

A photograph of five lit candles in a row, set against a dark background. The candles are purple, white, and pink. They are surrounded by green evergreen branches and pine cones. The text is overlaid on the image.

*Welcome to
St. Stephen the
First Martyr
Church*

*December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent*

St. Stephen, The First Martyr Parish

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Fr. Jack Arlotta- *Pastor*
Fr. Reynor Santiago- *Associate*
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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

1st Sunday: Bilingual Spanish Mass 6:00PM

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00AM

Monday to Saturday: 9:00AM

Morning Prayer: 8:40AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 7:30-8:30PM

Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the month

- Mass at 7PM with adoration throughout the night, ends with Benediction at 8:15AM

- Call office to sign up for one or more hours

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 2:30 - 4:00PM

Parish Office

St. Stephen Parish Community Center
228 West St., Warwick, NY 10990

Family Faith Formation Parish Office Hours

Phone: 845-986-2231 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM
RelEdOffice@gmail.com Closed from 12-1PM

Parish Staff

Mrs. Lydia vanDuynhoven.....Director, Family Faith Formation
Mr. Anthony Marcella.....Music Director
Mrs. Mary Juliano.....Business Manager
Mrs. Maxine Martin.....Bookkeeper
Mrs. Emily Juliano & Mrs. Donna Washio.....Secretaries
Mrs. Katie Bisaro & Mr. Stephen Mandracchia.....Trustees

Altar Society Appointments

December 12 — Kathi Bellofatto

December 19 — Celesta Meyer

December 26 — Mary Lou Carbone

January 2 — Pat Newell

January 9 — Pat Costello

January 16 — Carolyn DeMarmels

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin a new Church year, you will be reminded that we are in the midst of a “Eucharistic Revival.” It will be a time to look closely at the most important aspect of our faith. In upcoming weeks, I will present various items to provide a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.

What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word “eucharista,” meaning “thanksgiving.” In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present— body, blood, soul and divinity— under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the “real presence” of Christ in the Eucharist.

Next week: Where is the Eucharist mentioned in the Bible?

This and That

Thanks go out to all who loaned us their Nativity Sets for our special tour last week. People thought it was spectacular.

We plan on resuming collection counters in January. Anyone who wishes to volunteer, please see Fr. Jack. While we are on that subject – please do not place an inch of tape on your donation envelope. It just makes the counting all the more difficult.

Thank you!

Thank You!

The collection amount for the weekend of Sunday, December 4th, was \$13,687.66 (of which WeShare was \$5,630.66). Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness and generosity!

*To everything there is a season and a time
for every purpose under Heaven...*

...a time to love...

Please pray for all couples preparing for marriage and all those who were married this year.

...a time to be born...

We welcome Lillian Taylor, Anthony Zummo and all who were recently born. Please pray for them and their families.

...a time to heal...

Please pray for all who are ill, especially: Gloria Arlotta, Mackensea Akin, Joann Badolato, Edward Blizard, Dona Heupel, Sarah Huntington, Linda Keay, Carl Klein, Kathleen McCormick, Jack & Lynne Koval, Teresita Nayak, Cathy and Michael Priest, Tina Roca, Ann Marie McGregor, Linda Romeo, Fred and Patricia Smith, Jr., George Turner, Levi Murphy, Daniel Owen, Rev. Peter Madori, Greg Masker, Christina Fabbro, Lydia Bosco, Ashley Oettinger, James Andrew, Mary Schlagel, Mary Ellen Downes, Annmarie Malcomson, Gwyn Bernhardt, Dianne McCrystal, Lora Smolenski, Matthew Smith, Laurel Hansen, Fr. Jamie Bono, Robert Hogan, Debbie Hornor, Laura Bonacci, Tom Bonacci, Donna Picone, Maria Palka, Maria Holzhauer, all of our homebound parishioners and those suffering from the Corona Virus and other debilitating illnesses.

...a time for war; a time for peace...

Capt. Edward Dauphin, Rev. Major Paul Anthony Halladay, Collin Layng USMC, Stephen McCall, Prv. 1st Class Tyler VanDunk, Spc. Devin Wood, Rev. Captain Alec Bruce Scott, and Sergeant Denise Y. Severini. Please pray for all those suffering persecution for the faith around the world. Please pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

...a time to die...

Please pray for Gladys Perrino, Ann Mandracchia, and all the souls of our departed loved ones. May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday Evening, December 10

5:00PM The DiMauro & Kotran Families

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Maria & Joseph Gabor

9:00AM The McBride & McCartin Families, and Margaret Ryan

11:00AM John & Leona Coleman

6:00PM Living Intention for Michael Suleski

This Week

Sanctuary Candle: Mary & Eelke Glorie

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00AM For Parishioners

9:00AM Eva Karas

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00AM Living Intention for Adam &

Katie Suleski

9:00AM Ann & Patty Karas

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00AM 60th Anniversary of St. Stephen's Sodality

