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**St. Stephen the Martyr**  Catholic Church

**Established as a Mission:** October 6, 1957  
**Building Dedicated:** April 21, 1963  
**Became a Parish:** June, 1975

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Martha Prokop 703-754-8444  
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Middleburg Community Charter School  
101 North Madison Street, Middleburg, VA  
Sunday, **11:15am-12:15pm**

There will be no classes on December 25 and January 1.  
Classes will resume on January 8.

Save the Date for Religious Education  
First Penance and First Communion Parents Meeting:  
**February 5, 11:15 in the Big Room**

The Religious Ed Department wishes  
everyone a Holy and Joyous Christmas

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### Seven Loaves Serving Our Community

Remember those we serve by bringing your food items on Sundays and leaving them in the basket located in the narthex. Please visit our website

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code:  
**St. Stephen the Martyr is VA 785.**  
Sign up today!

Please consider making a year end donation to St. Stephens or St. Stephen’s Building Fund.

If you haven’t switched from the current E-giving program to Faith Direct, please do so as soon as possible.

Masses at St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel can be offered for living and deceased loved ones. Please call the parish office to schedule.

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### Vocations

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call

Father J. D. Jaffe 703-841-2514 or write  
jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org

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PASTOR’S PIECE
Merry Christmas! & Happy and Blessed New Year!

Congratulations to the Calley and Basinger families. This week, they were honored in their sons, Edward and Ryan, rising to the rank of Eagle Scout. Edward Calley is currently in his first year of Washington & Lee University and Ryan Basinger is a senior at Loudoun Valley High School. Their accomplishments are a testament to their desire to live virtuous lives that give back to their community. Only about 5% of all Boy Scouts persevere to Eagle Rank. Nowadays, most Boy Scouts get distracted and dropout during their high school years. Both Edward and Ryan stuck it out to the end. Such tenacity gave them ample opportunity to exercise leadership among their peers and fellow boys. The rank of Eagle testifies to their ability to be successful leaders. Most of all, these two Eagle Scouts point to the importance of having involved families who pave the way with example and encouragement. I know that St. Stephen the Martyr Parish is greatly indebted to the time and energy that these two families give, especially to our Religious Education. Thank you.

I wish to thank all of you who have expressed your kindness and generosity to me this Christmas. I am touched and am most grateful for your support and appreciation.

As the official spokesman for the parish, I am grateful for your generosity directed at regular parochial support. Such help is vital to our day-to-day operations and our extra efforts such as: second collections, outreach to the needy in the community, building funds and capital campaign. This material support is so helpful and needed, but in addition to this, nothing would get accomplished without the many integral volunteers of: deacon, servers, choir members, ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, money counters, the army of volunteers to set up and breakdown for each Mass in a cafeteria, food pantry volunteers and donors, prayer groups, volunteers for the variety of things that pop up throughout the year like: Christmas gift drives, county board of supervisor meetings, and then, there are the members of the: Building Committee, Finance Council & Parish Council, and most importantly, for without you the faith would stop with us, our volunteer catechists and teacher aides. THANK YOU!

