



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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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**

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 29, 2017

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030)



All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, November 1, Masses 9 a.m., 7 p.m.

All Souls Day
Thursday, November 2, Mass 9a.m.

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 29, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Mary Blankenship ✠
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Monday, October 30, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Barbara Schofield ✠
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Barbara Spera ✠
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 All Saints Day
 9:00 a.m. Evelyn Marrano ✠
 7:00 p.m. Marygene Bittner ✠
Thursday, November 2, 2017 All Souls Day
 9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena
Friday, November 3, 2017
 9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena
Saturday, November 4, 2017
 9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena (L)
 5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, November 5, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ty Lively (L)
 11:00 a.m. All Souls Novena

Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017

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Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;
 I Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Monday Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday All Saints
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
 I Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed /All Souls' Day
 Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
 Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
 Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15,
 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3;
 I Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



All Souls Day Novena of Nine Masses
 November 2-10, 2017.
 Commemorate the memory of your loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

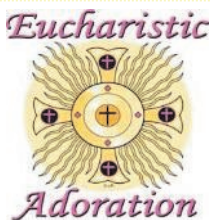


The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by David and Sandra Billish in celebration of their 58th Wedding Anniversary.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register now for the 2017-2018 Confirmation Classes are now in session every Sunday in the St. Pio room from 9:30am-11:00am.



If you are a parish teen in the 10th grade and are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill out a registration form located at the Information Center in the Narthex and return it, along with a copy of your baptismal certificate, to the Religious Ed office. Contact Deacon Mike at 770-381-7488 x222 for more information.



Honor a Loved One and Help the Parish

November 2nd, we celebrate All Souls Day. To remember your loved one, you can create an endowment fund in honor of or in memory of someone special in your life and name the parish as the beneficiary. It only takes \$5,000 to start a fund, and then you can add to it each year. When the fund reaches \$25,000, distributions will be made to the parish annually. This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, receive a tax deduction, and benefit the parish now and forever. Please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia 404-497-9440



Offerings

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



October 21 & 22, 2017

Offertory \$7,914.00

Online \$1,300.50

\$ 9,214.50

Second Collection

Latin Am/World Missions \$1,164.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

Future Second Collections

November 5, Debt Reduction

November 12, Food Baskets for the Needy

November 19, Campaign for Human Development

November 19, SVdP will be collecting after Mass

November 26, Catholic Charities—Hurricane Relief

MASS COUNTS

Each year, in October, the Archdiocese of Atlanta requests that all parishes and missions conduct a representative count of the number of people who attend Mass. The Archdiocese uses this information to help identify trends. If you have noticed the Ushers walking around with a piece of paper during the homily, don't be alarmed, they are just counting the number in attendance.

Here are the numbers of people in attendance:

Mass	Oct 7-8	Oct 14-15	Oct 21-22
5:00PM	219	219	224
8:30AM	227	242	199
11:00AM	264	313	293



The Family Promise Network Program brings shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes through a network of local congregations. By living our faith through actions, St. Stephen the Martyr parish is making a difference in the lives of homeless families right here in Gwinnett County. For more information about this ministry, please call Mark and Joanné Zoghby at 770-381-9595.

St. Pius X Catholic High School

Open House Sunday, November 5, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Open House will feature presentations by President Barwick, Principal Spellman, and Director of Admissions Parr at 1:00, 1:45, and 3:00 p.m. In addition to campus tours offered by the Student Ambassadors, you will have an opportunity to enjoy fine arts performances and view academic and athletic profiles.

Open House is designed for prospective students, their families, and those in the Catholic community who wish to become familiar with the Catholic mission at St. Pius X.

St. Pius X is located at 2674 Johnson Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30345



St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **5th Sunday Rosary** on Sunday October 29, 2017, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.



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 Nov. 14 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on November 18-19.

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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