

The Cornerstone



In the News



IMPORTANT NOTICE

No clergy or lay person affiliated with the Catholic Church would ever send an email requesting money or gift cards. Any and all correspondence of that nature is a scam and should not be responded to.

CONFIRMATION UPDATES

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the rise in numbers, we have adjusted the confirmation celebration. Bishop Parkes will now celebrate two Confirmation Masses on Next Saturday, January 30th (10AM and 1PM).

Families will be informed by postcard as to which Mass your youth has been assigned. The rehearsal and retreat date will remain the same, Saturday, January 23rd.

Please contact Kim Davis, Coordinator of Faith Formation at 813-671-4434 if you have any additional questions.

This week, we are sharing one of the prayers Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray. Perhaps you might write it on an index card to leave at the kitchen table, or on your bedside table, or take a screen shot of it, so that you can meditate on it once a day. May this revered saint be a support and guide for our lives as we seek to unite and protect our families and our Church.

Prayer to St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Below are links and resources to help you observe the Year of St. Joseph.

From Pope Francis

- Apostolic Letter: With a Father's Heart: **English | Spanish**

From Bishop Parkes

- Letter: Indulgences During the Year of St. Joseph: **English | Spanish**



Annual Baby Shower This Saturday & Sunday

If you would like to help, please bring your donations for Pregnant Mothers & Babies in need to Mass and place in the large basket in the Narthex of the Church

For PREGNANT MOMS

Maternity Clothes (New/Gently Used)
Toiletries (Shampoo, Conditioner, etc)

For BABY (NEW)

Diapers and Wipes
Shampoos, Lotions, etc

NEW OR GENTLY (USED)

Winter Baby Clothes
Cribs and Pack N Play
Strollers, Diaper Bags, Gift Certificates

Volunteers are needed to deliver donations to Foundations of Life and Life Care in Tampa.
For more information, please contact Respect Life through Jeanne at 813.335.6394



Thank You

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to give our heart felt thanks to the people of St. Stephen Church. Through your generous donations, were we able to provide 415 grocery gift cards to families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

SVdP was also able to give 277 - \$25 gift cards to families to buy gifts for their children! The families were so appreciative. Thank you for helping to make their Holidays better.

In December, we distributed food for 251 families. This helped 921 people in those families! Additionally in December, SVdP assisted 47 families with \$12,298 for utilities and rent.

During these difficult and uncertain times, need has been great.
Thank you for "Helping Us Help Others!"

Time, Talent & Service

VOLUNTEER



We are looking for **volunteers** that can assist **during Masses** (daily and weekend) with the **projector remote**. If you have an idea of the flow of the Mass, are comfortable using a 2-button remote, and attend Mass regularly, please contact **Deacon Mike Sweeney at dcnmike@ststephencatholic.org or call the parish office, 813-689-4900.**



We are also looking for volunteers to help in our **Safe Environment Ministry** to assist with fingerprinting. This is an important part of protecting our vulnerable population.

If you have an interest in helping us on Fridays 9am -12:00 pm and/or 12:00pm-3:00pm please email **duffy@ststephencatholic.org**.

**St. Stephen Catholic School
Part-Time Extended Day Staff**



St. Stephen Catholic School is seeking a part-time Extended Day Staff Member. Experience working with children is preferred. Scheduled hours will be Monday through Friday from 2:45 – 6:00 pm and 11:45 am - 6:00 pm on half days.

For more information, contact Gina Robles at grobles@sscsfl.org or call the school at 813-741-9203.



St. Stephen Catholic Church Part-Time Maintenance

St. Stephen Catholic Church is seeking **two** part-time maintenance workers; with some weekend and evening hours.

If interested, **download the application** and email to

Tom@ststephencatholic.org.

This Week at St. Stephen



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week

In Memory of Alta Taylor

If you are interested in having the sanctuary lamp burn in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call 813-689-4900.

Friday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children

Today is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the U.S.

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Maryann DeCarlis (RIP)

Confessions

After the 8:30 am Mass (Chapel) till no one is in line

10:00 a.m.

Join Bishop Gregory Parkes and the Pro-Life Generation via Livestream to Pray for Life

Our youth will not be attending the National March for Life this year due to COVID.

The Mass will bring them together, with limited attendance for social distancing, to pray for the protection of unborn life.

All are invited to participate via livestream: dosp.org/livestream,
facebook.com/diostpete and youtube.com/dioceseofstpete.

Saturday, January 23

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Jake Eatman (RIP)

2:45 pm Confessions (till no one is in line or Mass begins)

4:30 pm Pray for Anthony "Tony" Barone (RIP)

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses

- 7:30 am** Pray for William Hoffa (RIP)
- 9:30 am** Pray for For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
- 11:30 am** Pray for Timothy Gallway (RIP)
- 5:30 pm** Pray for William Patrick Sexton (RIP)

Sunday's Meditation

Mass Prep for Children

Monday, January 25

**Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Mass (Church)**

8:30 am Pray for Anita Espinoza (RIP)

Confessions

After the 8:30 am Mass (Chapel) till no one is in line

Tuesday, January 26

**Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Mass (Church)**

8:30 am Pray for Joan Barrentine (RIP)

6:00 pm Confessions (Chapel)
(till no one is in line)

Wednesday, January 27

Mass (Church)

8:30 am Pray for Frank Gambrone (RIP)

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations (Chapel)

After 8:30 Mass-6:00 pm

Thursday, January 28

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of Church
Mass (Church)**

8:30am Pray for Judy Reinglas (RIP)

Looking Ahead



Tampa Bay Men's Conference

Saturday, February 13, 2021

St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Tampa

**SEATING IS LIMITED TO 200 ATTENDEES DUE TO COVID-19 SPACE RESTRICTIONS
FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO REGISTER**

Links

Daily Readings

St. Stephen Catholic
School

Prayer
Request

Visit our website

Faith Formation

Hillsborough Em. Info

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