Christ’s Peace
Fr. Murphy

Christmas Flowers In Honor/In Memory Of

| Mr/Mrs Harold Bellis | Agnes, Mitchell, Junior Skees |
| Mr/Mrs Barry Corman | Ette, Bonnie, Nellie Skees |
| Alice McCracken Sommers | Daryl Booker |
| Harry S. Sommers | Walter, Jack Hatfield |
| Mary Virginia Sommers | Esthel Hatfield |
| Ruth Parker Sommers | Dewey Mullins |
| Ralph & Mary Rodriguez | Ernest Dauzon |
| Donald & Doris Devine | Dorothy Howard |
| Donald & Lydia Devine | Mr/Mrs Ervin Wiltgen |
| Teresa & Kate Feeley | Mr/Mrs Edward Wiltgen |
| Jean Henton | Mr/Mrs Herbert Halsa |
| George Koditek | Dorothy Wiltgen |
| Chase Yonkey | Michael Polkowski |
| The Rice Family | Paul J. Gallus |
| The Lundgren Family | Oliver Pederson |
| Kevin Kelly | Marie Pederson |
| Christopher Kelly | Fred Potter |
| Roy & Doris Frank | Dorothy C. Comerford |
| Dean & Helen Williamson | Grace & Griff Merritt |
| Jennettie & Larry Rocker | Ann & George Klein |
| Bill Klene | George W. Klein II |
| Rudolf & Leona Klene | Agnes & Adrienne Demo |
| August & Maria Schmidt | Norm & Darren Foge |
| Ben & Sara Raymalaey | Catherine & Norm Foge Sr. |
| Arthur & Elizabeth Alcorn | Lewie G. Merritt Sr. |
| The McHugh Family | Bob Olsen |
| The Swain Family | Frank Apesa |
| Fidelina, Jose, Blanca Ramirez | Amanda Brady |
| Juan Ramon Ramirez | James Brady |
| Jose Ramirez Sr. | Edward Kurpiel |
| Emilia, Herminio Estrella | Gaston de Bearn |
| Miguel & Herman Estrella | Kathleen Shane |
| Butler & Carter Families | Marge Shane |
| Ignatius Buffoe Bonnie | Wilbur Shane |
| Mr/Mrs Fritz Matrulli | Mike Misio |
| Joseph & Marie Luvera | Louisa Hartman |
| Nona | Fred Hartman |
| Bob Meadows | Carol Bocchichio |
| The Flynn Family | The Piet Family |
| The Whelan Family | The Macks Family |
| Michael, Maggie DeStefano | Leo Doherty |
| Edward, Grace Scott | Gail Seely |
| Janet, George, Edgar Cross | Robert, Marie, James Thiel |
| Jackie, Annie Hatfield | Conna Donor |
| George, Arlene, Scott Robertson | |
| Joan White | |

Deceased members of the Giannini & McGuinness Families
Deceased members of Robinson & Lockhettell Families
St. Katharine Drexel Mission
Bull Run Catholic Community
Established September 10, 2000
Made a Mission June, 2005
Office Phone—703-754-8444
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Bull Run Middle School
Sunday, 9:15-10:15am

There will be no classes on December 25 and January 1.
Classes will resume on January 8.

Save the Date for Religious Education
First Penance and First Communion Parents Meeting:
   January 22 in the Worship Area, 9:15

Next Adult Class: January 29

The SKD Classes will be holding a coat drive.
Please bring your “gently used” coats
to class on January 8

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Volunteers Are Needed

Needed: Lectors, Ushers, Van Drivers, Set Up and Take Down Crews. Training available.
Sign up sheets are located on the table outside of the worship area. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

From John Paul the Great
Catholic High School

John Paul is hosting a number of events in the new year
for middle school students. Sign up today for the soccer
and basketball tournaments, band & choir music festival,
and baseball clinic! And, applications are being accepted
for Fall 2017 enrollment. Please visit jpthegreat.org for
more information, or email: Admissions@jpthegreat.org.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Mission code:
VA 786
Sign up today!

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Now is the Time !!

It’s not too late to begin making payments on your pledge.
Please consider making a year end contribution to your pledge or to the building fund. We are at 40% of our goal.

Inclement Weather Policy for Masses at BRMS
If Prince William County Schools are closed, Mass will be cancelled. In the event that PWCS has not made a decision by 7am & St. Katharine Drexel Mission feels Mass cannot be celebrated because of the weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on our website: www.katharinedrexelcc.org or call 703-754-8444. Drivers & set-up crew will be contacted via a phone tree.
Next Sunday’s Second Collection is for the Building Fund for St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel Mission.

Let Us Pray for... Antonio Ababia, Quinn Adams, Phil Arra, Steve Boeckel, Dan Bumbaio, Michael Cloud, Helen Durek, Sienna Houck, David Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Ryan King, Brittany Leap, Patricia Lengauer, Jackie Lorzing, Peggy Marquis, Victor Ramirez, Marilyn Walker, and Joan White.

For Those Who Serve - Please pray for all the brave women and men in harm’s way; especially:


READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17/Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist
1 John 1:1-4/Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/John 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 John 1:5-2:2/Psalm 124:2-5, 7b-8/Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Psalm 128:1-5/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday The Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 John 2:18-21/Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13/John 1:1-18

Sunday Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27/Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

Sunday, December 25
NO Religious Ed Classes

Tuesday, December 27
10:30am Abiding Love Prayer Group, Kathleen Lambiasi 703-754-8224

Wednesday, December 28
7:30-8:30pm Holy Hour, Confessions St. Stephens

Offices will be closed Monday, December 26
May you have a Holy and Blessed Christmas.