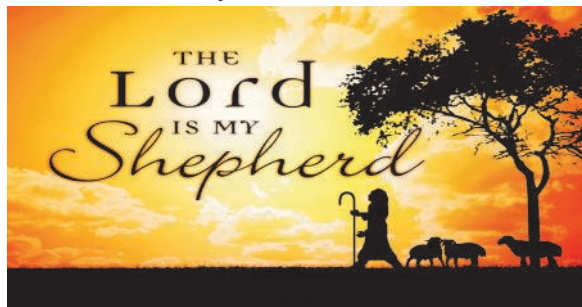
Wednesday
 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
 Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
 Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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

WIN A FREE DINNER **Winning Ticket Number for a free** **Lenten Fish Fry Dinner**

Week 1	5284117	Week 2	5284030
Week 3	5284081	Week 4	
Week 5		Week 6	

Save your tickets week to week and check to see if you are a lucky winner!

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2017

Mary Our Queen	Mon. March 27	7:00pm
St. Oliver	Thurs. March 30	7:00pm
St. Patrick	Tues. April 4	7:00pm

MARCH 26, 2017



Offerings

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



March 18 & 19 2017

Offertory \$11,511.07
Online \$2,035.50
\$13,546.57

Second Collection

Catholic Relief Services \$1,340.00

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

Future Second Collections

March 26, Easter Flowers

April 2, Debt Reduction

April 9, Holy Land

April 16, Archdiocesan Seminarians

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to his message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.

Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

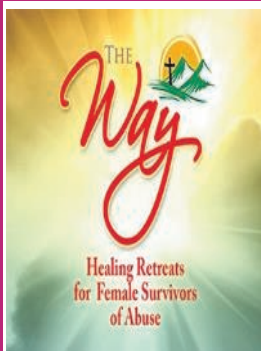
St. John Neumann Catholic Church Lenten Mission Week
Sunday March 26th thru Thursday March 30th
7:00-8:00pm each night



Fr. Bill Casey, C.P.M.
from The Fathers of Mercy,
Will present

"GOOD NEWS"
For Hard Times

Child Care available, Benediction each night, Catholic Gift Shop, and Confessions after each session. Don't miss a minute of this Wisdom and opportunity for Spiritual Renewal.



The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program on May 5-7, 2017 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. Registration deadline is May 1, 2017. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

STOP AND THINK About How You Spend Your Time!



For most of us our priorities are our children, our jobs, career, leisure and God. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You deserve to learn how to make the most of your time and relationship. Make time to enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for April 21-23 and June 9-11 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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



A gift that anyone can make:

After all bequests have been made in a will, I have found in working with estates that there is always something left no one wants. Did you know you can have the remainder of your estate sold and the proceeds go to the parish? Please consider making a codicil to your will stating the remainder of your estate is sold and goes to the parish. The Catholic Foundation can facilitate this for you and your loved ones. If you would like more information please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org.

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 April 11, 2017 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on April 22 & 23.

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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