Saint Stephen the martyr

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4th, 2018

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 & 5:30 PM
Reconciliation: Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM
Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM

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Words from Fr. Ed

...love him with all your heart

Wow, Jesus, how is this possible? Can we really love God with all our heart? Make it happen, Lord, make it happen. Someone asked Mother Teresa this question, is it really possible to love God with all of our heart. She responded by saying, "God does not ask the impossible." God is not cruel, nor unrealistic. He asks what is possible with His grace. We cannot love God with all of our hearts without His help. Why? Because we are broken and need open heart surgery to heal the wounds that we have accumulated during our lives, beginning with the original wound of Adam and Eve that we have inherited.

Jesus desires to heal our hearts so that we might love and be loved. St. Augustine said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Our hearts were made for love. Doesn't that make sense coming from a God who is love? Scripture is clear, "God is love." (1 John 4:8,16) If this is the essence of who God is, or we could say what God is, then we, too, are called to receive love, to become love, and to live in love. Jesus says, "Remain in my love." (John 15:9, 10) This is our ultimate purpose. Let's get started.

How do I love him with all my heart if my heart is not free? Often our hearts are encumbered with competing interests, desires, loves. We must begin by becoming free from all possessions. St. John of the Cross says that if we desire to approach God, we must begin by renouncing our desire for possessions. He declares that any inordinate attachment, be it ever so small, is enough to impede the progress of a soul to God. He uses the analogy of a great eagle that is pinned to the ground by a simple thread. I've seen this to be true in my work with the eagle release program at Woodland Park Zoo. The keeper could literally control the bird with a single feather.

Jesus says that we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow him. Self-denial comes first. If we do that, we are in a good place to pick up our cross with all our heart. Isn't it worth it? Leon Bloy once wrote, “The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only *great tragedy* in life, is not to become a saint.” Are we ready and willing to live with a fullness of heart that surpasses what we gave yesterday? God is ready.

[For an inspiration video on fullness of heart from Friday Night Lights https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M76lMUEX0fo]

Prayer for Men's Retreat

All our works need prayer, especially for transformation. Men of St. Stephens and the surrounding area have been on retreat November 2-4th. All are invited to pray for the success of this retreat using a prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots:

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.
Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.
Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot.

[Mention your request here]

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope.
O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains.
Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge!

Prayers From Ireland

I'll be in Ireland from November 6th - 19th on retreat and pilgrimage with brother priests. You remain in my daily prayers. Thank you for so much spiritual and material support for me, my priesthood and our parish. Please keep us in your prayers during this time of renewal. We'll be at Silverstream Priory the first week, Our Lady of Knock and Patrick's Purgatory the second week, if you would like to learn more about our journey.

Weekly Readings

November 4 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

November 5 Monday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2-3; Lk 14:12-14

November 6 Tuesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

November 7 Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

November 8 Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

November 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

November 10 Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of Church
Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

November 11 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

November 5th	**Monday**
8:30a – 9:00a	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:30a –10:30a	Darling Dusters
10:00 -11:45a	Food Bank
noon — 2:00p	Rosary Making
11a--midnight	Eucharistic Adoration
3:00p – 3:30p	Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30p – 6:00p	Evening Prayer
6:00p – 8:00p	Library
6:30p – 7:00p	**MASS**
6:30p – 8:00p	Fil-Am Choir
November 6th	**Tuesday**
8:30a – 9:00a	Morning Prayer & Rosary
9a – midnight.	Eucharistic Adoration
9:20a–11:45a	Scripture Study
1:00p – 3:00p	Library
3:00p – 3:30p	Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:15p – 8:30p	Scripture Study
6:45p --	Legion of Mary
7:30p – 9:00p	Knights of Columbus
November 7th	**Wednesday**
12:00a-12:00a	Eucharistic Adoration
8:30a – 9:00a	Morning Prayer & Rosary
1:00p – 3:00p	Library
3:00p – 3:30p	Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00p – 5:45p	Food Bank
5:30p – 6:00p	Evening Prayer
6:30p -- 7:00p	**MASS**
7:00p – 7:45p	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:15p – 9:00p	Choir Practice
7:30p – 9:00p	Sacred Story
November 8th	**Thursday**
3:00a – midnight	Eucharistic Adoration
8:30a -- 9:00a	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:30a –12:00p	Thursday Crew
3:00p – 3:30p	Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30p – 7:00p	**MASS**
7:00p – 9:00p	RCIA & Adult Confirmation
7:15p – 7:45p	Most Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion
November 9th	**Friday**
6:00a – 7:15a	Men's Prayer & Reflection
8:30a – 9:00a	**MASS**
9:00a–10:00a	Reconciliation
9:00a – midnight	Eucharistic Adoration
9:45a –11:00a	Sacred Story
10:00 –11:45a	Food Bank
3:00p – 3:30p	Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00p – 9:00p	Charismatic Prayer Group
November 10th	**Saturday**
12:00a-1:00a	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00a – 8:00a	Eucharistic Adoration
8:30a – 9:00a	**MASS**
9:00a – 4:30p	Eucharistic Adoration
1:00p – 3:00p	Library
3:00p – 4:00p	Reconciliation
5:00p – 6:00p	**Vigil MASS**
6:00p --9:30p	Hope for Housing Fundraiser
November 11th	**Sunday**
6:00a – 8:00a	Eucharistic Adoration
8:30a – 9:30a	**MASS**
9:45a – 11:00	Library

