

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2019
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."
– Luke 4:24

Scripture readings for next week:

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

WALKING IN A NEW LIFE

Baptism: Gianna Marie Bello
Harrison John Bower

WEDDING BANNES

Cole Morgan and Allison Serafine (II)

Early Bird Raffle

Congratulations to the Mosteiro Family!
Winner of the fourth and final Winterfest raffle
"Early Bird Drawing"
Prize – \$150



Adoration – will be held in the Chapel this Sunday, February 3rd, from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayerful reflection. All are welcome!

Rosary Group Meeting

Did you know St. Stephen has a Rosary Group? We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Library, Room 103 and Saturday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us!



Hope and Healing Ministry

Thursday, February 7th in Room 127 at 6:30 p.m. If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, come and be comforted by others who have experienced the same type of pain and are traveling on a similar journey. Dr. Michael Campbell will be available to address any questions or concerns. If you have any questions, please contact David (407) 754-7612 or Mary Jane (407) 366-1345.

Flea Market THANK YOU! A sincere Thank You to all the volunteers, donors and shoppers who helped make our Annual Flea Market a HUGE success! With your help we were able to raise money for our Outreach program, extend warm St. Stephen hospitality to the people of our area, make new friends and strengthen existing bonds of friendship by working together on such a worthwhile project.

Lent/Easter Liturgy Planning – It's time to plan our liturgies for this year's Lent and Easter celebrations. All are welcome! Come join us for a productive morning on Saturday, February 9th, 9:00 – 10:30 in the Church Meeting Room.



Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; YOU are the one who gets burned.

☺ PRIMARY GRADES ☺

Questions? Call Carol (407) 699-5683 x 232 or email carolb@st-stephen.com

☀ MIDDLE SCHOOL ☀

Questions? Call Riley (407) 699-5683 x 227 or email rileya@st-stephen.com

♥ HIGH SCHOOL ♥

Questions? Call Caryl (407) 699-5683 x 228 or email caryl@st-stephen.com

Level 1 and 2 Confirmation – Community Service hours report and essays are due on February 17th. See your Parent Packet for details.

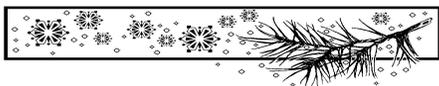
Sacrament of the Sick

We will celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Compassion on Saturday, February 9th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. You might ask, “Who is invited to receive this Sacrament?” All those who have serious or chronic conditions – physical, mental or emotional, those with serious disabilities, those who are preparing for surgery and all who are advanced in age or in frail condition. Mark your calendar now!



2019 Pilgrimage with Fr. George

Please join us for an Information Session on Sunday, February 17th at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Center if you are interested in journeying to Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro as we visit Marian shrines, beautiful ancient villages and cities with several overlooking the Adriatic Sea. We will be traveling August 23 – September 4. There will be brochures available at this session and we will be accepting reservations and deposits at the end of the meeting. For more information, contact Diana McGinty by email at mcgintyd@bellsouth.net



Faith Formation Information

Upcoming Class Dates

January 27th – **NO CLASSES** – Flea Market
January 29th/30th – **Primary Grades (1-4)**
February 3rd – **Pre-K and Kindergarten**
February 3rd – **Level 1 and 2 Confirmation**



Middle & High School Youth Group

Questions? Call Riley (407) 699-5683 x 227 or email rileya@st-stephen.com

Middle School Youth Group – Come out to Winterfest and bring your friends!!

Middle School Valentine’s Day Party – join us in ECI on Friday, February 15th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. as we celebrate Valentine’s Day and decorate our own sweet treats! Bring a friend, the more the merrier!



High School Youth Group – Escape Room at District Eat & Play in Oviedo Mall on Sunday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. Visit the Youth Table in the Narthex for details, to sign up and fill out a waiver. Bring your friends!

High School Life in the Eucharist will meet on Sunday, February 3rd at 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Center. This meeting is open to ALL high school teens. Come join Fr. George and Riley as we restart the Teen LITE program. This is a great opportunity for any teen who wants to deepen their faith, meet new people and build up the Kingdom of God!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR – Monday, February 4 – Sunday, February 10, 2019

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| Mon. 7:00 am | Rock Corbett | Sat. 8:30 am | Gerald Martinez |
| Tues. 7:00 am | David Morris | 5:00 pm | Linda Dunn |
| Wed. 7:00 am | Monica Hubbs | | |
| Thurs. 7:00 am | Tony Pryor | Sun. 9:00 am | David Morris |
| Fri. 7:00 am | Wayne Heaps | 11:00 am | Donald Brooke |

Bishop Noonan Honors and Blesses Married Couples at Mass for Marriage

The Mass for Marriage is an annual celebration held during National Marriage Week to highlight the sacrament and vocation of marriage. Married couples, their families and all who support marriage are invited to attend. The Mass will be celebrated at the St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave., Orlando on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow. Limited free parking available on the northwest corner of North Orange Avenue and West Robinson Street.

Girlfriends Movie/Pizza Night – Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center. We'll be watching "God's Not Dead 2" while enjoying pizza, popcorn and treats. Cost will be \$5. Please sign up after Mass in the Narthex this weekend. Call Anne Marie (352) 843-0956 with any questions.

"Yarns of Love" Ministry – All those who knit and crochet are invited to join us on Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – noon in Room 127 (we normally meet in the Youth Room, but Arts & Crafts is reorganizing after the Bazaar). For more information on our current project, call Elaine (407) 260-5582

New to the parish? Welcome!! Registration forms are available in the office during the week and they can be found on the back table in the church Narthex anytime. Fill out a form at Mass and hand it to an usher. Better yet, hand it to Fr. John and introduce yourself. Stop by the office or call to see how you can become involved in the life of our parish community.

St. Stephen Prayer Line (407) 699-5683, ext. 514 with your prayer requests. To transfer directly to the voice mailbox after hours, enter 514, when the main recording begins.

Ministers to the Sick – If you or someone you know from our parish family is in the hospital or will be home bound for some time, please contact the church office. We have Ministers to the Sick who will bring Eucharist and share current news from our community.

Senior Day at San Pedro – "Gazing On The Face of Christ" This Senior Day will focus on Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday. It's never too early to get our hearts, minds and lives ready to have another opportunity for "conversion" – to tune out those things that distract us from our commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and tune into a more profound discipleship. Join Fr. Blasé Romano on Thursday, February 7th. Coffee and danish are served at 9:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Mass ends the day! Cost for the program is \$15. Go to sanpedrocenter.org to register. For more information, contact San Pedro Retreat Center at (407) 671-6322.

Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers, too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the Risen Christ. ~~ Pope Francis