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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 DECEMBER 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

**The Lord will come
to save the nations.**
Entrance Antiphon

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, December 4, 2016
 8:30 a.m. Fr. Edward O'Connor ✕
 11:00 a.m. Maria Tuyet Nguyen ✕
Monday, December 5, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Michelle Hammer Daniels ✕
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Denis and Catherine Azih ✕
Wednesday, November 7, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Agnes Peace ✕
 7:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Kieran ✕
Thursday, December 8, 2016 (Immaculate Conception)
 9:00 a.m. Ruth Laing ✕
Friday, December 9, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Richard Ferris ✕
Saturday, December 10, 2016
 9:00 a.m. Rosemarie Sapp (L)
 5:00 p.m. Maria Kowalczyk ✕
Sunday, December 11, 2016
 8:30 a.m. Joseph Podhurek ✕
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)



Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday December 7

Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

Holy Hour and Rosary

8:00-9:00 PM

Thursday December 8,

Mass 9:00 AM

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

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
Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop
 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
 Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
 Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
 Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

END TO CHILD SOLDIERS. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

EUROPE. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



St. Stephen's Christmas Angel Tree helps families in need at Christmas time. If you selected a Christmas Angel from the tree, please return each wrapped gift, with the angel attached to the gift, to the Church no later than

Wednesday Dec. 14 by 4:30pm.

Volunteers needed on Friday December 16 to help sort the gifts from the Angel Tree. We will begin promptly at 6:00pm. Also need volunteers on Saturday morning December 17, from 10:00am to 12 noon, to help bring the gifts to the cars. No need to sign up, just show up. Thanks in advance for your help.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday of each month following the 9:00am Mass



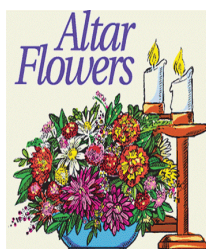
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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



The Altar Flowers Calendar for 2017 is now available on the Events Board next to the Parish Office. If you would like to purchase the Altar Flowers in memory of, to honor someone, or to celebrate a life event, please sign up on the weekend of your choice.

The cost is \$60 per arrangement.

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

DECEMBER 4, 2016



Offerings

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



November 19 & 20 2016

Offertory \$8,122.05
Online \$ 950.00
\$9,072.05

Second Collection

Retirement Fund \$2,003.00

November 26 & 27, 2016

Offertory \$8,752.06
Online \$1,801.00
\$10,553.06

Catholic Charities \$1,335.00

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

Future Second Collections

December 4, Debt Reduction

December 11, Christmas Food Baskets for the Needy

December 18, Christmas Altar Flowers Offering

December 25, Christmas Offering

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Once you register, you will have your own personal **FORMED** account and you will not need to use the Access Code. Simply Login from the **LOGIN** Icon on the top right of the page.

OTHER LOCAL PENANCE SERVICES

Monday December 5th, Mary Our Queen 7:00 PM
Wednesday December 7th, Christ Our Hope 7:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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.

Forever Young...
Senior Adult Group

Our next meeting will be held this Friday, December 9, 2016. Lunch will be served at approximately 12:00 noon and will be catered by our members. Some form of entertainment is being considered for this session, so please make every effort to attend. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

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

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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