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JUNE 20, 2021 — 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.

Monday—Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Monday and Friday after the
8:30 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday at 2:45 p.m.

Church Office/Pastoral Care:

813-689-4900

School: 813-741-9203

Faith Formation:

813-671-4434

Maintenance: 813-734-5877

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FATHER'S DAY



Fr. Dermot Dunne — Pastor — Fr. Timothy Williford — Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ed Dodenhoff, Rev. Mr. Mike Ryba, and Rev. Mr. Mike Sweeney — Deacons

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN

First Reading: Jb 38:1, 8-11 — Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17 — Gospel: Mk 4:35-41

The Sanctuary Lamp

If you are interested in having the sanctuary lamp burn in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call (813) 689-4900.

Monday

8:30 a.m. Pray for VM Mathew (RIP).

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Anna Vu (RIP).

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Pray for vocations.

Thursday

The church office will close at noon today.

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Pray for Ray DeMarco (RIP).

Friday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Leonora Maggio (RIP).

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Pray for Eileen Mary Cummings (RIP).

4:30 a.m. Pray for Edward and Shirley Pelland (RIP).

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Pray for the parishioners.

9:30 a.m. Pray for Salome Abordo (RIP).

11:30 a.m. Pray for John Cirello (RIP).

5:30 p.m. Pray for Roger Reid Sr. (RIP).

Annual Pastoral Appeal

\$324,760.36 pledged, thank you! This is 84.29% of our goal!

Help your parish serve in Christ's name by donating. Thank you for helping your community.

“Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by.” - St. Polycarp of Smyrna

Please find an envelope on the right wall of the narthex. Help your diocese reach 11 million by helping your parish reach \$385,325. We are almost there!

Mass Collections

June 12 and 13, 2021

Offertory: \$23,608.11

Debt Reduction: \$3,000.25

WeShare – Online Donations

June 7 to 11, 2021

Offertory: \$15,653.13

Debt Reduction: \$2,562.31

A NOTE FROM FR. DERMOT

Happy Father's Day!



This is a day of gratitude for our fathers!

Fathers, I wish to thank you for your faithful fatherhood. You have cooperated with God and have decided to love. With love in your heart for your beautiful bride, you have created new life. This precious new life in your care means that you now put your wants and desires behind you. You help your children grow and mature into people of integrity and faith.

To our older dad's, whose children are grown, thank you for all the sacrifices you have made to help us become honorable men and women. To our younger dads, who still have your children in your home, run the good race and be faithful and loving. This way, your children may know they are always loved and that they may grow strong in a loving and secure family.

Whatever your relationship with your dad may be, please say a prayer for him on this day. With his love for you, he gave you his all. In his weakness, he may have wounded you; however, ask God's blessing upon him today.

Financial Note

As we come to the beginning our new financial year on July 1, 2021, here is a small recap of where we are at.

We are a Catholic community of about 4,800 families. We are financially supported by about 1,000 of those families on a regular basis. I want to sincerely give a huge thank you to those who regularly support our mission of sharing the Gospel in our modern word.

If you are one of the 3,800 who do not regularly financially support our mission, I invite you to please begin to do so. It takes all of us to create a healthy and holy community.

We still owe Sun Trust Bank \$7.4 million and pay a minimum of \$40,000 a month to help reduce this debt. We would like to increase these monthly payments. Additionally, we owe the Diocese of St. Petersburg around \$617,000 that also needs to be paid down this year.

It is amazing what we achieve with such a small percentage of our people donating. Again, thank you from the depths of my heart to those of you who do contribute. I sincerely ask those who do not yet support our faith community to please financially contribute to the upkeep of our family in Christ.

Scan the QR code to the right to donate today.



FAITH FORMATION

Christ welcomes you!



