



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Permanent Deacons
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**

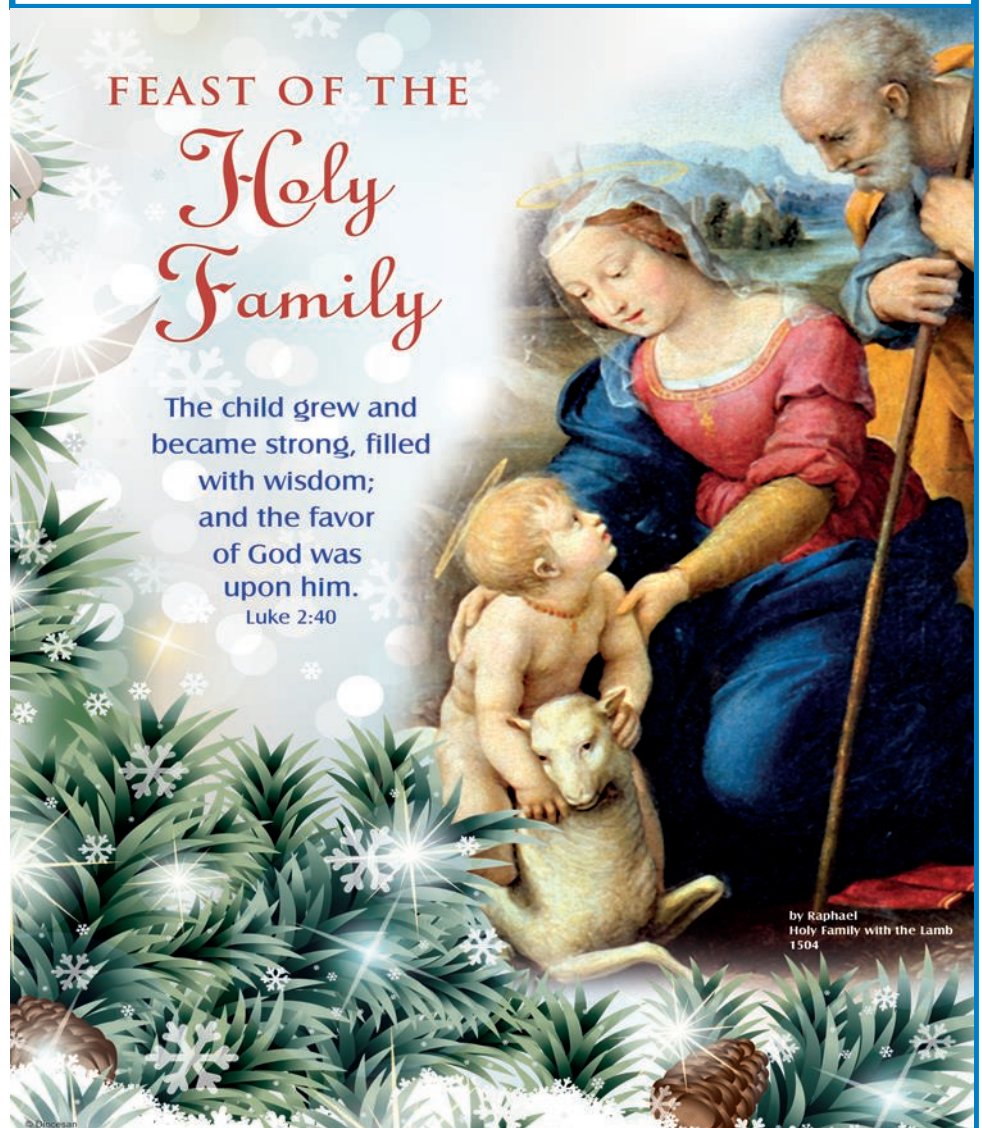
Confessions
Saturdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
or by appointment.

