

*Welcome to
St. Stephen the
First Martyr
Church*

*January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"The grass withers, the flowers fade; but the
word of our God will stand forever."
Isaiah 40:8*

St. Stephen, The First Martyr Parish

*A Eucharistic Community, Journeying in
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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
(except for January and February)

- 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

January 16 — Carolyn DeMarmels

January 23 — Kathi Bellofatto

January 30 — Celesta Meyer

February 6 — Mary Lou Carbone

February 13 — Pat Newell

February 20 — Pat Costello

From the Pastor's Desk

**January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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Thank You!

The collection amount for the weekend of Sunday, December 8th, was \$16,738.61 (of which WeShare was \$6,191.61). 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 Brendan Thomas Roerden who was recently born. Please pray for him and their families.

...a time to heal...

Please pray for all who are ill, especially: Gloria Arlotta, 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., 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, Denise Zottola Gianna, 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 Deacon Arthur "Artie" Cuccia and Christene Johnson 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, January 14

5:00PM Rosemary Wilson

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:30AM William Skerry

9:00AM Barbara Dooley

11:00AM Paul McCoy

This Week

Sanctuary Candle: Marlene & Larry Gibson

Monday, January 16

9:00AM Living Intention for the
Falciglia Family

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00AM For Parishioners

9:00AM Philip Friedler

Wednesday, January 18

9:00AM Joseph Lucerino

Thursday, January 19

7:00AM William Shannon Sr. & Deceased
Members of the Shannon Family

9:00AM Anthony Quinn

Friday, January 20

9:00AM Frank Lettera

Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:00AM Edward Sharfenberger

Saturday Evening

5:00PM Camille Balsamello

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Elizabeth Moody

9:00AM Andrew Brezina

11:00AM Mary & Edward Morley

This Week

Sanctuary Candle: Edward Sharfenberger

This Week At A Glance

- **Family Faith Formation:** Sunday, 1/15, at 10AM and 12PM, grades 7&8 (*Community Center*)
 - **AA Meeting:** Sunday, 1/15, at 6PM (*White Building*)
- **Christmas Donation Collection:** Monday, 1/16, from 9:30AM to noon (*Community Center*)
 - **St. Stephen's Players Variety Show:** Monday, 1/16, at 6:30PM (*Gym*)
- **Christmas Donation Collection:** Tuesday, 1/17, from 4PM to 6PM (*Community Center*)
 - **Respect Life Ministry:** Tuesday, 1/17, at 7PM (*Msgr. Corrigan Conference Rm.*)
 - **Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat:** Wednesday, 1/18, from 4:30PM to 9PM (*Church*)
 - **Security Meeting:** Wednesday, 1/18, at 7PM (*Msgr. O'Connor Hall*)
- **Liturgy Bible Study Group:** Thursday, 1/19, at 9:30AM (*Msgr. Corrigan Conference Rm.*)
 - **RCIA Meeting:** Saturday, 1/21, from 10AM to 11PM (*Church Atrium*)



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January 17, 4pm - 6pm

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Cheers
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Christmas items NOW!

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Christmas Market
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Donations for our
Spring Tag Sale
will be collected in
February & March

***PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT FURNITURE AT THIS TIME.
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CLOSED

The parish office will be **closed** on **Monday,**
January 16th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Have a blessed weekend!

Hospitality Weekend

Our next Hospitality Weekend will be
next weekend, Jan. 21st-22nd.

If you are missing the holiday baking frenzy, we
would greatly appreciate a baked good
donation to offer! We would love to
feature some of your favorite Christmas bakes
before you tuck away the recipes for next year.

Please contact Mary at
mjuliano@ststephenchurchwarwick.org

March for Life Bus Trip

Buses Departing from Orange County:

Monroe: Contact: Rich Strobel 914-456-0512
email: strbl19@optonline.net
Departing from Sacred Heart, Monroe

Newburgh: Contact: Deacon Tom Neppl
845-541-0421 cell, 845-562-1341
email: tnepp1@verizon.net
Departing from Our Lady of the Lake
Chapel, Newburgh



A Prayer For Life

**Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.**

**Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people a readiness
to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.**

**Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.
Amen**



Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey 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 talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by e-mail at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org



All Day Adoration Friday, January 20th

The March for Life is being held on January 20th in Washington, DC. For those who cannot go, there will be all day Adoration here at St. Stephen's beginning with Mass at 9am and ending with Mass at 7pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to quietly pray for the unborn, an end to abortion and all those affected by it while sitting in front of the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament.

Please sign up for an hour in the atrium or on Sign-up Genius. If you can't sign up for an hour, please come and stay as long as you can.

Please call the office if you have any questions at 986-4028.

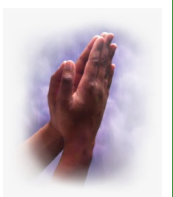
PRAYING AT NEWBURGH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

For those who aren't able to attend the March for Life, WE will be praying at Newburgh Planned Parenthood on Friday, January 20th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The address is 136 Lake Street, Newburgh.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN MONROE

People of all ages, faith and denominations are invited to a time of prayer and the March for Life around the Ponds on Sunday, January 22nd at 1:30 pm at the Pond in the Village of Monroe on Mill Pond Parkway north of Lake Street at the Mill Pond Park and Ride.

For more information please call Rich Strobel at 914-456-0512



Pregnancy Resources

Pregnant and need help? **You have a choice** and there are pregnancy care centers and other places that you can reach out to for help. Please contact:

Birthright at www.birthright.org – 1-800-550-4900
MyChoice Pregnancy Center – email to nfor@mychoicepcc.com - Face-
Book@FriendsofMyChoice - call 845-561-3057
Sisters of Life at www.sistersoflife.org
Good Counsel at www.goodcounselhomes.org
800-723-8331

The **Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Council 4952** would like to thank the parishioners of St. Stephen's for their support of our annual Toy Drive.

The toys were donated to Catholic Charities, the Warwick Area Farmworkers Organization and to the Salesian's Sisters at Mary Help of Christians Academy.

In addition, I would like to thank Father Jack and the staff of St. Stephen's for their help in making the Toy Drive such a success.

Sincerely,

Ernie Nitschke
Grand Knight



Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus is accepting applications for our annual scholarship for the 2022/2023 school year. To be eligible to apply for this year's Scholarship candidates must meet the following requirements:

- ☐ Candidate must be a Catholic male or female.
- ☐ In addition, the candidates should exemplify the principles of our order which are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- ☐ The candidate should have a history of community service and be an active member of their church.

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Security Ministry



Last fall, the Security Ministry was restarted after being put on hold during the pandemic. There were sign-ups after Mass that were added to the original sign-up list.

The steering committee has been meeting for several months to reassess the changes since the Ministry originally formed, identifying areas that need attention and goals of the Security Ministry going forward. Areas we are focusing on include: Medical Emergencies, Security of the Buildings and Grounds both the physical plant as well as incident response, working with local law enforcement and fire officials, etc.

A meeting for all those who signed up for this Ministry, as well as any who may be interested in participating will take place on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Community Center**. Please consider becoming a part of this important and vital ministry.

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