Parents, have you had an opportunity to register your youth in our Middle or High School Youth Groups? If not, we have Youth Group registration forms available on our website at St. Stephen Catholic Church/Faith Formation/Middle & High School. Visit this link, <https://ststephencatholic.org/faith>. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our adult team, we could use your help! Please contact Eddie at (813) 671-4434 or Eddie@ststephencatholic.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12–16, 2021

We would love to have YOU help our children become **Champions for Christ!**

We certainly understand if you are not able to volunteer. However, there is another way you can help. You can donate some of our much needed items, such as: paper plates, plastic silverware, plastic 8oz cups, mini water bottles, box of graham crackers, big marshmallows, markers, glue sticks, ribbon, color card stock, plastic tablecloths, balloon bags, painters tape, sport items and trophies. You can drop these items off at the Office of Faith Formation, located at St. Stephen Catholic School (east wing). For more information, please contact Kim or Gracielle at (813) 671-4434. Thank you so much for your giving hearts!

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Looking back on the success of the 2022-21 school year at St. Stephen Catholic School.

Each year, students in second and eighth grade participate in Sacramental preparation at St. Stephen Catholic School. In addition, faith is integrated into every part of our curriculum as we strive to teach students to continue Jesus' mission by applying Catholic morals, beliefs, values and practices in their everyday lives.

For more information on how a Catholic education could be possible for your child, contact the school office at (813) 741-9203 or email ngallagher@sscsfl.org. Scholarships are available for those who qualify!



GET INVOLVED — PARISH NEWS

Fr. Timothy Williford's Farewell Events

Fr. Tim will transfer to St. Paul Catholic Church in July. His last Mass at St. Stephen will be June 30, 2021 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please attend this Mass to thank him for his years of love and service here at St. Stephen.

Farewell parish events for Fr. Tim:

Pizza Night: June 26, 2021 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, pizza will be served in the Family Life Center.

Coffee and Donuts: June 27, 2021 after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses, coffee and donuts will be served in the FLC.

Cookout: June 27, 2021 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, hamburgers and hotdogs will be served in the FLC.

Bring your family and friends to show your love and gratitude for Fr. Tim!

Special Collection

Next weekend, September 26 and 27, 2021, we will take up the Peter Pence Collection. This is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please help the Church continue to serve. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Parish Library

The grand opening for our parish library will be June 27, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The additional summer dates are July 11 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The books in the library are all Catholic in nature. There are sections with research materials, Bible study materials and prayer materials, etc. You are welcome to take books or leave books and you can keep them for as long as you wish. Anyone who would like to donate Catholic books in good condition can leave them in the designated bin in the library. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Slade at (813) 685-0476 or Rosie Bridges ((813) 671-4434.

GET INVOLVED — MINISTRY NEWS

Men's Club Scholarship: We encourage graduates to submit a scholarship package for our Men's Club Scholarship Committee review. This is an opportunity for one of our seniors to win our annual scholarship award of \$750 per year, for four years. To receive this award, you must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA each eligible year! We also request that you include recommendation letters from your teachers or leaders of organizations that you participated in during your High School career. To qualify, you must also provide a college acceptance letter, if possible. Visit this link to download the application, <https://ststephencatholic.org/mens-club>. Return this application and additional material to the scholarship coordinator; edveronick@yahoo.com, no later than June 30, 2021. The winner will be notified via phone/email by July 23, 2021.

St. Vincent de Paul: SVdP is in need of one or two people to pick up bread from Publix on one/two Friday mornings of each month. Volunteers would pick up the bread before 7:00 a.m. at the Publix on Hwy. 60 and Kings Ave. You would then drop off the bread at the Food Pantry at St. Stephen Catholic Church by 9:00 a.m. If interested, please email svdpssfl@gmail.com.

Men's Basketball: Our mission is to exercise and play basketball while we fellowship with other men in the church. The Men's Parish Basketball Night is on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This night is for men who are 35 and older. Please join us on Thursdays in the Family Life Center.

Arts and Environment: The mission of the Art and Environment ministry is to maintain the beauty and readiness of the sanctuary for the celebration of Holy Mass. If you want to learn more about liturgy and enhancing the worship space please contact us at Art_and_Environment@ststephencatholic.org.

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