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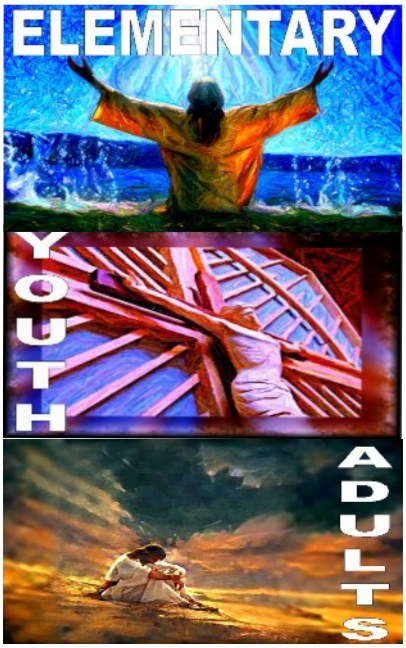
Session 1: Saint Thomas More

The Renaissance was an age of discovery and innovation during which many lost their way amidst bold new visions of secular happiness. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs—against the tyranny of Henry VIII.

11:00- 12:00p	**MASS**
12:00p-1:00p	Eucharistic Adoration
5:00p – 5:30p	Library
5:30p – 6:30p	**MASS**
7:00p – 8:15p	FAQ Apologetics

Faith Formation Programs at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish



FAITH FORMATION FALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Elementary Programs (K – 4th Grade) Wednesday Nights 6:00 to 7:15 pm
Nov. 7 – Religious Ed and 1st Eucharist Classes
Nov. 14 – No Religious Ed Classes
Nov. 14 – 1st Eucharist Mandatory Parent and Child Retreat

Youth Programs (5th – 12th Grade) Sunday Nights 6:45 to 8:30 pm
Nov. 4 – Connections Class
Nov. 11 – Connections Class
(For Edge, Life Teen, CY1 and CY2 Check Your Calendars and Email for Program Dates.)

Adult Programs
Nov. 17 – Next Infant Baptismal Class (Details Below)

Is Your Child Receiving First Eucharist this year?
Baptism Certificates were due by 10/31, at the latest. If you haven't yet done this, you missed an important deadline, and should contact Pat Madison, Brenda Wallace, Maria Trejo, or Shannon Battles ASAP or call the Faith Formation office at **(253) 631-6175, ext. 115**.

Do You Have Leadership or Management Skills, or like to Organize?

BIBLE CAMP LEADERSHIP TEAM

Join the Bible Camp Leadership team! We work hard, have fun, and design an inspiring week that brings kids closer to Christ. Help us expand our effectiveness and make a difference for the kids! Contact Shannon Battles at **(253) 631-6175, ext. 115**.

Our Next Infant Baptismal Class will be on November 17, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in classrooms 128-129. A donation of $10.00 per family is appreciated. Please take class 3 months prior to desired month of baptism. Contact Teresa Wright at **(253) 631-6175, ext. 120** or sstm.baptism@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Food Bags
St. Stephen's High School Youth who are in Life Teen and Confirmation candidates, will once again be putting together Thanksgiving Food Bags which will be given to Catholic Community Services to distribute to the elderly in our area, for their Thanksgiving Dinner. In order to provide this service, we need the help of the entire parish. Please pick up a grocery bag this weekend. Fill it with your donation and return it to the Narthex by Sunday, November 18th. (There will be a suggestion for the needed food items assigned to families by the first letter of your last name.) On November 18th the teens will put together the bags of food and they will be taken to Catholic Community Services in Kent. **DRIVERS NEEDED**: In order to make this happen we need people who can help deliver the bags to the Catholic Community Services on Monday, November 19th. If you can help contact Debbie Blomquist at **(253) 631-6175, ext. 113** or at sstm.youth@gmail.com.

