

# Saint Stephen Church

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## **Sunday Masses**

4:30 and 6:00 on Saturday

7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 & 12:15

10:45 in School Hall (September to May)

## **Daily Masses**

7:30am Monday thru Saturday

## **Confessions**

Every Saturday 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm  
and by appointment

### **Parish Office**

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#### Office hours:

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

No Saturday hours

Sunday 8:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

### **St. Stephen School**

Mrs. Mary Patrick, Principal  
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### **Religious Education Office**

Sr. Angela DeFontes, OSF, Director  
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### **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Mrs. Kellie A. Reynolds  
410-592-7294; E-mail: kreynolds@archbalt.org

### **Director of Music**

Mr. Robert Hott, Director  
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Mr. Paul Baroody, Assistant Organist  
Mrs. Susanne Rising, Choir Director  
Mr. Joseph Jancuk, Contemporary Music Leader

### **Business Manager**

Mr. Robert Melewski,  
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**Convent:** 410-592-9433

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you are interested in joining the St. Stephen parish community, please contact the Parish Office at 410-592-7071; 410-592-7072; or 410-592-6066 or via e-mail ([StStephen@archbalt.org](mailto:StStephen@archbalt.org)).

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 1:45 P.M. Parents must be members of St. Stephen's Parish. One Godparent must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic. Both must be Christian and at least 16 years old. Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptism preparation Program. Please call the Parish Center (410-592-7071) for more information.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to marry must contact one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months prior to the tentative date of the wedding. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick should be administered at the beginning of a serious illness. Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital. If you are unable to attend Church and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office.

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH SCHOOL:** Grades Pre-K-3 through 8th grade. For full information, call 410-592-7617.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Sunday Mornings (9:15 & 10:45) for Pre-K—Grade 6**  
Children must attend grades 1 & 2 before receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please call 410-592-8666 for more information.
- **Tuesday Evenings for Grades 7-12**  
Please call 410-592-7294 for more information.

**CONFIRMATION:** The sacrament is conferred on our 8th grade and high school youth. Please contact Mrs. Kellie Reynolds at 410-592-7294 for more information.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

**ADULTS (RCIA):** This process is designed to prepare adults to join the Catholic Church. In addition, RCIA prepares those people who were baptized as Catholics but who have never received First Communion or Confirmation. For information, please contact Sr. Angela DeFontes at 410-592-8666

## Mission Statement

*We, the parish of St. Stephen, will carry out the mission of Jesus Christ as a welcoming, worshipping, Catholic community by sharing, growing and living the Gospel.*

## SAINT STEPHEN PASTORAL COUNCIL 2011-2012

**Chairperson: Greg Williams**

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**Committee Reps**

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**Service: <TBD>**

**Liturgy: <TBD>**

**Evangelization: <TBD>**

**Finance: Timothy McNamara**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**First Sunday in Lent  
February 25 and 26, 2012**

**SATURDAY**

CONFESSIONS Fr. Joseph Rossi, S.J.  
4:30 PM Fr. Joseph Rossi, S.J.  
6:00 PM Fr. Joseph Rossi, S.J.

**SUNDAY**

7:00 AM Fr. Nelson Ogwuegbu  
8:00 AM Fr. Nelson Ogwuegbu  
9:15 AM Fr. Lawrence Kolson  
10:45 AM Fr. Paul Breczinski  
10:45 AM HALL Fr. Lawrence Kolson  
12:15 PM Fr. Paul Breczinski

*(Schedule is subject to change)*

**The Beginning of Lent**

In the English language, the season before Easter is called “Lent.” The word comes from the “lengthening” of daylight hours as we progress from the darkness of winter to the new light of spring. But other languages, such as Spanish, have a name for this season that is derived from the word for forty. It is the season of the forty days. We do penance for forty days because Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness.

Think back to the story of Moses and the Israelites. There was someone who did not want them to go out into the desert to offer sacrifice to their God. Pharaoh did not take the loss of his cheap labor lying down. When Jesus begins his mission of liberation, there is another slave master who is no more willing than Pharaoh to let his minions go without a fight. [Some] dismiss the devil as a relic of ancient mythology or medieval fantasy. The guy with the pointy tale and the pitchfork comes in handy in cartoons and costume parties, but how can we take such an image seriously? In the Bible, they say, let’s read “Satan” merely as a symbol of human evil.

Such a view is clearly at odds with Scripture, Tradition, and recent teaching of the Magisterium. Our battle is not against flesh and blood, says St. Paul. If you don’t know your enemy and his tactics, you are bound to lose.

