

# The Cornerstone



## Highlights for the Week



Knights of Columbus  
Annual Blue Mass  
St. Stephen Main Church  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
6:30 pm

Praying for And Thanking Those in  
Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMS, Healthcare  
Professionals and their families

Please wear your uniform and come to pray with us!  
For questions? [bluemass@kofc14084.org](mailto:bluemass@kofc14084.org)



**Community For Women**  
**Tonight, Thursday, Sept 10**  
**7:00 p.m. in FLC Youth Room**  
**Open to All Ladies of the Parish**  
**Come See What We Are All About!**



### Community For Women Fall Project

#### New Underwear and Sock Drive

It's that time of year again.....time to collect items for the local school children who are in need. At weekend masses on OCT 3rd and 4th place kids' socks or

underwear (all new in package) in the giant basket in the main entryway of the Church. Gift cards to Target or Walmart may also be donated. The Community for Women will sort and deliver the donations to over a dozen local schools in the county who serve needy families. If you are unable to drop off during weekend masses, the church office will also take your donations during normal office hours.

Last Name w/ Letters	Size
A-C	4
D-H	6
I- N	8
O -T	10
U- Z	12

[For more information](#)

## Looking For Many Volunteers with Varying Talents

### Lawn Ministry

Parish life after Covid began caused us to make reductions to be the best stewards of parish and school finances as the ground maintenance costs roughly \$60,000 per year.

Calls were made to the Men's Club and the K.O.C. to seek help. A plan was made for any men and women to come out and help. Most of these volunteers have remained on this core team for the past six months and really could use some relief!

We have been so very blessed by the numerous other families, parishioners and groups of volunteers that have joined in to beautify our property. These are regular people not seeking recognition, but to join together for the good of our parish. It is our hope that we could increase the group by two-fold, so that the teams could alternate weeks/months and continue this ministry.

If you are willing to help or interested in finding out more, please contact the parish office at 813-689-4900. We would be grateful for any assistance that you, your family, or your group could give. May God continue to bless our parish family and all our volunteers who have sacrificed these past six months their Saturday for all to enjoy our neat, manicured property.

### Sacristans

Do you feel that you are being called to serve, but you would like to do so "behind the scenes?"

If so, please prayerfully consider serving as a sacristan for either weekday or weekend Masses, most especially the Sunday 9:30 am and the 11:30 am Masses.

The sacristan's duties include preparing the sanctuary for Mass, cleaning the sacred vessels, cleaning the linens used during Mass and preparing of the Altar area.

We also have a linen ministry. The duties include collecting the linens after the weekend mass on Monday and Friday that the sacristans cleaned and used to be

washed and ironed at home.

If you would like more information regarding serving in this very important ministry, please call the parish office at 813-689-4900 or

## Faith Formation Catechist & Catechist Assistants are still needed!

If you are interested in sharing your faith or have questions on how to help, please contact [Kim@ststephencatholic.org](mailto:Kim@ststephencatholic.org) or [llopez@ststephencatholic.org](mailto:llopez@ststephencatholic.org).

In-person classes will begin on October 18th. Classes will be small and will follow all CDC guidelines regarding sanitation and social distancing

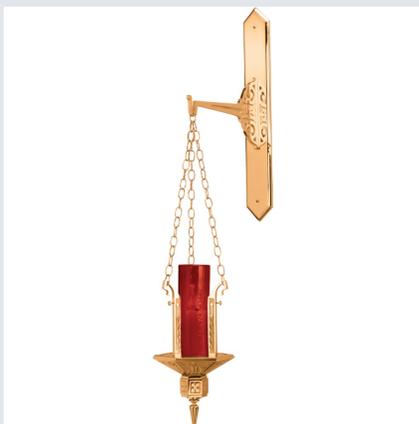


## ATTENTION: LOOKING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY CORE GROUP MEMBERS

Are you a Faithful Catholic,  
21 years and older, willing to  
lend your time, talent and  
treasure to nurture the  
spiritual lives of our youth?  
Consider becoming part of  
our Youth Ministry  
Core Group!