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 DECEMBER 31, 2017



NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday, January 1, 2018
10:00 AM Mass
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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 31, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Barbara Spera ☩
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1, 2018
 10:00 a.m. Mark Schrader ☩
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Patricia Gobel ☩
Wednesday, January 3, 2018
 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
Thursday, January 4, 2018
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, January 5, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Ravi Iyer ☩
Saturday, January 6, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Harold Gould ☩
 5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, January 7, 2018
 8:30 a.m. Robert Messier ☩
 11:00 a.m. Ken Sharp (L)

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
Monday Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 I Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton, Religious
 I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday Saint John Neumann, Bishop
 I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday Saint André Bessette
 I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



The Parish Office will be closed Mon. Jan. 1, 2018 in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday. Fr. Brian and the Parish staff wish everyone a Blessed New Year.



Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

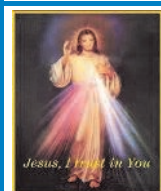
Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



The Altar Flowers Sign Up sheets for 2018 are available on the Events board next to the parish office. The cost of each arrangement is \$60.



St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **5th Sunday Rosary** on Sunday December 31, 2017, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.



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.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

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

VIRTUS

Archdiocesan Protecting God's Children Adult Training Session
Saturday January 27, 2018 10:00am-1:00pm
at St. John Neuman, Lilburn
You Must Register for the class at VIRTUS.org

This is required if you are planning to volunteer at any church ministry/function which involves children and/or vulnerable adults and you have not completed the Safe Environment Class within the last five years. If you don't have a computer or if you have questions and need assistance call Deacon Mike at 770-381-7488 Ext. 222.

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

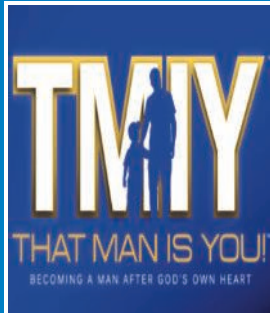


Due to the early printing of the bulletin, the Offertory for Christmas and New Year's weekends will be posted in the January 7 bulletin.

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

Future Second Collections
December 31, No Second Collection
January 7, Debt Reduction
January 14, Parish Outreach

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



THAT MAN IS YOU!
Revelation of the Father
Winter/Spring Session
Meets
Every Saturday Morning
7:30AM-9:00AM
(Breakfast will be served)

Beginning January 20, 2018

Attention Men: We are kicking off a new semester of TMiy- "Revelation of the Father". The great thing about the program is that even if you missed last year, you can still jump into the program and benefit from it. *That Man Is You* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Sign-up online at www.thatmanisyou.org

TMiy will meet each Saturday through April 21, 2018
(except Saturday March 31, 2018)



Igniting the Light
of Christ within You!



Afternoon of Reflection
by Paul Koleske
Sunday January 14, 2018
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



St. Stephen the Martyr Church

Let the Holy Spirit minister to you during this moving event with Paul Koleske - Catholic speaker - singer - songwriter - recording artist.

Paul's music and message offers an exceptional listening experience that speaks to the mind, touches the heart, and enlivens the spirit!

Bring your family and friends.

Want a sneak preview? Go to: www.paulkoleske.com
Paul will be sharing his music at all weekend masses

***Doors open for seating @ 1:30 p.m.**
Enjoy some quiet time in church



Adult Bible Study resumes for St. Stephen's beginning on Tuesday January 16, 2018, from 7:00pm-8:30pm with Deacon Rick, in the St. Pio room, with the study of The Letter of James and on Thursday mornings beginning January 18, 2018 with Deacon Mike, in the St. Pio room, from 10:00am-11:30am, with a walk through the Book Of Wisdom. This Bible Study is for everyone and all are welcome.



If you are an active registered parishioner at St. Stephens and you are interested in serving as a reader at Mass in the Lector Ministry, please plan to attend the Lector Training session on Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Debbie at goldenjnb@comcast.net.

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 only 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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