Jesus triumphs in this first wrestling match. He shows us how to keep from being pinned. Fasting breaks undue attachments to material blessings and stimulates our spiritual appetite. Humble service breaks the stranglehold of pride. The reverent worship of authentic faith breaks the full nelson of superstition, magic, and all arrogant religion. And the word of God is shown as the sword of the Spirit, the secret weapon that slashes through the enemy’s lies.

~Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio (<http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com>)

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Baptisms:**

Sofia Isabel Chardon-Muneses  
Ava Lynn Januszkiewicz

**Deceased:**

Ernest H Laundenklos  
Chrystelle Brockmeyer

**Parish Center Closed Monday**

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for President’s Day.

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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February 5, 2012

**Offertory** \$16,932  
**Poor Box** \$462  
**Votives** \$98  
**Total** \$17,492



Attendance: 1,415

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**Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday; Lent begins. Ashes will be blessed and imposed during Masses at 7:30am and 4:00 and 7:00pm in the Church.



**REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all 18years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed and no meat is to be taken. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected the law of fast and abstinence does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

**Catholic Web Site to Visit:  
Divine Office.org**

Dedicated to the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official communal prayer of the Catholic Church, you can listen to this beautiful and inspirational recitation of the Divine Office on your computer, or download an app for your iPhone, android, Mac, or Kindle.

**go to: <http://divineoffice.org/>**

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH SCHOOL**



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 Website: www.ststephenbradshaw.org

The 2012 Annual Campaign for Our Students has begun and at present we have received **\$35,757.00**. Our goal is **\$75,000**. Thank you for your wonderful support for our students!

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:**

Thank you to the following parishioners who were so kind and donated to the 2012 Annual Campaign for Our Students. God Bless You All!

Rev. Lawrence F. Kolson

Mr. George Bosse

Amy Gleason & Michael Lochte

Mr. Charles Holt

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zorn

**Dates to Remember:**

**Feb. 20:** President's Day - St. Stephen School Closed

**Feb. 22:** Ash Wednesday Mass for Students 10:15

**Feb. 23:** Milk money due for March

**Feb. 24:** 8th Grade Composite Photos taken today

**Applications & Registrations:**

If you are interested in more information about our school, please contact Mrs. Ginni Zachmeier at 410-592-7617. St. Stephen School begins with Pre-K3 to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 3 year olds must be 3 by September 1, 2012.

**Souper Bowl Sunday Collection**

Thank you for helping us raise \$670 for the Franciscan Center! We'll be volunteering at the center on President's day and look forward to presenting them with the check on behalf of our entire parish.

**150th Anniversary Committee**

The 150th anniversary committee thanks Gary's Fork Auto Service for their support of our Christmas concert. Coupons for service at Gary's Fork Auto Service may be found on the tables in the back of the Church.

**Quick Questions**

**Q.** I don't understand the sin of presumption. Is it deciding to sin because one can always go to confession before the actual sin is committed and receive forgiveness? Or is it deciding to sin because it can be confessed later?

**A.** This is how the old *Catholic Encyclopedia* defines the sin of presumption:

It may be defined as the condition of a soul that, because of a badly regulated reliance on God's mercy and power, hopes for salvation without doing anything to deserve it, or for pardon of his sins without repenting of them.

One wonders how sincere a person's love for God is when he is so readily willing to sin simply because God is forgiving. God cannot be fooled. He reads hearts and knows our sincerity. To decide to sin is to offend God. To decide to sin because one knows that he can be forgiven is to sin twice. It is to use God, reducing him to a utility at the service of our whim. It is to laugh at his passion and death.

I suggest adapting this prayer from the Divine Mercy Chaplet: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and for protection against this temptation. For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on me and on the whole world."

Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P., *Catholic Answers*  
 (www.catholic.com), by permission

**Stations of the Cross**

will take place on all Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm in the Church.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>DATE</u>  | <u>MASS</u> | <u>INTENTION</u>          |
|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| MON        | Feb. 20      | 7:30AM      | James St. Leger (D)       |
| TUE        | Feb. 21      | 7:30AM      | Dorothy Kahl (D)          |
| WED        | Feb. 22      | 7:30AM      |                           |
| THU        | Feb. 23      | 7:30AM      |                           |
| FRI        | Feb. 24      | 7:30AM      | St. Stephen Society       |
| SAT        | Feb. 25      | 7:30AM      | Chippy Baummer (D)        |
| SAT        | Feb. 25      | 4:30PM      | Joseph A. Ruppel (D)      |
| SAT        | Feb. 25      | 6:00PM      | Frances Berman (Zysk) (D) |
| SUN        | Feb. 26      | 7:00AM      | Parish                    |
| SUN        | Feb. 26      | 8:00AM      | Chris Brockmeyer (D)      |
| SUN        | Feb. 26      | 9:15AM      |                           |
| SUN        | Feb. 26      | 10:45AM     | Carl Goscinski (D)        |
| SUN        | Feb. 26 HALL | 10:45AM     |                           |
| SUN        | Feb. 26      | 12:15PM     | Camilla Foxwell (D)       |