[Joanna@ststephencatholic.org](mailto:Joanna@ststephencatholic.org) to sign up  
and for more information!

## This Week at St. Stephen



Our Sanctuary Lamp  
is burning this week

In Celebration of  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Bob & Cheryl Ward

For availability, call 813-689-4900.

For more  
information

## Friday, September 11

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Father Jacob Mullore (RIP)

Confession(Chapel)

After 8:30 am Mass

The Rosary (Livestream)

3:00 pm

## Saturday, September 12

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Janice Menne (RIP)

4:30 pm Pray for John & Angeline Zielinski (RIP)

## Sunday, September 13

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses

7:30 am Pray for the Parishioners of St.  
Stephen

9:30 am Pray for Ray DeMarco (RIP)

11:30 am Pray for Lorraine Kabat (RIP)

::5:30 pm Pray for Robert Burns

Sunday's Readings

Bishop Parkes' Gospel Reflection

Children's Mass Prep



**Blood Mobile**  
Sunday, September 13  
After 8:30 am-1:30 pm

## Monday, September 14

Exaltation of the Cross

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Mary Van Vliet (RIP)



## Tuesday, September 15

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for M. Abraham (RIP)

Divine Mercy Chaplet (Livestream)

3:00 pm

Blue Mass  
Knights of Columbus  
6:30 pm Main Church

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## Wednesday, September 16

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Marjorie Dwyer (RIP)

**Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)**

After 8:30 Mass-6:00 pm

**The Rosary (Livestream)**

3:00 pm

**Praying The Rosary**

**In Mary's Garden**

Approximately 6:15 pm (Following Adoration)

## Thursday, September 17

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Sharon Dickey (RIP)

**Divine Mercy Chaplet (Livestream)**

3:00 pm

## Please Pray



**John A. Cirello**

St. Stephen Main Church

Funeral Service

Monday, September 14, 2020

4:30 pm

For more information

## Keeping You Informed



Bishop Gregory Parkes has announced that there will not be a St. Jude Award this year due to the need for social distancing and budgeting constraints.

Just so you know.....

With the onset of Covid,



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the Diocese of St. Petersburg reduced every parishes' goal. Therefore, the goal that we have been promoting since the beginning of the Spring, has been \$61,000 less than our original goal of \$435,000. All percentages of pledges have been toward that lesser goal.

We are thankful to all who have been able to donate during these uncertain times. we really appreciate your help!

**For those of you who are able to give, we are still \$41,000 from reaching our goal!!!**

## Before You Come To Mass Important Information Regarding Church Doors

In an effort to seat everyone socially distant *prior to the beginning of Mass*, we will be locking the front door of the Church when Mass begins. At that time, we ask that you enter through the St. Stephen Room, which is the room that is off to the *left of the front doors*.

This door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes after Mass begins.

If you arrive later than 10 minutes after Mass begins,, we ask that you would either proceed to the Chapel or consider coming back for a later Mass. Thank you for helping us to do our best to remain socially distant and look out for the safety of one another.



In this week's *A View From the Top*, Bishop Gregory Parkes addresses keeping the Lord's Day holy, how the church addresses political issues and candidates, and the two-year update on the diocesan vision, *Courageously Living the Gospel*. To listen to the podcast, please click [here](#).

**September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.** Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. Every year thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, call ***The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline*** at **800-273-TALK (8255)** or call 911 immediately. Learn more by viewing the ***National Alliance on Mental Illness website***.

### New Beginnings Divorce Recovery Program~**Virtual Retreat**

A virtual retreat for divorced or separated Catholics, "New Beginnings Events," will begin Friday night, 9/11, at 8:30 pm ET, then continue Saturday, 9/12, at 12 pm ET.

For more information, email

[info@newbeginningsevents.org](mailto:info@newbeginningsevents.org)

Coming Soon to St. Stephen

**Father Ralph D'Elia**  
**Saturday, September 19**  
**4:30 pm. Mass**

First Mass at St. Stephen since being ordained a year ago.

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**Consecrated Marian Society**  
**Annual Rosary Procession**  
**Saturday, October 10**  
**After 8:30 am Mass**

## Links

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