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St. Stephen the
First Martyr
Church*

*December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

St. Stephen, The First Martyr Parish

*A Eucharistic Community, Journeying in
Knowledge, Love and Service*

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Fr. Jack Arlotta- *Pastor*
Fr. Reynor Santiago- *Associate*
Dcns. Daniel Byrne and Thomas MacDougall

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 19 — Celesta Meyer
December 26 — Mary Lou Carbone
January 2 — Pat Newell
January 9 — Pat Costello
January 16 — Carolyn DeMarmels
January 23 — Kathi Bellofatto

From the Pastor's Desk

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Scripture readings shift a bit and focus on Mary's role in the mystery of the Incarnation. As we draw closer and closer to Christmas, the Gospels especially highlight the days before the birth of Jesus. This should be a week of prayer and meditation about these events.

As we celebrate the Mass this Sunday, let's answer the question as to where the Eucharist is mentioned in the Bible. The Lord Jesus, on the night before He suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with His disciples. During this meal, our Savior instituted the sacrament of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of His death and resurrection. The Institution of the Eucharist is written down in the following four Gospels:

Matthew 26:26-30

Mark 14:22-26

Luke 22:14-20

John 6:22-59 (The Bread of Life Discourse)



Thank You!

The collection amount for the weekend of Sunday, December 11th, will be posted in next week's bulletin. 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 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 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 17

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

Monday, December 19

7:00AM For Parishioners

9:00AM Christine Alaimo

Tuesday, December 20

7:00AM Bernard Lyons

9:00AM Larry Stubbmann, Jr.

Wednesday, December 21

9:00AM David Cunningham

Thursday, December 22

7:00AM Living Intention for Ian Suleski

9:00AM Richard Kidney

Friday, December 23

9:00AM Patricia Hansen

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

9:00AM George H. Loehwing, Jr.

Saturday Evening

4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass in Church

7:00PM Christmas Eve Mass in Church

Sunday, December 25, Christmas

12:00AM Christmas Mass (midnight) in Church

8:00AM Christmas Mass in Church

10:00AM Christmas Mass in Church

12:00PM Christmas Mass in Church

This Week

Sanctuary Candle: Joseph Ahrenholz

This Week At A Glance

- **Family Faith Formation:** Sunday, 12/18, at 10AM and 12PM for Grades 7&8 (*Community Center*)
 - **Lessons & Carols:** Sunday, 12/18, at 3PM (*Church*)
 - **AA Meeting:** Sunday, 12/18, at 6PM (*White Building*)
- **Choir Practice:** Monday, 12/19, from 5PM to 6PM (Children) and 7PM to 8:30PM (Adults) (*Church*)
 - **Respect Life Ministry:** Tuesday, 12/20, from 7PM—8PM (*Msgr. Corrigan Conference Rm.*)
 - **Ushers Meeting:** Tuesday, 12/20, from 7:30PM to 8:30 PM (*Community Center*)
 - **Advent Study Group:** Wednesday, 12/21, from 9:30AM to 11AM (*Bookstore*)
 - **Mini Me Christmas Play:** Wednesday, 12/21, at 11AM (*Church*)
- **Liturgy Bible Study Group:** Thursday, 12/22, at 9:30AM to 11AM (*Msgr. Corrigan Conference Room*)
 - **RCIA Meeting:** Saturday, 12/24, 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 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, 7PM 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!

join us!

There will be a meeting for all ushers on **Tuesday, December 20th** at 7:30PM. All current ushers and anyone who is interested in being an usher are invited to attend!

If you are interested in being an usher and cannot make the meeting, please call Art at (845) 258-0777.

Upcoming Parish Office Hours

- * **Friday, 12/23: Closed at noon**
- * **Monday, 12/26: Closed**
- * **Monday, 1/2: Closed**

Congratulations!

St. Stephen's 200 Club Winners

#132 Helen Garby
#222 William Wygant

New Club to start Jan. 2023!
Tickets are \$30- 50 chances to win!
Send check to parish office with your name, address
and phone number, marked "200 Club."
Questions? Call Lori Lybolt at 347-899-6003 or
Jean Murphy at 845-258-8687

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

A Prayer for our Priests

During this busy Christmas season, please keep our staff and all those who assist with the Masses (ushers, lectors, musicians and singers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.) in your prayers, but especially our priests while they are needed at other parishes as well. We invite you to take a moment here, in this little corner of the bulletin, to pray the following:

Lord Jesus, we Your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of Your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. We pray to You, O Lord, with Mary, the Mother of priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen.

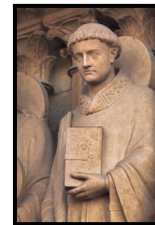
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Thank you to all who have donated so far to the Why Knots Blanket Ministry! We are so grateful for your support.

Donations are still being gratefully accepted as we enter more into the cold months.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Please join us after the 9^{AM} Mass on **Monday, December 26th**, to celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen the First Martyr with refreshments and fellowship!

A reminder that the parish office will be closed.



We're so thrilled as to the response of offering pickleball sessions during the week at St. Stephen's Gym! Thanks to Anne Prial for heading this wonderful community activity!

If you'd like to join, reservations are required, as space/session times are limited. Newbie lessons available! \$5 per session, morning or afternoon. For more information or to sign up, please contact Anne at anneleavyprial@gmail.com or call the parish office.

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March for Life Bus Trip

For those interested in attending the
March for Life on **January 20th**, there will be a
bus leaving from Immaculate Conception
Parish/St. Mary's Church in Port Jervis.

Please contact Nancy Smith at (845) 856-4610
for more information and to sign up!



Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a
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of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in
the NYC area are: Jan. 14th, Feb. 4th, March 11th, and
May 20th in English, and May 6th in Spanish. For more
dates, locations and confidential registration, or just to
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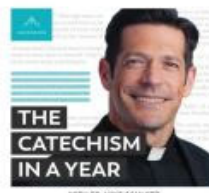
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