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MAY 16, 2021 — 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

and 5:30 p.m.

Adoration

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reconciliation

Monday and Friday after

8:30 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday at 2:45 p.m.

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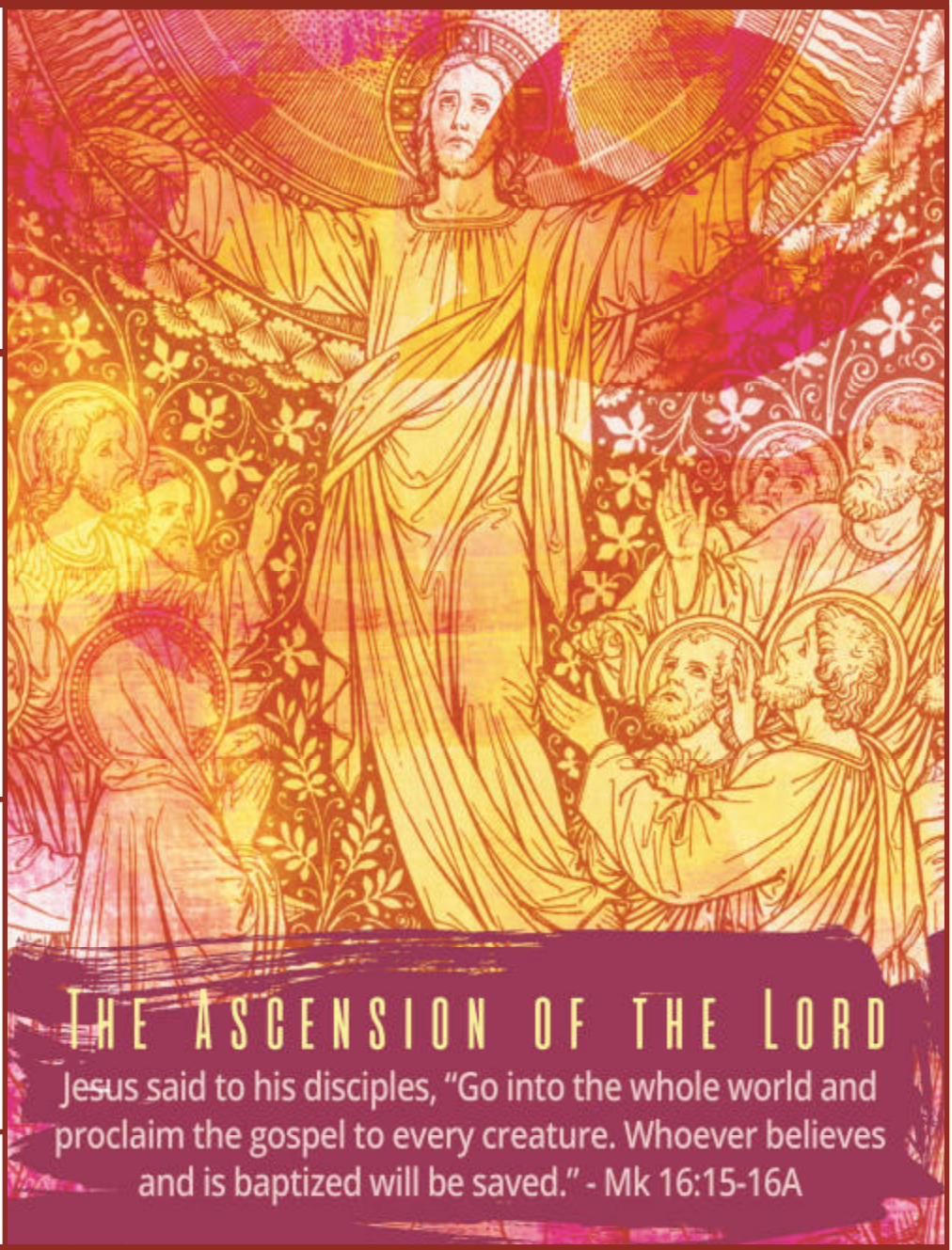


Fr. Dermot Dunne — Pastor — Fr. Timothy Williford — Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Ed Dodenhoff , Rev. Mr. Mike Ryba, and Rev. Mr. Mike Sweeney — Deacons

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 — Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 — Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

The Sanctuary Lamp

May 15 to May 21, 2021

In loving memory of Maciej Wieruszewski.

