

St. Stephen Catholic Church

7111 Lee Hwy - Chattanooga, TN 37421



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Church Office: 423-892-1261

Church Website: www.ststephenchatt.org

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Church Hours: Mon.-Thur., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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PARISH STAFF

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., 2/10 5:00 p.m.	✠ DR. WILLIAM BUCHNER by Laurence & Sandy Schnur
	✠ ELIZABETH MORRISON by Charles & Betty Anne Neal
Sun., 2/11 8:30 a.m.	ST. STEPHEN PARISH
Sun., 2/11 11:00 a.m.	✠ BEVERLY HUNTER by Mike Hunter & Family
	✠ CHIP HIXSON by The Mullin Family
Mon., 2/12 8:30 a.m.	BILLIE HILTON by St. Stephen
Tue., 2/13 8:30 a.m.	BETTY NAYLOR by St. Stephen FOR BERNADETTE DOMINIC 6TH BIRTHDAY By The Dominic Family
Wed., 2/14 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	AL BURZESE & FAMILY by Kirk & Karen Steely FOR SIBI DOMINIC BIRTHDAY By The Dominic Family
Thur., 2/15 8:30 a.m.	JOAN LORD by St. Stephen
Fri., 2/16 8:30 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat., 2/17 5:00 p.m.	✠ DONNA LEE KRUPP by Russ & Sherry Ferguson
	✠ MARGUERITE ERVIN ROMANS by Cliff & Patti Crownover
Sun., 2/18 8:30 a.m.	ST. STEPHEN PARISH
Sun., 2/18 11:00 a.m.	FRANK & ANNA ANTHONY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

READINGS

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE



ADORATION - First Friday of the month beginning immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and concluding at Noon with The Angelus & Benediction.



ADULT EDUCATION - For more information contact George Bercaw at 309-1798



ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Call Joan Roueche at 635-0857.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call Fr. Manuel Pérez at 892-1261 ext. 2 or Fr. Christopher Floersh at 892-1261 ext. 9. Please have family member call the office and request a visit from one of the Priests.



BAPTISM - Parents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to register for the class by contacting the parish office at 423-892-1261 x 4.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION- For K through 12th grade. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. during the school year. Families must be registered parishioners of St. Stephen. Contact Karen Underwood for information at 892-2957.



CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Tuesday from 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Contact Cynthia Spangler at 802-7192.



MATRIMONY - Four months notice required. You must be registered parishioner. Contact the parish office.
ANNULMENTS - Contact Fr. Manuel, Fr. Christopher or Deacon Gary at 892 -1261.



MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH PROGRAM provides lunch to families the first Wednesday of the month. For more info, call Cecile Grubb at 892- 8051.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION after 6:00 p.m. Mass, **RESPECT-LIFE** First Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Theresa Cole 423-432-7007 or Pat Bodnar 423-855-4717.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) . Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, in the **Library/ Conference Room** - Administrative building. For more information contact Ro Wensel 423-510-9246 or Tom Cain 423-718-0619.



RECONCILIATION - Saturday 4:00 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.
ROSARY- Prayed daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass. It is also said in May and October before each weekend Mass.
SACRAMENTS - There are special requirements for sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation) For eligibility, questions, for information call Karen Underwood at 892-2957.
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP - Meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. from 6:30 -7:00 p.m. Call Jill Walsh at 899-6148.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Gary Griffin, Chair Person	593-0976
pcchairperson@ststephenchatt.org	
Sharon Vannucci, Secretary	296-0537
John Vannucci, Parish Life	296-0537
Rick Powell, Communication	770-363-1347
Dennis Lowe, Communication	344-2255
Bob Aaron, Family Life	413-5445
Karen Underwood, Education	238-4075
Mary Wurm, Social Action	902-4837
George Bercaw, O.P., Adult Education & Spiritual Formation	309-1798

PARISH FINANCE BOARD

Trina Hicks, Chair	899-3755
John DiPrima	344-8211
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Ron Schleifer	499-0249
Robert Sullivan	718-8308
Paul Wurm	902-4836