Youth Mission Information/Sign-Up Meeting for High School Teens and Parents. Sunday, November 11th, following the 11:00 am Mass (12:15 - 12:45 pm) and before the 5:30 pm Mass (4:30 - 5:00 pm) For more information contact Debbie Blomquist at **(253) 631-6175, ext. 113** or at sstm.youth@gmail.com.

Human Life and Justice

If you are a pregnant mother in distress or know someone facing a crisis pregnancy, our Gabriel Angels are trained volunteer mentors who walk beside Mom with spiritual, emotional, & practical support. Call 1-888-926-ANGEL to connect with an Angel. Questions? Contact Roberta Jorgensen: robertajorgensen@comcast.net

Pregnant & Need Help? Call 1-800-395-HELP or 1-877-NO-ALONE to talk with someone 24/7 or visit www.optionline.org for information. Homeless & Pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331, www.goodcounselhomes.org. Find women's healthcare services at 3W Medical Clinic www.3wmedical.org/ in the U-District (206-588-0311). Find local pregnancy centers at www.911babies.com, including Pregnancy Aid in Kent (253-852-1201) and Des Moines (253-878-3770), and Next Step in Lynnwood (866-892-5125).

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Voter resources at www.stsephenslife.com/legislative-advocacy

Please join SSTM Respect Life Ministry this Wednesday, November 7th, from 11 - 12 o'clock (or any hour you choose) for Prayer Vigils in Renton at Cedar River Clinics. We pray because babies lose their lives there. 6,277 abortions were reported in King County in 2016. Vigil details at https://ststephenslife.com/events

Praying For Sick

Marie Peacock Albers, Nela Pacleb, Irene Bauman, JoAnna Bailey, Jim Dougherty, Brian W. French, Lydia Franada, Chad Horky, Mary Byersdorf, Leila Abada, Kelley Chazes, April Sedall, Nicole Paulsen, Shelby Talley, Christina Rafferty, Antonio San, Nicolas Nenita, San Nicolas, Rolf Ju, Emelita Joyosa, Leonora Bernabe, Johanna Abafo, James Vaccaro, Amanda Hill, Marlene Hill, Teresa Wright, Precilla Del Rosario, Yvonne (Dawn) Kunkle, Jesse Boyovich, Jan Sykes, Phyllis Beaver, Joel Rivera, Julie Fernandez, Jennifer Perez, Saksithan Hak, Lan Buck, Judy Severis, Joshua Hecox, Charito Rubis Galindo, Rose Herlya, Manny Gutierrez, Coleen Chessmen, Dionisio Paje, Alejandro Chavoya,

Serving in the Military

Major Chris Huckins serving in Afghanistan, Captain Patrick Warfel, Captain Philip Clay LT Luke Carpenter (deployed) Stephen Snelling, Zachary Cullers, in Japan Jack Cullers in the US, Zenaida Roth, Navy

Funerals May-September

Martin Brennan, Liwliwa Pemanuel, Joseph MacKenzie, Necitas San Diego Santa Maria, Eric Anderson, Bernice Dobrowski, Michaella and Giovana Yimen
Bob Pitt, Judy Swedberg, Bob Ball, John(Jack) Croteau

To add names to the box. please e-mail ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

Catholic College Corner - What kinds of brochures do we have in the kiosk at the bottom of the stairs? Pamphlets from affordable places like: Avila Institute (online), Ave Maria University (Naples, FL), Belmont Abbey College (Benedictine - NC), Benedictine College (Atchison, KS), Campion College (Australia), Chavagnes Studium (France), Christendom College (Front Royal, VA) and Catholic University of America (DC). Check it out! "All the way to heaven is heaven begun to the one who walks near enough to God to hear the secrets He has to impart." E.M. Bounds

Knights Corner November 2018

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. As Knights we can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith. If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us. To become a Knight of Columbus, contact John Woomer (412-592-6695) of our St. Stephen Council 13374 or any Knight.