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

Monday

8:30 a.m. Pray for John and Emily Goldonowicz (RIP).

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Patrick Connolly (RIP).

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Dina Warych (RIP).

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Julia Haggith (RIP).

Friday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Maciej Wieruszewski (RIP).

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Minda Lebumfacil (RIP).

4:30 a.m. Pray for Michael Vaughan (RIP) and Neil Estinet (RIP).

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Pray for the parishioners.

9:30 a.m. Pray for Anthony Schiano (RIP).

11:30 a.m. Pray for the Maraj Family (RIP).

5:30 p.m. Pray for Sabato Gaets (RIP).

Annual Pastoral Appeal

$302,401.36 pledged, thank you! This is 80% of our goal!

The next time you are in the Chick-fil-A line, or ordering your Starbucks coffee, can you give that up? If your family can make this sacrifice this week, we can make our goal! Encourage your family and friends to do the same. We are all in this together!

We understand that our community has been experiencing financial setbacks from this previous year. However, any amount helps. “Each of you should give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Please find an envelope on the right wall of the narthex. Help your diocese reach 11 million by helping your parish reach $385,325. We are almost there!

Mass Collections

May 8 and 9, 2021

Offertory: $17,494.86

Debt Reduction: $1,265.00

WeShare – Online Donations

May 3 to 7, 2021

Offertory: $16,557.24

Debt Reduction: $2,501.98

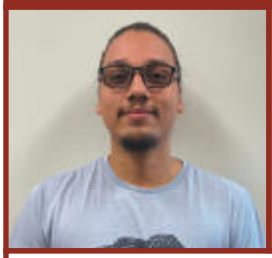
A NOTE FROM TOM DOYLE

Good day to one and all,

We would like to thank our clergy for everything that they do for our parish. Clergy, you truly do make a difference in our lives. Thank you for always spreading the light of Christ in our community. We are so blessed with the Clergy we have and those who are still to come. We would like you to join the parish in thanking them personally at the Clergy Appreciation Dinner next Saturday May 22, 2021. The Knights of Columbus will be preparing the dinner along with the support of our Columbiettes. Come thank our Clergy and enjoy a meal with them. This dinner is located in the gymnasium of the Family Life Center. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The menu is a "beefsteak" and there will be a kid-friendly menu as well. Food donations are being accepted for St. Vincent de Paul. Please RSVP by emailing your name, phone number and number of people attending to rsvp@kofc14084.org. See you there! This is one of our many events coming back to our Parish. We are thankful for everyone's support through a very difficult time.

One of the other annual events coming back will be free ice-cream after all Masses in the Family Life Center to celebrate Pentecost. The Men's Club is sponsoring our Graduation cookout after the 5:30 p.m. Mass May 23, 2021. Following the direction of our Clergy, we begin to safely open up our church. Please email me if your group wants to start back in a safe manner in the FLC. We will help you get your scheduling completed. We thank those Ministries who have served those in need and others and making adjustments with safety guidelines to continue joyfully serving during the COVID-19 year. We look forward to getting back to normal and seeing your smiling faces.

A NOTE FROM ROBERT DUFFY



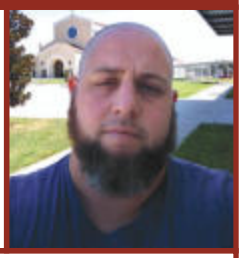
My name is Jonathan. Assistant

Looking for a summer job?

Looking for part-time employment?

Join the maintenance team!

My name is Duffy. Facility Manager



If you are graduating this year from High School and are in need of a part-time job for the summer, St. Stephen Catholic Church is the place to be. If you are interested in this position please email tom@ststephencatholic.org and ask him for an application. We would love to have you as part of our team!

FAITH FORMATION

Christ welcomes you!

Youth Groups at St. Stephen! Parents please contact Eddie Gemma, Youth Minister at our Office of Faith Formation to learn more about our summer youth group events for both Middle School and High School.

Graduating Senior Baccalaureate Mass & BBQ will be held on May 23, 2021 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please **RSVP** via email: Eddie@ststephencatholic.org or contact Eddie or Sue at (813) 671-4434 for our food count! Thank you!