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Sharon Vannucci	296-0537
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

George Bercaw, O.P. Readers 309-1798
 Victor Williams, Altar Servers 645-0745

PRIME TIMERS (50+)

Bill Reynolds	893-8300
Patti Crownover	344-3575

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Micheline Parkey	893-9832
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HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Bagley	899-7722
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URGENT PRAYER LINE

Mary Stroop	238-4786
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Feb. 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA**
CONFESSIONS 4-4:45 p.m.
VALENTINE'S DANCE 6:30 p.m.
Blood Pressure Screening
- Feb. 11 - Adult Bible Study** 9:30 a.m.
BP Screening & Coffee & Donuts
RITE OF SENDING 11 a.m. Mass
Adult Ed 12 & 6:30 p.m.
Lay Dominican 2 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Game Day** 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Adult Ed 6:00 p.m.
Line Dancing 6:30 p.m. Large Hall
- Feb. 13 - Adult Ed** 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY**
Mass 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Christian Formation Mass
6:00 p.m.
Lunch Bunch 11:15 a.m. - Red
 Lobster
- Feb. 15 - Sewing** 10 a.m.
R.C.I.A. 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 - Communion Service** 8:30 a.m.



- Stations of the Cross** 6 p.m.
Fish Fry 5:00 p.m. Small Hall
- Feb. 17 - Confessions** 4-4:45 p.m.
- Feb. 18 - Adult Bible Study** 9:30 a.m.
CPR CLASS 12:30 p.m. Small Hall
Adult Ed 12 & 6:30 p.m.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Andres Alisago, Ronald J. Appel, Millie Batts, Mark Bianculli, Margaret Bluhm, Ryan Clark, MaryAnn Coco, Bill Cornwell, Donna Coughlin, Tom Craig, Marilyn Dyer, Kathleen Edwards, Hubert & Darline Goins, Beth Gross, Billy Helton, Tim Holland, Frances Holsonback, Lydia Kate Ireland, Don Krupp, Katie Beth Lunny, Barbara Mahoney, Ronald & Diann Mellon, Cyrillas Meyer, Jackie Myers, Martiel Mohr, Betty Naylor, Richard Obsitnick, Sue Ondercin, Joy Parsons, Paul Phillips, Rusty Phillips, Emily Powell, Vivian Stone, Shirlee Sullivan, Nicholas Thorp, Henry Tipton, Carol Holland Tripp, Sheila Trudell and Rena Yocom.

May the Gift of Healing through the Divine Power of the Holy Spirit come upon them.

PRIME TIMERS +50



Dining Out Experience - Contact Patti & Cliff Crownover 344-3575.



Gourmet Cocktails - Contact Liz & Rusty Phillips at 894-4600 for info.



Sporting Event - Contact Bill Reynolds at 893-8300.



Game Day - Chair Mary Hess 855-0237. Meets Mondays, 12:30- 2:30 p.m.



Sewing Group - Sewers, cutters, ironers needed on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon to make **PRAYER BLANKETS**. Contact Mary Hess 855-0237.



BUNCO - First Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Hall. Contact Sharon Vannucci 296-0537.



Book Club - Last Wednesday of the month 6:30 p.m. in The Prime Timers Room. Contact Myrtle Englert 812-449-6104.



Line Dancing - Second & Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Contact Pris McLean 503-3665.)



"Lunch Bunch" - Meets at 11:15 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at different area restaurants. Contact Pris McLean 503-3665.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6099 & #3250 & LADIES AUXILIARY

- Feb. 12 - 3250 Social @ Palms Coconut Room,**
 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 - Adoration led by Knights @**
St. Stephen, 7-8 p.m.
- Feb. 16 - Lent Fish-Fry @ St. Stephen , 5 p.m.**
- Feb. 22 - Admission (1st) Degree, 7 p.m.,**
 Candidates 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23 - Lent Fish Fry @ St. Stephen 5-7 p.m.**

The Ladies Auxiliary meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Lee Highway. Call 423-605-5795 for info.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to

Gregory & Michelle Smith - 15th
Eric & Rebecca Riggs - 16th
Don & Irene Bucci - 29th

On their Wedding Anniversaries!

