



# THE PARISH MESSENGER

January 14, 2018  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-5:30pm.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Mon/Wed/Friday 6:30am & 12:10pm

Tuesday/Thursday 12:10pm & 5:30pm

Saturday 12:10pm

## CONFESSION

Monday-Friday 11:30am--12:00pm

Saturday 4:30pm--5:15pm

## CLERGY

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**BAPTISM:** Please contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Please review guidelines on our website & contact our Clergy at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

## The Grate Patrol Needs Volunteers!

Takes hot coffee and sandwiches to persons living on the street, sleeping on grates, under bridges and in the nooks and crannies of buildings every Saturday and Sunday morning. Glenn Marsh at 703-622-6484 or at [gmarsh338@outlook.com](mailto:gmarsh338@outlook.com).

## Second Collection

### for Church Missions in the United States

This collection supports home mission dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people basic liturgical, pastoral, and service ministries without outside help. It also supports vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for parish support and evangelization needs. Thank you for your generosity!

## Join members of St. Matthew's Cathedral at the March for Life

Join us at the Cathedral for a pre-Mass rally at 8:30am & Mass at 9:15am on January 19. Bishop Mario Dorsonville will be the celebrant at Mass. Interested in joining either the Mass or the March? Email Justin Silvers for more information! Join thousands of people from around the world, as we march & pray for ALL life, especially the most vulnerable! There will be a

Rally and Mass at the Capital One Arena for the youth from more than 100 arch(diocese) and other countries. The March for Life Rally will start at noon at 12th St. on the National Mall, in between Madison Dr and Jefferson Dr. The March will begin at 1pm, on Constitution Ave between 12th and 14th St.

- About 20 university students from Randall Campus of McNeese State, **Louisiana**, will be at Saint Stephen Martyr Jan 18-21. Contact: Julie Cilano [Julie@gwcatholic.com](mailto:Julie@gwcatholic.com)
- Also a group of 15 is coming from **Scotland**. They will arrive on January 16th and will remain with us until January 22nd. Their coordinator is Emmet Dooley. All are college students from Glasgow University and Strathclyde University, both of which have banned these students from forming a official pro life club or society. They work for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year making it the oldest pro life organization in the World. One is studying to be a doctor and after he asked his tutor for permission to travel to Washington, a long lecture tried to block him going and did a write up opposing his attendance! They also have a staff from London and Katie Ascough who is a wee pro life celebrity. She was student president at the University City Dublin, and was impeached as she would not break the law of the land and advertise graphic abortion information in the student magazine under advice from the university lawyer.
- If you would like to bring some refreshments for this groups, please, contact Msgr. at 202-785-0982.

## Catholic Social Teaching instructs us on the value of ALL human life.

**Let's pray for:** Children who had their lives ended due to abortion, & for their mothers & fathers; Children who have lost their lives because of a developmental disability, as those in Iceland have experience in 2017; Young children, who because of war & poverty, are not able to experience true childhood; Mothers & fathers across the world who work tirelessly to escape war-torn zones; Parents who work tirelessly in foreign lands to provide their children with opportunities they never had in their homelands; Families who struggle with addiction; Those in prison, who wish to repent and; The elderly and those near the end of their natural lives.

**PARISH UPDATES**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday Prayer Group**  
January 15 at 3:00 pm

**Prayer with Sant'Egidio**  
Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

**El Shaddai Prayer Meeting**  
Every Sunday between 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
in the Parish Hall

**Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day**  
**There will be only one Mass at 12:10pm,**  
**and the office will be closed.**

**Friday, January 19th the office will be closed.**

**Thank you to our El Shaddai Community, Nenette Sanares and all her helpers,** for all the generous work they do in decorating our church for Christmas, and for taking the decorations down later.

**A Magnificent Gift!**

Through the generosity of Mr. Edward Kratovil, who is downsizing, we have received an 8 feet in diameter table and 12 leather chairs for our downstairs Gallery. The table is of golden mahogany, zebrawood and ebonized oak, with a central base. We were told that the original cost was \$35,000. The Gallery walls, with the falling wallpaper, will also be restored along with the flooring. Check our website [www.ststephenmartydc.org](http://www.ststephenmartydc.org) to see a picture of the table.

**Georgetown Ministry Center's Rotating Winter Shelter**

The shelter provides overnight accommodations, family-style meals, and other support for ten people in the community who currently lack housing. This year, as part of the shelter, Saint Stephen will provide dinner at Epiphany Catholic Church in Georgetown on Wednesday, February 20h, Thursday, February 21st, and Friday, February 22nd. We need volunteers to bring food, help during dinner and clean up. Arrival time is 6:30 p.m. Clean-up is usually done by around 8:45 p.m. If you are able to help, or if you have any question, please contact Laura Wilson at [lwilson2@verizon.net](mailto:lwilson2@verizon.net).

