

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

Established as a Mission: October 6, 1957
Building Dedicated: April 21, 1963
Became a Parish: June, 1975

St. Stephen Ministry Connections

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Visit www.faithdirect.net.

Use St. Stephen code: **VA 785**.



Seven Loaves Serving Our Community

Remember those we serve by bringing your food items on Sundays and leaving them in the basket located in the narthex. Please visit our website www.sevenloavesmiddleburg.org

Angel Giving Tree

The annual Giving Tree Project is underway again. As in previous years, we join with other Middleburg participants in providing Christmas gifts for a few of the families in need in our area. In addition to picking out some Angels on our tree when it goes up, **we are looking for some assistance with the project.** Specifically, we'll be needing tree set-up help on 25 November, "wrappers" on 10 December and last minute gift helpers on 11 December. If you would like to support this year, please contact Sue Carter at (703) 725-7585 or Susana Calley at (703) 297-7899.



Baptisms

To arrange for your baby's Baptism or to find out about Baptism Classes, please call the parish office 540-687-6433



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Prokop 703-754-8444

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Middleburg Community Charter School
101 North Madison Street, Middleburg, VA
Sunday, **11:10am-12:15pm**

- ◆ All 8th Grade Students who intend to get Confirmed, should have submitted their **Confirmation contracts** and **Data forms** to their teachers. **Saint reports** are due November 12.
- ◆ **Anyone** interested in **Teen activities**, for example, Youth Group please contact Martha Prokop. Adults are needed to develop activities; teens are needed to serve on the Board. Youth Ministry is open to both St. Stephen Martyr parishioners and St. Katherine Drexel members.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

Please join us for one of the Teacher Information Sessions for Prospective Teachers to learn more about the opportunities and advantages of teaching in our Catholic schools. Email j.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org to let us know if you are able to attend. The sessions are Monday, **November 13** at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington; Tuesday, **November 14** at 1 p.m. at All Saints School in Manassas; and Thursday, **November 16** at 1 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi School in Triangle.

Advent Day of Prayer

San Damiano, White Post VA,

Saturday, December 9

The retreat will once again be led by Fr. John Cregan. The day begins at 9:30 am and ends with Mass - about 3 pm. The cost for the day is \$30, which includes lunch. To register contact Heather @ 540-868-9220 or h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org.

Vocations

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Contact

Father J. D. Jaffe 703-841-2514 or write

j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org



For all Catholics, may the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen us in welcoming and protecting each human life.

PASTOR'S PIECE

Mark you calendars! November 26, the Feast of Christ the King, we shall dedicate our newly renovated Parish Hall at St. Stephen the Martyr. After each Mass I'll give a tour of the new office, kitchen, bathrooms and gathering space. After the 10:00am Mass, we'll have our official blessing and inauguration. David Gardiner of Gardiner Hall Associates will present the next stage of renovations that are planned for the church. Our SSM Building Fund has been well supported and a couple of families have already contributed to some of the more prominent and beautiful fixtures of this project, such as the chandeliers of the Parish Hall and a new marble altar for the church. There are additional items that can still be donated, such as: a Baptismal Font, Ambo or crucifix. Regardless of such specific contributions, I intend to extend the program of memorialized bricks that are so prominently displayed in the portico of our church. You may want to acknowledge someone or leave a legacy for your family. The details of this opportunity are forthcoming.

On other notes:

Seven Loaves could use some help. This is our local food pantry in Middleburg. They can always use volunteers to help distribute the food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the food pantry, but at the moment they are short on drivers who can help pick up the food from the supermarkets. This would be a once a month effort, but also they can use those who could be part time drivers. If you are available or just interested in more information, please, call 540-687-3489 or check out their webpage, <https://www.sevenloavesmiddleburg.org>.

RCIA A journey in faith **RCIA** - We have started the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). All adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or Catholic adults who are missing the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion are welcome. So, this includes Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We meet at the St. Katharine Drexel Mission Office, Mondays, 7:00pm.

Christ's Peace,
Fr. Murphy

Masses at St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel can be offered for living and deceased loved ones. Please call the parish office to schedule.

High School Placement Test For Non-Diocesan 8th Graders

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, **December 2, 2017** or Saturday, **January 6, 2018**. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>), and submit to the test site by November 30 for the December test.

Father Jon O'Brien Knights of Columbus Council



The Father Jon O'Brien Council will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas cards at all Masses this weekend. Please consider using them for your ecumenical outreach this Christmas season.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting guest speaker U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General William J. Bowers on **Thursday November 16th at 7:30 p.m.** in the SKD office immediately following our general meeting. General Bowers is the president of the Marine Corps University and the topic of his talk is "The Roman Centurion in the Time of Jesus Christ." The talk explores the Roman Centurion during the time of Jesus of Nazareth, from his birth in approximately 5 B.C. to his death in 30 A.D. It seeks to develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the context of the Roman Empire in the first century A.D. All prospective Knights are invited to attend.

St. Katharine Drexel Mission

Bull Run Catholic Community

Established September 10, 2000

Made a Mission June, 2005

Office Phone—703-754-8444

www.katharinedrexelcc.org

St. Katharine Ministry Connections

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Set up Crew		
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St. Katharine Drexel Choir, 10:30am Mass

The 10:30am Choir invites you to join them at Sunday Masses and Holy Days, including Christmas and Easter. Men and women at least 18 years of age are welcome. We hear you singing during Mass and welcome your participation in the Choir! No previous experience is necessary.