LADIES RECOGNITION TEA

Save the date for our Ladies Recognition Tea to be held on

Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Please check the bulletin for additional information.



6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

HEALTH MINISTRY

Please stop by the Health Ministry board & pick up a wonderful article written by :



Jonathan Powell, MD
 On
"HEART FAILURE"

TRAVELING CRUCIFIX

The travel Chalice from the Christian Formation Program will go to:
Norberorta Rocha & Ricardo Cansino
 to pray for Vocation this week.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SAVE THE DATE – The 36th Annual Catholic Charities Dinner will be held on March 15, 2018 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. This popular annual event brings together more than 300 of the region's most passionate and dedicated members of our community for an evening of fun, fellowship and inspiration. Proceeds from this event support the Chattanooga programs of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. The evening includes a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Betty Anne at 423-267-1297 or bettyanne@cctn.org.

Principal – St. Mary's Catholic School

St. Mary's Catholic School, grades pre-K thru 8 in Johnson City, TN, has begun a search for its next Principal. Anchored in love, St. Mary's Catholic School exists to promote Gospel values, academic excellence, and service to others. The Principal is responsible for the overall leadership and administration of the school and strives to provide opportunities for the students to be prepared for life in today's Church and society through a strong foundation and progressive curriculum as well as through instructional & spiritual formation in the basic beliefs, values and traditions of the Catholic Church. For more details and information on how to apply, go to <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/7112130907>.



Don't be Job! Drive out any marriage doldrums by finding the joy God wants you to experience in your sacrament! Consider a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend! You and your spouse lead the team that really matters! The next Weekends are scheduled for February 23-25 and April 20-22. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**.



Get your sitter lined up, your friends together, and practice your Irish jig! It's time for the inaugural **Paddy and Pints St. Patrick's Day Bash**. Enjoy an adults-only casual evening of fun, complete with dinner, dancing, drinks and silent auction. **On Saturday, March 17**, you need go no further than OLPH Stagmaier gym for a catered dinner, beer and wine, and a DJ for dancing. Advance tickets are \$40 per person or \$80 per couple. Get yours early! Cost goes to \$50 per ticket on March 3.

All proceeds go to the OLPH Annual Fund for playground improvements. Tickets and limited reserved tables are available in the school office or at <http://squ.re/2DFFqub> Contact Cissy West about sponsorship opportunities or donations to the silent auction.

O.L.P.H Catholic School, would like to invite you to join us for 2018/2019 Preschool and Kindergarten Open House. Thursday, March 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Kindergarten Building. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Hennen 423-698-3274.



This week's Altar Flowers were donated by **DEACON GARY & KATHY BRINKWORTH** for Eugene Brinkworth.



This week's Mary's Bouquet by **ISABELLA, LUKE & MATTHEW RIGGS**.



The Traveling Chalice for this weekend is being prayed for by **John & Sharon Vannucci**.

Sign up to host the **TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE** by calling **Rusty Phillips** at 240-3143 or sign the poster in the church vestibule.



CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY? Call the church office at 892-1261, X 4 or secretary@ststephenchatt.org at least 3 week prior to anniversary date.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

DAILY: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 AM, Wednesday 6:00 PM, First Friday 8:30 AM

DAY CHAPEL: Open daily for prayer. Closed at night.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE IS THURSDAY AT NOON. (10 DAYS PRIOR TO PRINT DATE)

The bulletin is sent to the printer on the Monday prior to the weekend coming up to allow for printing, packing, and shipping for arrival at St. Stephen on Thursday. The deadline for holidays may be up to a week earlier. Please call the office if you need clarification for a specific date.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fast, Pray, Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Stephen Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

VISIT www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TN510.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. Manuel Pérez

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Remember St. Stephen Church in your will or trust. For more information, contact **Fr. Manuel Pérez**.