## Youth Ministry Update

**Souper Bowl Sunday Group Service Project:** Information was distributed on Jan 24. Please sign up for the part(s) of the project you'd like to do as soon as possible; spaces are limited for the Franciscan Center visit.

**High School Mixer – new date!** will be held at St. Mary, Pylesville on Saturday, FEB 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Please RSVP to Kellie by 2/21 if you plan to attend.

**Winter Dance Rescheduled!** Youth in grades 7 & 8 are welcome to attend on Saturday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9:30pm in the Hall. Cost is \$6; please bring your own reusable cup. Snacks & drinks provided. Pizza will be sold upon entering, \$1 per slice. Please bring exact amount if possible. ADULTS – STAND certified chaperons needed, call Mrs. Kellie 410-592-7294

**Youth & Young Adult Pilgrimage:** will be held again this year on Palm Sunday weekend, Saturday, March 31. "Occupy Passion" as over 1000 Pilgrims carry the Cross through the streets of Baltimore. Event includes reconciliation, adoration, Mass, prayer, and a concert by the Jacob and Matthew band! Cost is \$25 which includes a prayer breakfast and bus transportation. Call the Youth Office for more info. Permission form and money due to Youth Office March 6.

## Bike Collection!

On Sunday, March 4th Eric Park from Saint Stephen's Boy Scout Troop 877 will be collecting used bikes and monetary donations to benefit Bikes For the World. This project will serve communities both locally and abroad with refurbished bikes.

Used bikes can be brought to the Saint Stephens parking lot between 7:00 and 1:00. Monetary donations will go to purchasing parts to repair any damaged or older bikes. Thank you for your generosity. For more information contact by email at [ericpark20@gmail.com](mailto:ericpark20@gmail.com) or by phone at # 443-717-4016

## Kids' Bingo

Break the winter doldrums and come out for a night of fun!! Join us on February 24 (snow date March 2). Doors open at 6pm, Games start at 7pm. Kids' Choice Prizes.

Food available beginning at 6. Hot Dogs, Pizza & Pit Ham and Turkey, snacks and drinks. \$7 on orders placed by Wednesday, February 22. After February 22 or at the door \$9. Only pay per bingo card. Information: Rene Monaghan 410-877-0698

## Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39)

**Social Ministry Convocation:** Please consider attending this thought-provoking event sponsored by Catholic Charities. Theme for this year is "Reading the Signs of the Times" and only costs \$10! Registration material available, contact Kellie 410-592-7294.

**Annual Young Adult & Youth Pilgrimage** "Occupy Passion" will take place on Saturday, March 31. Pilgrims will experience prayer with over 1000 Catholics gathered not to protest, but to profess! Event includes Reconciliation, adoration, Mass, prayer, and concert with the Jacob and Matthew band. Cost is \$15, or if you would like to attend the prayer breakfast with youth ministry and ride the bus, please pay \$25. Checks made payable to St. Stephen are due to Young Adult Ministry office by March 6. Call Young Adult Ministry for more information.

**Bethany Women's Fellowship:** Join us at Mount de Sales Academy in Catonsville on Wednesdays during Lent from 7-9pm. Hear thought-provoking talks by local women religious with discussion and prayer. Open to young women age 18-35. For more information please contact Sr. Denise 443-602-5801. Topic for Feb 22: "that He even loves me," includes Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Taize' Pilgrimage of Trust:** for young adults will take place May 25-28 at DePaul University in Chicago. If you are interested in attending the pilgrimage, or would like to attend an informational meeting, and want to be updated as travel arrangements are planned, please call Kellie by March 4<sup>th</sup> so we can keep you in the loop! 410-592-7294. We hope to have a meeting with more detailed plans sometime in March and want a rough idea of the number of pilgrims to be accommodated.