Rehearsals are in the Bull Run Middle School Choir Room from **9:15am – 10:15am every Sunday**, through the first weekend of June. Please join your fellow parishioners in this ministry of sung prayer.

If you would like to participate in the 10:30am Choir, or if you have questions, please contact Trudy Maher. Office: 540-687-6433 Email: tmaher@saint-stephen.org

Save the Date!

The 2018 SKD Mardi Gras Ball and Auction will be held on **February 10, 2018** at the Piedmont Golf Club.

Tickets will go on sale online in December using Faith Direct. Questions? Contact Casey Parker 571-239-8001 or cparker@amberridgellc.com



Come and Grow! Legion of Mary

Come! Grow in your spiritual development and advance the Reign of Christ, through Our Lady!!

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 3 PM in the SKD Mission office, 14535 John Marshall Hwy, Suite 210, Gainesville, VA 20155. If you would like to learn more please join us. Contact Jackie Lorzing jackie.lorzing2011@gmail.com



Angel Giving Tree

Beginning this Sunday you have an opportunity to take part in our annual Advent Angel giving tree. A table is set up in the area outside the worship space containing tags for various members of the families we are sponsoring this year. The tags show the name and age of each child/adult along with a gift idea or two. Gift cards from Wal-Mart or similar stores are always useful. While there is no monetary limit on gifts, we do ask that you realize that each family has multiple children and we don't want one child to have significantly more expensive gifts than their siblings. Please take one or two tags. The gifts should be wrapped and can be brought to Mass or dropped at the Mission Office. All gifts should be returned **no later than December 10.**



Christmas Giving Tree



11/11	SATURDAY	
St. Stephen	5:00	George Hess †
11/12	SUNDAY	
St. Stephen	8:00	The Souls Listed in the Book of Remembrance
	10:00	Nancy Innella †
	12:30	Enelida Valdovinos †
		Jesus Gonzales †
St. Katharine	8:00	Frank Zolvinski †
	10:30	People of the Parish
11/13	MONDAY	
	9:00	Special Intention
11/15	WEDNESDAY	
St. Stephen	9:00	Ellen Johns †
	6:30pm	
11/16	THURSDAY	
St. Stephen	9:00	Rev. Leo Creamer †
11/17	FRIDAY	
	9:00	Verni Geis Cullen †



Sunday, November 12

- 9:10-10:15am SKD Religious Ed, Grades K-8 and High School - Bull Run Middle School
- 11:10am-12:15pm SSM Religious Ed Middleburg Charter School
- 9:15am-10:15am SKD Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, BRMS

Monday, November 13

- 3pm Legion of Mary, SKD Mission Office
- 7pm RCIA, SKD Mission Office

Tuesday, November 14

- 10:30am Abiding Love Prayer Group, Kathleen Lambiasi 703-754-8224

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30pm Spanish Mass
- 7-8pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Confessions

Thursday, November 16

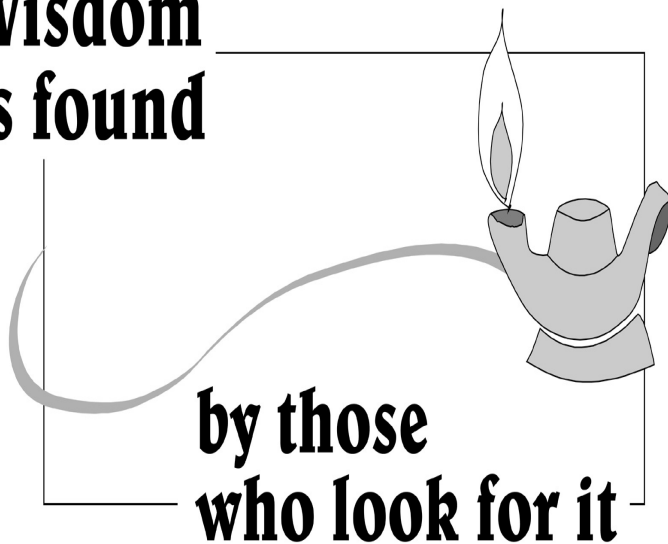
- 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Mission Office

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

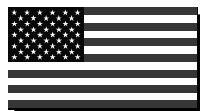


- Monday** **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**
Wisdom 1:1-7/Psalm 139:1-10/Luke 17:1-6
- Tuesday** Wisdom 2:23—3:9/Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19/Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday** **Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
Wisdom 6:1-11/Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7/Luke 17:11-19
- Thursday** **Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin**
Wisdom 7:22b—8:1/Psalm 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Luke 17:20-25
- Friday** **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**
Wisdom 13:1-9/Psalm 19:2-5/Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday** **The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday** **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Psalm 128:1-5/1Thessalonians 5:1-6/Matthew 25:14-30

Wisdom is found



by those who look for it



For Those Who Serve - Please pray for all the brave women and men in harm's way; *especially*

First Lt. Ben Griffin, Sgt. Timothy Tschida, Lt. JG Elizabeth Cotter
Lt. John Ploschnitznig, Joseph Ploschnitznig, Jake Pratt and Markas Solomon



Let Us Pray for... Antonio Ababia, Quinn Adams, Phil Arra, Dan Bumbalo, Ricki Coyne, Helen Durek, Sienna Houck, David Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Devin Hutcheson, Jack Jacobson, Ryan King, Brittany Leap, Patricia Lengauer, Jackie Lorzing, Peggy Marquis, Mark McCormick, Tiffany Peredo, Victor Ramirez, Ruth Ransom, Jeannette Solomon, Ben Stern, Marilyn Walker, and Joan White