



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
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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 NOVEMBER 27, 2016



St. Stephen's Parish
ADVENT PENANCE
SERVICE
Wednesday Nov. 30
7:00 P.M.

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the
Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

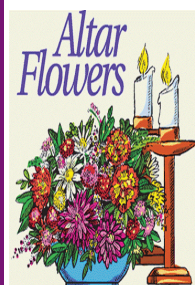
We the people of God of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, united in One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism celebrate and are nourished and sustained by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and in His Holy word. Brought together by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit we fulfill His command to go into the 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, November 27, 2016
 8:30 a.m. Barbara Spera ☩
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Monday, November 28, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Jim and Willa McGarity (L)
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Connie and Adaora Adibe (L)
Wednesday, November 30, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Denis and Catherine Azih ☩
 7:00 p.m. **Advent Penance Service**
Thursday, December 1, 2016
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, December 2, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory ☩
Saturday, December 3, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Delmar Thouvenot ☩
 5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, December 4, 2016
 8:30 a.m. Fr. Edward O'Connor ☩
 11:00 a.m. Maria Tuyet Nguyen ☩



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

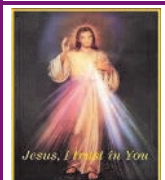


The Altar Flowers sign up sheets for 2017 are now available. They are on the Events Bulletin Board located on the wall next to the Parish Office door.



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 November 27, 2016

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
 Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday
 Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday
 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Saint Andrew, Apostle
 Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday
 Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday
 Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

COUNTRIES RECEIVING REFUGEES. That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

COLLABORATION OF PRIESTS & LAITY.

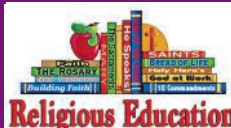
That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.



St. Stephen's Christmas Angel Tree helps families in need at Christmas time. Please consider taking a Christmas Angel from the tree and help bring joy to a family in need. Please return each wrapped gift, with the angel attached to the gift, to the Church no later than Wednesday Dec. 14 by 4:30pm.

EVENTS BULLETIN BOARD

Please visit our Events Bulletin Board located on the wall next to the Parish Office door. When we don't have enough space to put all of the announcements we receive from various parishes in our bulletin, we will post them on the Events board.



There will not be any Religious Ed classes on Sunday November 27. Also there will not be an EDGE class on Wednesday Night November 30, due to the Advent Penance Service.

No Life Teen on Sunday November 27

NOVEMBER 27, 2016



Offerings

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



Due to the early printing of this bulletin, the Offertory for Nov. 20 will be posted on Dec 4.

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

November 27, Catholic Charities

December 4, Debt Reduction

December 11, Christmas Food Baskets for the Needy

December 18, Christmas Altar Flowers Offering

December 25, Christmas Offering

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.
Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

The Office of Catholic Schools seeks your participation in an online survey regarding the perceptions of Catholic Schools and the services they currently offer. Please consider completing this survey which will be the basis of the strategic plan for Catholic Schools in our archdiocese for the next five years.

To complete the survey in English, please visit
<http://www.aiocs.com/educationsurvey/>

To complete the survey in Spanish, please visit
<http://www.aiocs.com/educationsurveysp/>

The Office of Catholic Schools is grateful for all responses.

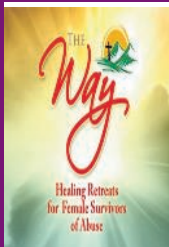
There are also paper surveys in the Narthex.



Singers for the Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christmas pageant is fast approaching. It will be at the Children's Liturgy on Christmas EVE at 4:00pm, with practices on Sunday Dec. 18 at 9:45am and Monday Dec. 19 at 6pm. If you have a child interested in singing a small part

alone or in a very small group and can make ALL three of the listed events- please reach out to me at angellebuckley@yahoo.com and I'll arrange an audition on an upcoming Sunday morning at church. Remember all school aged kids can participate from age 3 (baby angels) to 18! Thanks! Angelle.



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. It will be held December 9-11, 2016 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The Registration deadline is December 2, 2016. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or stubbs@archatl.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
Isaiah 61:10**

As we rejoice this Advent in the coming of the Savior, we can plan how to share that joy with others. Now there is a simple way to plan your Will online. As you plan caring for your family when you are gone, remember to include the parish endowment fund in these plans. Create your Catholic Legacy by going to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on *Plan Your Will*. If you have any questions, please call Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or email jgreco@cfnga.org

900 REASONS TO SUPPORT GRACE



That's the number of Georgia Catholic school students receiving tuition Assistance from GRACE Scholars. Without GRACE support these deserving children and youth would not have the choice of a Catholic education. You can help with a contribution which is eligible for a 100 percent tax credit against Georgia income taxes. Want to know more? Contact:

Diane Beal,

St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School
dbeal@sjnrccs.org or 770-381-0557

or

GRACE Scholars

gracescholars@gracescholars.org or 404-920-7900.

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 December 13, 2016 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on December 17 & 18.

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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