

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

Established as a Mission: October 6, 1957
Building Dedicated: April 21, 1963
Became a Parish: June, 1975

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Use St. Stephen code: **VA 785.**

Vocations

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life?
Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write:
j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Respect Life Mass and Rosary

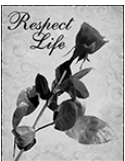
Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a Respect Life Mass on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia 22203. A Rosary will be said after Mass, in front of the abortion facility on 900 South Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

Stewardship Reflection

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.



For all who feel incapable of welcoming life:

May the Lord fill their hearts with peace and strengthen them to receive this gift;
We pray to the Lord:

Recognized



in the breaking of the bread

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Martha Prokop 703-754-8444
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Middleburg Community Charter School
101 North Madison Street, Middleburg, VA
11:10 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Remaining classes are on April 15, 22, 29; May 6 and May 20. Classes are NOT scheduled for May 13, Mothers Day.

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First Communion will take place at St. Stephens at the 10:00 and 12:30 Masses on April 29. Please pray for our special students who will receive Our Lord for the first time!

Practice will take place in the church during Religious Education Classes on April 22.

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese — straight to your inbox. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>

24th Annual Military Services Memorial Mass

The Archdiocese for the Military Services will hold its 24th Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The liturgy will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC. The principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited and car pooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: Civilian, business attire; Military, service dress please. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit: <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>

Attention Teachers!

St. Francis de Sales Parish in Purcellville is starting a new ministry called CHRSM (Catholic Homeschool Resource and Support Ministry). As part of our outreach, we will be offering homeschool academic classes at our new parish center on Tuesdays and Fridays during the 2018-2019 school year. Tuesday hours will be 9:30-1:30 and Fridays from 9:30-12:00. We are currently in need of teachers. If you would love to share your teaching talents within the context of a faithful, young Catholic community, please contact Emily Lauderback and Stacey Tuman at sfchrsm@gmail.com. Thank you!

PASTOR'S PIECE

V - The Lord is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!
R - He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Easter provides an opportunity focus on the power of the Resurrection. The Lord is risen and has given us all hope for eternal life. Is that where the Resurrection ends for us, with hope for later on? That's like celebrating a birthday and being promised that you'll get to open your presents later on, if you're good. That's nice, but I dare say that it won't fill my days with joy. How might we harness the power of the Resurrection today?

To answer this question, let's take a look at the life of the Apostles and how their lives changed with the Resurrection. As we recall from this past Divine Mercy Sunday, the resurrected Jesus gave them peace and the power to share that peace with others through the forgiveness sins. (Jn 20:19-31) And so, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Secondly, we know that our Easter Season is concluded seven weeks from Easter Sunday on the anniversary of when the Lord sends His Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and His Blessed Mother at Pentecost. This is a transformative moment for the group who from that moment forward boldly proclaimed the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord (the Paschal Mystery).

In addition to these gifts, they were given the command from Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, to "do this in memory of me." (Lk 19:22 et al.) They were given the power to say Mass, that is the power to participate in the power of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. What good is this power? It is the power to save the world and to change hearts. That is, it can provide the sanctifying grace to save souls. When we combine the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with our prayers and intentions, we direct the power of the Paschal Mystery to those needs. God the Father receives these petitions along with the very Sacrifice of His Son. As that Sacrifice of His Son was accepted and prompted the Resurrection, so divine power is directed to our aid.

It is most import that we bring our prayers to each and every Mass that we attend. We join our prayers with the others that we hear at Mass. But finally, we can also have Masses offered for the particular intention of those living or deceased. Please, contact the parish or mission office to have the power of the Resurrection directed towards the intention of your loved ones for the future Masses of parish.

Christ's Peace,
Fr. Murphy

Masses at St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel can be offered for living and deceased loved ones. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you have an interest in the Distribution of Communion at St. Katharine Drexel or St. Stephen the Martyr, please email Ellen Sivick at esivick@saint-stephen.org for St. Katharine Drexel or email Lori Trout at trout@saint-stephen.org for St. Stephen the Martyr.

St. Katharine Drexel Mission

Bull Run Catholic Community

Established September 10, 2000

Made a Mission June, 2005

Office Phone—703-754-8444

www.katharinedrexelcc.org

St. Katharine Ministry Connections

Deacon	Jack Ligon	703-217-8471
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Prayer Vine	Frances Gallagher	571-261-2475
Adult Faith Inquiry	Kathleen Lambiasi	703-754-8224
Set up Crew	Fr. Murphy	540-687-6433
Ushers	Martin Fisher	703-753-0234

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First Communion will take place for St. Katharine's at the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses on May 13. Please pray for our special students who will receive Our Lord for the first time! Practice will take place in the worship space during Religious Education Classes on May 6.