Thursday, December 15

7:00AM Mike McGill

9:00AM Albert Johnson

Friday, December 16

9:00AM Mary & Eelke Glorie

Saturday, December 17

9:00AM Juan Pablo & Bryant Chaves

Saturday Evening

5:00PM Gerald Ruebenstahl

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM John Kubenik

9:00AM Sandra Cronk & Joan Dehm

11:00AM John Leahey

This Week

Sanctuary Candle: John McCaffrey

This Week At A Glance

- **Family Faith Formation:** Sunday, 12/11, at 8AM, 10AM and 12PM for Grades 1&2 (*Community Center*)
 - **Warwick Valley Chorale Concert:** Sunday, 12/11, at 3PM (*Church*)
 - **Guadalupe Celebration:** Sunday, 12/11, after 5PM Mass (*Gym*)
 - **AA Meeting:** Sunday, 12/11, at 6PM (*White Building*)
- **Choir Practice:** Monday, 12/12, from 5PM to 6PM (Children) and 7PM to 8:30PM (Adults) (*Church*)
- **Family Faith Formation:** Tuesday, 12/13, at 3PM (Gr. 5&6), and 4:30PM (Gr. 3&4) (*Community Center*)
 - **LOGOS:** Tuesday, 12/13, from 6:30PM to 8PM (*Community Center*)
 - **Advent Study Group:** Wednesday, 12/14, from 9:30AM to 11AM (*Bookstore*)
 - **Why Knots:** Wednesday, 12/14, at 6:30PM (*Msgr. O'Connor Hall*)
 - **Knights of Columbus Council Meeting:** Wednesday, 12/14, at 7:30PM (*White Building*)
- **Liturgy Bible Study Group:** Thursday, 12/15, at 9:30AM to 11AM (*Msgr. Corrigan Conference Room*)
 - **Adult Choir Practice for Lessons & Carols:** Thursday, 12/15, at 7PM (*Church*)
 - **Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Service:** Friday, 12/16, at 7PM (*Church*)
 - **Men's Fellowship:** Saturday, 12/17, from 7:45AM to 9AM (*Msgr. O'Connor Hall*)
 - **Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday, 12/17, from 9AM to 11AM (*Gym*)
 - **RCIA Meeting:** Saturday, 12/17, from 10AM to 11PM (*Church Atrium*)

An Evening of Lessons and Carols



St. Stephen's Parish Music Ministry Singers will lead our prayer with chant, songs, and carols, drawing upon the themes of the Advent and Christmas Seasons!

Refreshments will be served in the atrium at the conclusion of the prayer service. A free-will offering will take place to support the Music Ministry.

Come and join us to experience the wonderful tradition of Lessons and Carols!

Sunday, December 18th at 3PM



St. Stephen's CYO group will be hosting a bake sale this weekend after the Masses.

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We look forward to honoring this special feast day of Mary's with you!

**St. Stephen's
Advent Confession Times and
Christmas Mass Times**

Confessions will be heard during the season of Advent on:

* **Fridays** before Holy Hour from 7PM until 7:30PM

* **Saturdays** from 2:30PM until 4:30PM

* **Reconciliation Monday**, December 19th, from 2PM until 4PM only

The **Mass schedule for Christmas** will be as follows:

Christmas Eve— Saturday, December 24th

St. Joseph, Florida— 4:30PM and midnight

St. Stanislaus, Pine Island— 8PM

St. Stephen, Warwick— 4PM and midnight

Christmas Day— Sunday, December 25th

St. Joseph, Florida— 9AM

St. Stanislaus, Pine Island— 10:30AM

St. Stephen, Warwick— 8AM, 10AM and noon

**Coming Soon from
St. Stephen's Players...**

We need you!

St. Stephen's Players are looking to host a variety show on the evening of **Monday, January 16**, in collaboration with Sacred Heart Parish in Monroe.

As the majority part of the evening, we are looking to highlight local talent who would like to perform a scene, monologue, or song (think Broadway musicals or productions, Shakespeare, etc.). If interested, please submit a recording of the piece you plan to perform to saintstephensplayers@gmail.com (no worries if you don't have the piece memorized yet!).

**Submissions must be received no later than
Wednesday, December 21st.**

Please help us make this event possible by spreading the word! Thank you!



**Knights of Columbus
Christmas Toy Drive**

Bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas Day!

Please consider donating a toy (new and unwrapped only please!). All toys distributed locally.

Donation box is located in the Atrium until 12/12.

Men's Retreat

Fr. Glenn Sudano CFR will be the Retreat Master for a men's retreat which will be conducted on the weekend of **January 13th-15th, 2023**, at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton, NJ. The Salesian Sisters offer immaculate single rooms with a bathroom.

The cost is \$230, but, thanks to the generosity of some of our parishioners, scholarships are available.

For more information, call or text Deacon Tom at 845-988-6289 or e-mail dtom@warwick.net



Congratulations!

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There will be a meeting for all ushers on
Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30PM. All current
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usher are invited to attend!

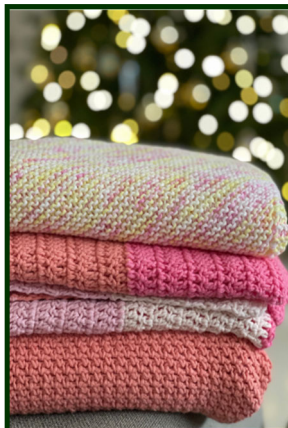
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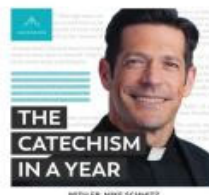
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