For the intentions of our Holy Father: In November, we pray for those in the Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Please, pray daily, for our Pope, Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, religious, and seminarians. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection, and healing. Pray for their courage to live out their vocations for the benefit of all in the Body of Christ and to the glory of God.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the chapel Sunday thru Saturday. The Lord is calling all of us to take part in this wonderful ministry? See the sign-up board in the Narthex and pick a time, or just visit Jesus for just a few minutes. Jesus loves you infinitely; He listens; He is really present in the Eucharist; Just ask, He will give you what you need. Come, it is like visiting a good friend. Questions? Contact Bernie Wittgens 206-427-6085 or Tina Nold 206-715-8462.

When we hear the word 'abortion', we know it is controversial and divisive, without naming it for what it really is. The next time you hear or read the word abortion, substitute "killing the unborn child". Then pray, ask God for forgiveness, and weep at this grave injustice.

Want to help and protect the most vulnerable – the unborn children? Come and pray at the Cedar River Abortion Clinic at 263 Rainier Ave in Renton from 7 AM to 5 PM on 1st Wednesdays or at the Planned Parenthood at James and 102nd SE in Kent from 9:30-11 AM on 1st Saturdays. Every month, innocent lives are saved because you and I are there, praying. God answers prayers and brings good out of evil. Contact Bernie for more info or just show up.

Got old cell phones, laptops, ink and toner cartridges, digital still and video cameras, or MP3 Players? Join the Knights' recycling-for-charity program. Donation station is in the Narthex. Proceeds support seminarians and St. Stephens copy paper needs.

Submitted by Bernie Wittgens

Outreach Ministry

Under the Patronage of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Contact: Darlene Simpson
Office Phone: 253-631-1940 etc 103 Email: darsimpson@gmail.com

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Food Bank In Outreach Building
Mon's & Fri's 10am - 11:45am
Wednesday's 4pm - 5:45pm

Needed this week: Spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned meat, boxed pasta, Top ramen, baking supplies, napkins, crackers, chili, dressings, condiments, quart size zip lock bags.
We are also in desperate need of Safeway and Fred Meyer gift cards.
Served last week: **21 families and 71 individuals were served last week.**

FYI: People who are served by our food bank are only allowed to come once a month.

Gas, grocery, McDonald's and Subway gift cards are always appreciated! Please support our food bank with prayers and donations so that we can support others! Thank you for your generosity! *NOTE:* Please take PERISHABLE FOOD items to Food Bank directly. Thank you.

REMINDER: You need to be a registered parishioner (min. 6 months) to receive financial aid from St. Stephens. Food Bank is an exception.

KentHOPE - Volunteers are needed to feed the women at KentHope for the month of November. Those who choose to participate can sign up on the card calendar board in the Narthex. Whether it is a family or a group that will be feeding, you will need to plan on serving 18 to 20 homeless women who come to the center during the day. Every night during the month of November, our St. Stephen's family will be responsible for feeding these women. For more details see the information sheets by the sign up board or contact Darlene in Outreach 253-631-1940 ext 127, Mon thru Wed from 9 am to 1 pm or by email at darsimpson@gmail.com.

For Survivors of Abuse - Maria Goretti Network A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings please e-mail Debbie@mgoretti.org or 253-307-4526.

Collection Counter Position Open - Collection counters needed, running tapes, tabulating totals and preparing deposits. Requirements: Math aptitude, confidentiality and background check required. If interested contact the bookkeeper at sstmbookkeeping @gmail.com

St. Stephen Housing Association is celebrating its annual fundraiser "Hope for Housing" on November 10, from 6:00 to 9:30 pm in the Social Hall. If you've been before, you know what a fun night it is! Bring a friend and join us for wine tasting, delicious appetizers, great music and a HUGE silent auction. Tickets can be purchased online now at ssha.eventbrite.com and after Masses on Oct. 27 & 28, and Nov. 3 & 4. All proceeds benefit the homeless families with children living in our housing program. Help us bring hope to these families by joining us!

Parish Library - Have you been in the Library recently? It's like bunnies multiplying!!! Generous members of the family have been sharing inspirational books, audio books for those long car trips, and Christian DVDs. There is also a table of free items of all kinds may find their way into your hands. there have been bibles, rosaries, and other religious items. Maybe you have surplus items that need a new home? The library welcomes you!