**Knights of Columbus**, many of you will be joining Catholics from across the country in Washington, DC for the 45th Annual March for Life. As part of an effort to support and promote a culture of life, we would like to welcome you by hosting a free Open House for all Knights and their families on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. After marching in support of life, join brother Knights from across the country for conversation, hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. While you are here, take some time to pray for life and tour our beautiful Church and Chapel. Spend time in prayer before a first class relic of our patron and experience our moving exhibit on the life and legacy of Saint John Paul II. Admission is free but please RSVP at <http://jp2shrine.org/knightsrsvp>.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 15**  
**Martin Luther King Jr.**

11:30am Confession  
12:10pm +Nancy Maseda Msgr. Dudziak

**Tuesday, January 16**

11:30am Confessions  
12:10pm Renee Washington Fr. Sirianni  
5:30pm Victoria Priscoli Msgr. Dudziak

**Wednesday, January 17**  
**St. Anthony Abbot**

6:30am +Msgr. Kenneth Roeltgen Fr. Sirianni  
11:30am Confession  
12:10pm Ann McDaniels Msgr. Dudziak

**Thursday, January 18**

11:30am Confession  
12:10pm +Geno Mazzochi Fr. Sirianni  
5:30pm +Amon R. Cantor Fr. Kemp

**Friday, January 19**

6:30am +Anton Laubert Msgr. Dudziak  
11:30am Confession  
12:10pm Ann McDaniels Fr. Sirianni

**Saturday, January 20**

**St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

12:10pm  
4:30pm Confession Fr. Sirianni

**Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30pm +Joseph Perrotta Msgr. Dudziak

**Sunday, January 21**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am Pro Populo Fr. Sirianni  
11:00am + Mr. & Mrs. John Smith Fr. Sirianni  
12:30pm Victoria Priscoli Msgr. Dudziak  
5:30pm +Arnold Vicente Rosal Msgr. Dudziak

**"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7)**  
**January 2 - 8, 2018**

Sunday Offertory Collection	\$6,396.88
Daily Masses, Vigil Lights, Misc.	\$3,578.24
Poor Box	\$75.00
Christmas & Christmas Flowers	\$1,590.00
Friends of the Music Ministry	\$140.00
Christmas Concert	\$2,869.33
Pakistan Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,699.45</b>

**BENEFACTORS:** We are deeply grateful to those who remember St. Stephen Martyr in their wills. Thank You in the Lord's Name. A special remembrance for our Benefactors on the 2nd week of each month at the 11am Liturgy.

**FAITH DIRECT:** One of the best ways to ensure that the parish receives the support needed is "egiving" through Faith Direct. Please enroll today at: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or 1-866-507-8757. **Our parish code is DC576**

**Young Adults**

**True Identity in Christ Retreat. TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST – A YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

Looking for time away from all the busyness in your life? For only \$20, join other young adults January 27 & 28 at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington featuring: conferences by Dominican priests, small group reflections, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, daily time for personal prayer, and Mass. Registration is required and can be done on our Facebook page. Please note this is not an overnight retreat. Sessions on Saturday will take place between 10:00am and 9:30pm and on Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Snacks, along with lunch and dinner on Saturday will be provided. Start 2018 with a renewed understanding of your true identity in Christ.

**Theology on Tap.** In this casual atmosphere, you'll hear straight talk and honest answers to your deepest questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. Provides an opportunity to not only learn about the Catholic faith but also meet like-minded people and make new friends. Theology on Tap is open to all young adults, regardless of religious affiliation. All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle.. Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month to grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. January 9: Elizabeth Bruenig, Assistant Editor for the Washington Post.

**Foggy Bottom West End Village  
Creating a Connected Community**

Are You nearly or newly retired?, New to the neighborhood? Village Membership Provides: Transportation to appointments, help with household tasks, errands, wellness programs, social events, and more. For more information, please visit [www.fbwevillage.org](http://www.fbwevillage.org) or call at 202-333-1327

**Saint John Paul II National Shrine Events**

**SECOND ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION**

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on Saturday, February 17 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature an inspiring talk for couples by nationally recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope, Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family, and fun catechesis for children and teens. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for a family of three or more, which includes a meal after Mass. Register at: [www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com](http://www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com). This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

**TEA & A ROSARY FOR MOTHERS**

The Shrine invites you to join our new apostolate, "Tea & Rosary for Mothers." These mornings take place once a month from 9:45am to 12:00pm and include a short presentation, lively discussions over breakfast, and meditating upon the mysteries of the Rosary. Babysitting and activities for young children (ages 2-12) are offered throughout the morning so moms can enjoy the conversation and have an opportunity to go to confession. Everyone is welcome to stay for Mass at 12:00pm. For more information and to RSVP, visit: [teaandrosary.eventbrite.com](http://teaandrosary.eventbrite.com). May Mary keep you under her mantle until we see you at our next gathering! For information, please contact Patricia Moes at (202) 635-5465 or [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org)