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Use St. Katharine code: VA 786



COLLECTION DATE
APRIL 15TH, 2018

MESSAGE TO OUR SKD CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Lenten Rice Bowl will be collected at Sunday Mass, April 15th. A big thank you to our wonderful children and families for participating in this collective act of social charity and love towards our global neighbors in need. While the "little-cardboard-box" is small, it is "mighty indeed" and indeed YOU are SKD Global Good Samaritans. Your generosity will benefit millions around the world.

More information and interactive video highlights of stories of those who have benefited, as well as global recipes to share with your family, go to: <https://www.csricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-1>

Blessings & thanks to all our Good Samaritans.

SKD Legion of Mary
Our Lady of Mary Praesidia
"To Jesus through Mary"



Knights of Columbus

If you're interested in joining the Father Jon O'Brien Council #16793 contact Dave Mart at [703-346-1900](tel:703-346-1900) or via email at dmart52@aol.com.

The next meeting of our Council will be April 19th at 7:00PM at the new Saint Katharine Drexel Mission office, [4100 Mill Creek Road](http://www.katharinedrexelcc.org), Haymarket.

Support the SKD Building Project

Your contributions are essential to make a permanent church home a reality. Giving is easy, and every contribution matters – so here's 5 ways you can contribute:

1. Building Fund Envelopes – include check or cash
2. Website: <http://www.katharinedrexelcc.org/> and look for the "Giving" tab
3. Faith Direct: <http://www.katharinedrexelcc.org/supporting-st-katharine-drexel/>
4. Mail a check with a note: St. Katharine Drexel Mission, 4100 Mill Creek Road, Haymarket, VA 20169
5. In any envelope, insert cash, a brief note and drop in the basket on Sunday.

*Trust
in the
Lord
with all
your
Heart*

Proverbs 3:5



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 14

St. Stephen 8:30pm Edythe Duffy †

Sunday, April 15

St. Stephen 8:00 am Special Intention
 10:00 am Michael Polkowske †
 12:30 pm
 St. Katharine 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:30 am Sam Tamburo †

Monday, April 16

8:30 am Patti Brown †

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 am

Wednesday, April 18

8:30 am Margaret Brown †
 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 19

8:30 am Special Intention

Friday, April 20

8:30 am Theresa David †



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Golf for God!

Ever wondered how to help Fr. Ramón and his ministry????
 Do you love playing Golf for a great cause???

Youth Apostles Institute
 (the community that Fr. Ramón belongs to)
 Is hosting their
 22nd Annual Golf Tournament
 Monday, May 7, 2018
 Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club
 Leesburg, VA



Your participation as a golfer, donor, or sponsor will help the Youth Apostles' ministry for young people.
 Fr. Ramón runs the Don Bosco Center in Manassas. The Center reaches out to "At-Risk" youths and Father's work there is supported directly by the Youth Apostles and Donors like you.

To register:
 call Gerry Hartigan 703-556-0914
 or go to <http://www.youthapostles.org> and click on the link.



For Those Who Serve

Please pray for all the brave women and men in harm's way; especially

*First Lt. Ben Griffin, Sgt. Timothy Tschida,
 Lt. JG Elizabeth Cotter
 Lt. John Ploschnitznig, Joseph Ploschnitznig,
 Jake Pratt and Markas Solomon*



Let Us Pray for... Antonio Ababia, Quinn Adams, Dean Artigue, Mike Boley, Charity Butts, Roberta Camarca, Ricki Coyne, Helen Durek, Larry Fousek, David Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Patty Hamer, Sienna Houck, Devin Hutcheson, Jack Jacobson, Ryan King, Brittany Leap, Patricia Lengauer, Jackie Lorzing, Cathy Maynard, Michael McHugh, Joseph, Anthony & John Morettini, Karen Parker, Tiffany Peredo, Victor Ramirez, Ruth Ransom, Delora Setliss, Jeannette Solomon, Ben Stern, Marilyn Walker

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 15

9:10-10:15am SKD Religious Ed, Grades K-8 and High School - Bull Run Middle School

11:10am-12:15pm

SSM Religious Ed
 Middleburg Charter School

Tuesday, April 17

10:30am Abiding Love Prayer Group, Kathleen Lambiasi 703-754-8224

Wednesday, April 18

11:00 am Legion of Mary, SKD Mission Office
 6:30pm Spanish Mass
 7-8pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Confessions

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Saturday May 5th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

9290 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA



Traditional Mexican music performed by DJ Zombie
 Truly authentic Mexican cuisine
 \$7 per person/\$35 per family
 Drinks at bar prices

All tickets sold in advance/Pre-sale Event

To pre-order tickets contact:

Enrique Nieto at
 Nietoenrique@aim.com

Come join us!