Volunteer Opening - *Alleluia Catholic Store* in Kent seeks a part time volunteer 4 hours on Tuesday, Thursday, and or Saturday to assist sales clerk with inventory, customer service and sales. *Alleluia* is a retail store that offers ministry and service to the Catholic Christian community, we desire to feed the soul and formation of followers of Jesus our Savior. Contact the store at 253-520-0695 or some in 201 First Ave South, Kent 2 blocks south of the Kent library.

Part-time Custodial Position available at St. Stephen the Martyr. Position for 15 hours per week/flexible availability of applicant is essential. Duties include: Restroom cleaning, mopping & vacuuming floors, setting up & taking down tables & chairs for programming & events. Physical tasks may be necessary for extended periods of time, ability to lift 50 lbs is a requirement. This is a beautiful opportunity to serve our parish family & the ministries of our church. For details please contact sstm.facilities@gmail.com.

Senior Potluck: The senior annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held in the church social hall on Friday, November 16th at 6pm. We MUST have a head count for the dinner. Please RSVP to Leah Rae at 425-371-8182 and leave your name and phone number.

Grief Ministry - If you are grieving the death of a loved one, come find strength and compassion with the St. Stephen's Grief Support Group on Sunday, November 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Chapel. Our topic will be "Pathways Through The Holiday Season." For more info, contact Sharon Rasmussen at 425-228-1437. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mt. 5, 4

Parish Life Invites You on a Bus Trip: Join fellow parishioners for a fun day of shopping at Seattle Premium Outlets and enjoying the MILLION+ lights at Warm Beach near Stanwood on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11:30am to 10:00PM. $60 per person ($50 for children under 12, seniors over 65, and active military). Contact Kathleen Tansey 253-630-7755 or Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com

Gabriel Angels invite you to join us on Monday November 5, from 7:15 to 8:45pm in the Office Wing Dining Room. Learn more about our ministry to Pregnant and new Moms and Babies plus hear about PREPARES (Pregnancy and Parenting Support) from Donna Cheeseborough, Director from Catholic Community Services. And yes there will be refreshments. Contact Roberta Jorgensen at robertajorgensen@comcast.net or Kathleen Tansey 253-630-7755 with questions. All welcome.

Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com or emailing us at WelcomeStStephens@gmail.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in.

Parish Office Hours: Most weeks, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - Noon and 1-5 PM.

Bulletin Notices: The **article deadline is 5 PM on the Monday** before the weekend you wish it to appear. Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com. Our bulletin is provided free of charge by the advertisers on the back of the bulletin. To place an ad, contact Nick Thoennes with Catholic Printery at 425-466-1378.

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Custodial Support	Soo Kim, Brian Guenther		

Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact Teresa Wright for details concerning marriage at (253) 631-6175, Ext. 120.

Annulments: (for those who are divorced): For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions and for help through the annulment process, please contact our parish Tribunal Advocate, Veronica Smith-Casem, at vsmithcasem@gmail.com or 425-301-0356 .

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults to become Catholic & be baptized. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Parish Communication With Flocknote! Parish members are invited to sign up to receive news, reminders, special announcements, etc. by subscribing to one or more lists, specific to your interests. Each member gets to choose their own preferred mode of receiving messages such as email, text message, social networking sites etc. **To get started** *use the easy direct link on the front-page of our parish website www.ststephenslife.com.* Choose any or all of our ministries you'd like to hear from!

Parish Stewardship Giving

To Our Parish:	Budget	Actual	Difference	*Our Other Giving:*
Last Weekend	$22,326	$23,902	$1,576	Maintenance Reserve
Fiscal Year to Date	$459,585	$472,481	$12,896	$294

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion "He ran to me, He took me in His arms, held my head to His chest, said "My son's come home again!"Lifted my face, wiped the tears from my eyes, with forgiveness in His voice He said "Son, do you know I still love You?" - Lyrics from "When God Ran" by Phillips, Craig and Dean. Can you imagine what that would be like to have Our Lord run up to you and embrace you joyfully? To assure you of His great love for you? Join us for a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover that merciful embrace that is just for you. November 9-11, in English. Call Aleah: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) www.ccsww.org/projectrachel You are loved with an everlasting Love! **Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.**

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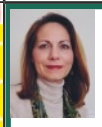

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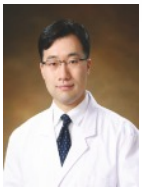

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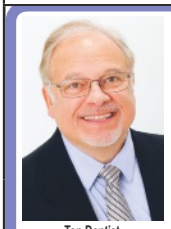

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