**Soup & Stations for Lent:** We are looking for a few Young Adult volunteers to help with the cooking and serving of a simple Lenten meal for a Young Adult gathering on Fri, March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you'd be interested, or would like to make a donation, please contact Sarah at 443-798-0780 or email [sarahsauthoff@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsauthoff@gmail.com).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Confirmation Sessions on Sunday nights** from 6-8pm in the Hall on February 19 & February 26. Please bring your Bible, and don't be late. See you then!!

**Tuesday night adult team needed:** We are looking for a few STAND trained adults to help out on Tuesday nights for set up & clean up of Religious Ed activities. Perfect for Parents & Grandparents who bring their teens to Religious Ed. Not yet STAND trained? No problem, we'll assist you! Contact Kellie for more info 410-592-7294.

**Parents, please mark your calendars** now and join us for these youth-led events: Mass, March 6; Stations of the Cross, March 13.

### THE MASS IN SCRIPTURE

Do you sit at Mass and question why we do what we do? Has Mass become routine? Have you lost your desire to attend? The following may be just what you need!

Presently 2 groups are studying the book *The Mass In Scripture* and one group has completed it. The method used is called Lectio Divina which is a time-tested way of reading Scripture nurtured through the centuries of Christianity and is today experiencing worldwide revival among all the people of God. Through the movements of Lectio Divina we are led to an encounter with God who speaks to us through the pages of the inspired text, inviting from us a personal response and a gradual transformation of life.

Comments from the participants. "This study has given me a better appreciation of Mass." "Mass had become routine. Now I am understanding what we are celebrating and Mass is a spiritual experience." "Learning about the Jewish roots of our Liturgy has been an awakening to the continuity of God's plan." "I wish every parishioner could participate in this study. I believe that our Liturgy would be more fruitful for the St. Stephen faith community."

### IS GOD NUDGING YOU TO THIS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL?

Contact Sr. Angela to participate in *The Mass in Scripture* or a new group using a related book, *Learning To Pray in Scripture*. E-mail her at [redsdef@comcast.net](mailto:redsdef@comcast.net) or call 410-592-8666 She'll be waiting to hear from you.

### ODB Casseroles due Feb. 26

Casseroles for Our Daily Bread are due before next Sunday, February 26. Casserole pans and recipes, and instructions can be found in the back of the church.

The freezer for storage of the casseroles has been relocated to the area of our food pantry., under the Parish Center back porch, entering through the first door into the basement. The door will be unlocked and available at any time. There will be sign on the basement door identifying the entrance for casserole storage. If you are unsure where to bring them, ring the Parish Center doorbell and we will show you where the freezer will be. As always, thanks for your generosity!!

### Queen of Families Rosary Guild Meeting

The next Queen of Families Rosary Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9AM to 10AM in the Youth Ministry Office located on the first floor of the Parish Center. Please come to learn how to make mission bead rosaries and consider joining this ministry in promoting Our Lady's Rosary! For additional information, please contact Mary Bauer at 410-515-3184. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**Pregnant, Need Help?** Call 1-800-ANGEL OK  
**Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?** Call Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224 or go to  
[www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus in Maryland, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington, is soliciting pledges to have 100,000 rosaries prayed in the month of March, 2012 to eliminate abortion in our state and our nation, and to pray for the families of those children who have been aborted. There are some 37,000 children aborted in Maryland each year—more than 700 per week. This is a rate that is 50% higher than the national average.

While direct action to eliminate this killing is necessary, it must be accompanied by prayer. Can you pray four or five rosaries (only one per week) over the course of a month? A pledge sheet is available in the back of the church this weekend, or you may also pledge online at [www.bit.ly/mdrosarycampaign](http://www.bit.ly/mdrosarycampaign).

**The Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign** to help support the Center for Pregnancy Concerns in Essex begins next Sunday, February 26. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses.

Center for Pregnancy Concerns has been serving the Greater Baltimore area since 1980 by providing pregnancy tests and counseling to over 1,200 clients each year. They also provide baby items to parents for their precious little ones. They have told us how grateful they are for last year's contributions of over \$4,500 and for our help again this year.

### Kenya Day Celebration April 29

**Save the Date! Our annual Kenya Day Celebration** will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 in the Hall with Mass and a "taste of Kenya" buffet. Would you like to participate in this event? There are many opportunities to get involved – contact Mary Bauer at 515-3184.

### One Death Too Many - The Facts about Youth Drug and Alcohol Use

An event for teens in grades 8-12 and their parents will be held by the Harford Area Youth Ministries and the John Carroll High School on Thursday, March 1 from 7-8:30pm. More information forthcoming - please mark your calendar now and plan to attend this important event!