Vacation Bible School — Save the Date! July 12 to 16, 2021. Our registration forms are now available on our website under Vacation Bible School at ststephencatholic.org/vacation-bible-school. Deadline for registration is June 18, 2021. For more information, please contact Kim or Gracielle at (813) 671-4434.

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) sessions take place year-round. The first period of the RCIA Process is the Period of Inquiry which offers an opportunity for those interested to have their questions answered in an open, friendly environment that encourages conversation and dialogue. Please feel free to inquire about RCIA any time by contacting Rosie Bridges, at the Office of Faith Formation at (813) 671-4434.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Have you considered a Catholic School education for your child but thought you could not afford it? With the passing of House Bill 7045, parents now have more choices for their child's education. Here are some of the highlights of the bill:

- Scholarship amounts should increase.
- Eligibility threshold is raised. For example, a family of four could earn $99,000.
- A dependent of a member of the Armed Forces is eligible for Family Empowerment regardless of income.
- Students with special needs no longer need to attend public schools for one year prior to enrolling in a Catholic school.

St. Stephen Catholic School is enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. At St. Stephen, we help our students grow academically, spiritually, physically and socially by providing them with a rigorous academic program in a faith-filled environment. For information about enrollment, contact Nicki Gallagher at ngallaghe@sscsfl.org. Go to sufs.org to learn more about private school scholarships. All families are encouraged to apply by the June 1, 2021 deadline.

MOVING FORWARD — UPDATES

Future COVID-19 Recommendations

Starting May 22 , 2021, come to Mass if you do not have underlying health conditions. Bishop Parkes will have lifted the dispensation.

New recommendations starting Pentecost weekend:

- Please wear a mask as you enter and exit the church. If you are seated, you may take your mask off.
- Please maintain 3 feet apart between households.
- Every pew will be in use.
- All doors will be unlocked.
- Please wear a mask as you walk up to receive Holy Communion in your hand.
- Please continue to refrain from physical contact, such as the sign of peace.
- Collections will not be taken during Mass.
- The offertory procession will return.
- The Baptismal font will be turned on and Holy Water located at the side doors.
- Full capacity in the restrooms.
- The water fountains will remain turned off.
- Daily Mass streaming will continue and the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be the only weekend Mass which is streamed.

Please continue to view the weekly Cornerstone and bulletin for the latest information.

Additional Parking Reminder

Additional parking is located in the school parking lot. There is a covered walkway which leads straight to the church. Additional parking is also located on the south side of the church. You will proceed past the chapel and take the gravel path into the grass parking lot.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer at the Front Desk: Volunteers are needed to assist with the operations of the front desk. For more information and an application, please see Denise Moyer or Lisa Lopez at the front desk.

Meals on Wheels: Providing mid-day meals to those in the Brandon, Valrico, Riverview and Lithia community who are unable to serve themselves. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center rooms 4 and 5. Volunteers cook, assemble, and then drive the meals to those in need. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Greene (813) 689-2757 or Lori Smith (813) 654-9240 or email Meals_on_Wheels@ststephencatholic.org.

Food Pantry: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need. Food is distributed each Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact SVDP@ststephencatholic.org for information.

Blessed Stitches: First and third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center room 3. Parishioners make prayer shawls, afghans, infant blankets and hats for parishioners in need. These items also go to hospitals, The Pregnancy Care Center, and veterans each Christmas. No experience or equipment necessary, come join us! Email Crochet@ststephencatholic.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous: This fellowship of men and women share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they solve their common challenges and help others to recover from alcoholism. Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in portable 2. Please feel free to join us and contact AA@ststephencatholic.org.

Art and Environment: The mission of the Art and Environment ministry is to maintain the beauty and readiness of the sanctuary for the celebration of Holy Mass. If you want to learn more about liturgy and enhancing the worship space please contact us at Art_and_Environment@ststephencatholic.org.

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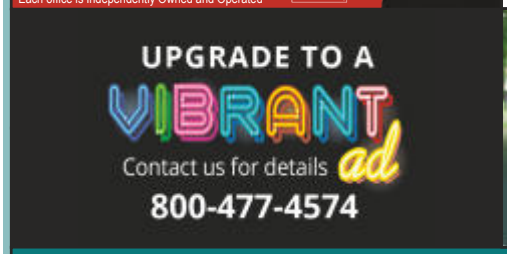

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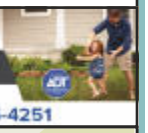

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