**Mother Teresa Vocation Society  
Annual Day of Recollection**

Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rev. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will lead a day of recollection at Annunciation Catholic Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC). The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions, a reflection, and vocation witness talks. Lunch will be served. Donations are welcomed. It is not required to be an MTSV member to attend this event! For more information, please visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), or contact Maris Moriarty at [moriarty@adw.org](mailto:moriarty@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

To register at FORMED use our St. Stephen Martyr Parish Code **V77N8K**.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

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**The Most Important Human Rights Issue of Our Time**

With compassion, love, and hope, 40 explores inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews some of the most prominent figures in the pro-life movement including Abby Johnson, Lila Rose, and Fr. Frank Pavone. Their stories will change hearts and make the pro-life movement more determined in the fight to end abortion.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

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—Rita S., Duluth, MN





January 5, 2018

Dear Friends,  
 Introspection and resolve to improve are a hallmark of the beginning of the New Year. As we turn to 2018, we should ask as we

look to our spiritual home: How well do our archdiocesan ministries, programs and institutions manifest the kingdom of God coming to be? Are we meeting the challenges of encountering and accompanying people in an increasingly broken world, helping them to experience the healing touch of our Savior Jesus Christ?

The starting point is, of course, that we can always do better, but there are also many good things we can look to with pride. They cannot all be listed here but we can take a look at a few. Our archdiocesan agencies and institutions are making a difference with their ministries of spiritual growth, teaching, healing and mercy. Across the archdiocese, people will find “a humble home, a family fire which attracts men and women through the attractive light and warmth of love,” as Pope Francis urged us to be (Address of September 23, 2015).

This love is expressed, for example, in the material and spiritual assistance provided by **Catholic Charities** to over 140,000 women, men and children in this past year, including five million meals to feed the hungry, 1,500 beds each night to shelter the homeless, legal services in over 7,000 cases to welcome the stranger, medical services to thousands to minister to the sick, and much more to help the disadvantaged. Impressive stories are told as well in the expanding Victory Housing, which provides housing and social services to low and moderate-income seniors and families, and in the Saint Ann Center for Children, Youth and Families, which supports women, children and families in a nurturing community that helps them to overcome barriers and find stability.

**Our parishes** are likewise welcoming communities where people are invited to pray, hear the Word of God and teaching of the Apostles, and celebrate the sacraments in more than 20 languages. In the baptism of little infants, the joy of joining two people in marriage, the faith formation of young and old and the fostering of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and in commending to God the souls of the faithful departed, as well as in receiving last year over 1,100 men, women and youngsters into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation, our parishes offer the gift of blessed new life to all who visit.

In our **Catholic schools and parish education programs**, over 50,000 young people and 30,000 adults annually receive an excellent learning experience rooted in the Gospel, helping them to make a positive difference in the world guided by the light of faith. Once again this past year, several of our Catholic schools were acclaimed by the U.S. Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools, joining more than thirty of our schools to receive this accolade. Nor can we fail to mention last year’s expansion of the Saint John Paul II Seminary, which is a testament both to the vitality of faith of today’s younger generation in discerning their vocation, and the generosity of the good people who have supported this holy endeavor.

With the love of Jesus woven into the fabric of this archdiocese, people and society are being helped to realize the Gospel way of love, justice, peace and lifting up the dignity of the human person. Perhaps nowhere is this way and ethic needed more than in the **defense of human life**. Forty-five years after courts declared it lawful to kill “inconvenient” unborn human life, abortion continues to be the defining human rights issue of our age. So it is very encouraging and inspiring to see the vitality of this current generation – who have never known an America where life in the womb is legally protected – as they steadfastly bear witness to the dignity and beauty of all human life from conception to natural death.

On January 19, these young people will come again to fill Capital One Arena for the **Youth Rally and Mass for Life**. Standing up to say “#iStand4Life” in music, fellowship and the communion of the holy liturgy, they will then articulate that message in the public arena in the **March for Life**. Working to advance a culture of life in this way is a spiritual mercy and in solidarity with this effort, Pope Francis has graciously made available an indulgence under the usual conditions to participants.

As we praise God for these blessings, I want to express my profound gratitude to all those who make these good works possible through their prayers, personal service and generous support, including participating in the **Cardinal’s Appeal** on Commitment Weekend, January 27-28, or through the website [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

As the calendar turns to 2018, may we all grow in the Spirit in our own personal faith and as missionary disciples, with the proclamation of Jesus Christ lived more deeply in us. As Saint John Paul II said, “This mission is still only beginning [and] we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to its service” (Redemptoris Missio, 1).

With every good wish for you and your families in this New Year, I am

Faithfully in Christ,  
 Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington