



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

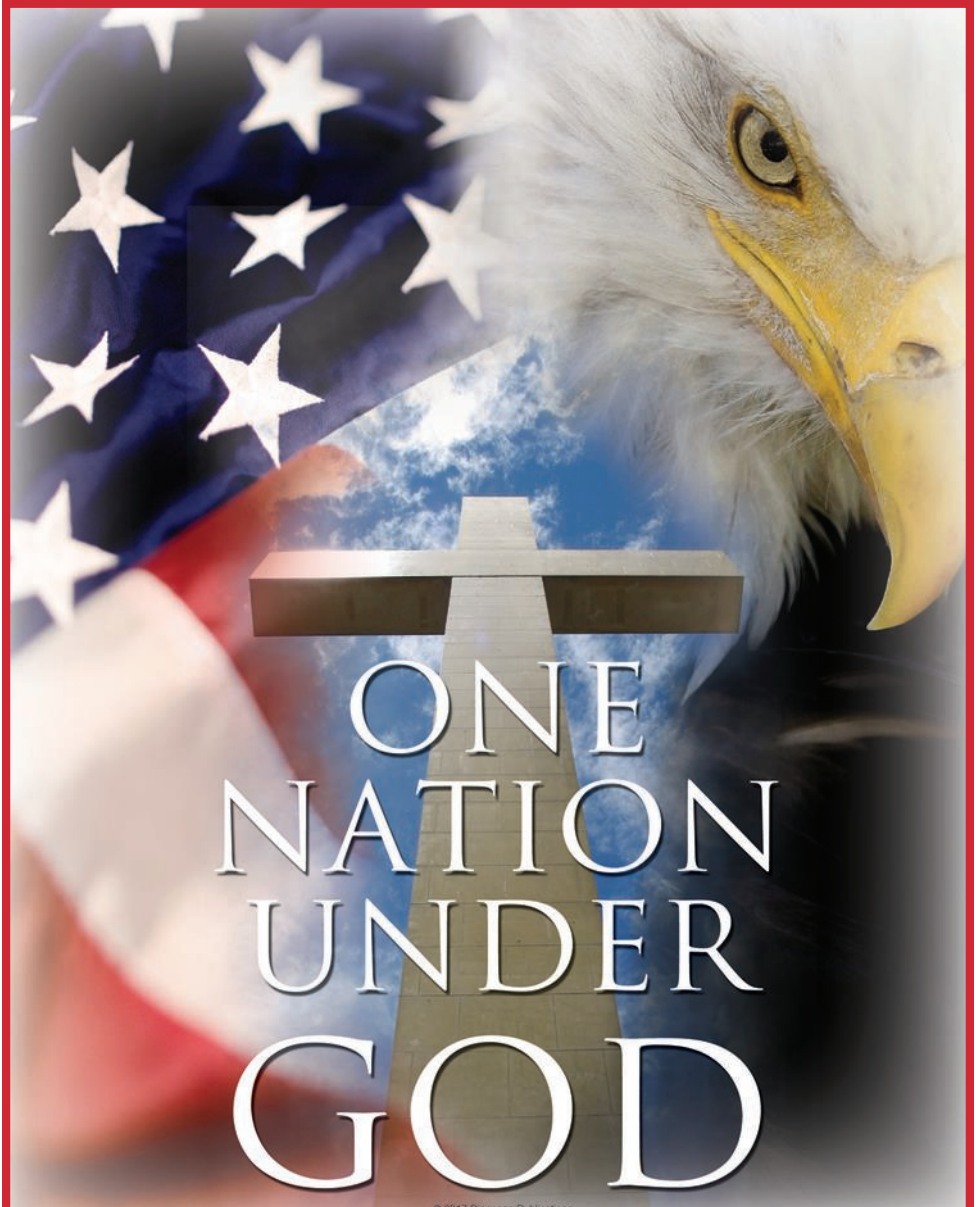
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)**

SUNDAY JULY 2, 2017



**Happy the nation whose God is the
Lord, the people chosen for His
very own. Psalm 33:12**

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, July 2, 2017
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Regina Mona ✠

Monday, July 3, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Finka Lazarevic (L)

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 *
 9:00 a.m. For Our Country

Wednesday, July 5, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Agnelo Fernandes ✠

Thursday, July 6, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

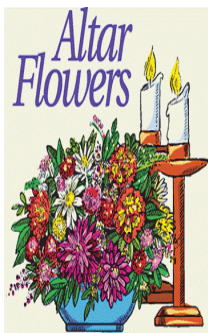
Friday, July 7, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Denis and Catherine Azih ✠

Saturday, July 8, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Susan Altschuler ✠
 5:00 p.m. Linda DiPauli ✠

Sunday, July 9, 2017
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. Milagros Lim Lopez ✠

*** Due to the Independence Day Holiday, there will be no Eucharistic Exposition on Tuesday July 4. The Parish Office will be closed. However, the Church will be open during the day to spend time with Jesus, present in the Tabernacle. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Fr. Brian and the Parish Staff wish everyone a safe and blessed Independence Day.**

The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by



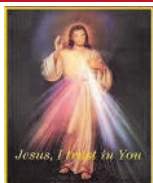
*BJ Reisinger
 in loving memory of
 David Dufour*

and by

*Chuck and Marianne Dudley
 in loving memory of
 Marianne's mother, Catherine Tress,
 on the anniversary of her birthday,
 July 4.*



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



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.

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

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19;
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday Saint Thomas, Apostle
 Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
 Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a,
 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;
 Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



JULY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



Religious freedom is a fundamental right. It means that the government cannot coerce people into acting against their consciences. This is important for all people, not just people of faith. A government that makes one group choose obedience to the state over obedience to faith and conscience can force any group to submit to the state's demands. Religious freedom underlies all other freedoms for everyone.

Authentic Pluralism. A pluralistic society makes space for people who hold views that run counter to the mainstream. Religious groups, and groups formed around a particular set of principles, need to be able to express their views with integrity. Should an animal rights organization be required by law to hire a member of a hunting association? Of course not. Then, for example, neither should a religious organization be required to hire people who oppose the teachings of that religion. It is crucial that our society not adopt the view that all groups – least of all religious groups -- must conform to one view. True freedom results in a diversity that strengthens, rather than weakens, society. (www.usccb.org)



Offerings

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



June 24 & 25, 2017
Offertory \$8,934.00
Online \$1,981.50
\$10,915.50

Second Collection
No Second Collection

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

Future Second Collections

July 2, Debt Reduction

July 9, Peter's Pence

July 16, SVdP will be collecting after all Masses

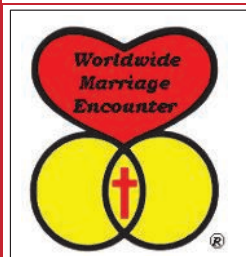
July 16, Archdiocese for the Military Services

July 23, No Second Collection



While you are having a wonderful
vacation and enjoying your friends
and loved ones please don't forget St.
Stephens! Consider setting up your
on-line giving today! If you need help
getting started, please call the Parish
Office. Regretfully, each year our

offertory goes down during the summer months.
Please remember your parish!



MARRIED COUPLES

Stress Proof Your Family! Go on
a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend. The Marriage Encounter
Weekend is 44 hours where married
couples can get away from jobs, kids,
chores, and phonesand focus on

each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and
enrichment in your relationship you'll like the difference
a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make.

The next Weekends are scheduled for July 28-30 and
Sep 15-17 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners.

You can get more information or apply online at
GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.



Quo Vadis, Where Are You Going? is a retreat
for high school men sponsored by the Office of
Vocations that will be held July 23-25, 2017 at Camp
Gideon in Acworth, GA. The retreat is open to rising
10th grade through graduating senior students.

For more information, please contact the
Office of Vocations at 404-920-7460
or vocationsatl@archatl.com.

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 July 11,
2017 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting
donations after all the Masses on July 15 & 16.

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 arrange-
ments 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.



Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Second Collection July 15 & 16

The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the
sacraments—and the re-affirming Word of Christ—to the
men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA
Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government
beyond US borders, and the families of these populations. To
provide these services they need your help.

The AMS receives no federal funding.

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