

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

Established as a Mission: October 6, 1957
Building Dedicated: April 21, 1963
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Diocesan Science Fair Individuals with a science background are needed to help judge seventh and eighth grade students' research projects for the 2017 Diocesan Science Fair. These projects encompass such categories as botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. If your calendar allows you to spend the morning (8 a.m. - noon) on Saturday, April 8 at Paul VI High School to judge projects, please call Hiliary Mildrew at (703) 841-2519.

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For couples longing for a child, may God comfort them with the assurance of his steadfast love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Middleburg Community Charter School
101 North Madison Street, Middleburg, VA
Sunday, **11:15am-12:15pm**

- ◆ Many of our **Confirmation Candidates** went on Retreat to the Franciscan Monastery on Saturday, March 4. Please pray for them as they prepare for full initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 20.
- ◆ Our **Second Grade** students will be making their First Confession **on March 11**, 3pm at the St. Stephen Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey to First Communion on May 15
- ◆ Religious Education classes will meet at the Church on **March 12** at 11:15 for **Stations of the Cross**. Please do not come to the school. Parents are encouraged to join us!
- ◆ *Las clases de educacion religiosa estaran en la Iglesia el 12 de marzo a las 11:15 las Estaciones de la Cruz. Por favor, no vengan a la escuela. Se anima a los padres a permanecer por la Estacion de la Cruz.*

40Days40Ways - Get Connected to Jesus for Lent

Join us for this Lenten campaign that offers you 40 ways to change during Lent. *40Days40Ways with Francis* offers all of us the opportunity to seek a more intimate experience of God's love this Lent by exploring the love we share with our families and those who are dearest to us. Simply text "Ways" to 84576 to receive these daily reflections and a "way" a day to keep our hearts and minds focused on the joy of Easter. To find out more, or to sign up online, go to

www.arlingtondiocese.org/40Days40Ways

Vocations

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call

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

PASTOR'S PIECE

Bishop Burbidge thinks that he needs to ingratiate himself to the Irish among us. He has given the Diocese permission to dispense with the obligation to abstain from meat this Friday in honor of St. Patrick.

We're a fine lot. As if St. Patrick ever ate corned beef. I doubt many of my ancestors ever tasted it till they arrived on these shores. (The British had some funny ideas about what an Irishman needed for survival, ya know.) I'm not bitter. It was all part of God's plan to spread the Catholic faith throughout the English speaking world. Also, I'm grateful for the English language that we Irish got out of the exchange. We were running the county before any other immigrant group. But seriously, what would St. Patrick say about all the indulgence during Lent in his name?

"I bore many persecutions, even chains, so that I could give up my freeborn state for the sake of others. If I be worthy, I am ready even to give up my life most willingly here and now for his name. It is there that I wish to spend my life until I die, if the Lord should grant it to me." St. Patrick (http://www.confessio.ie/more/article_kelly#)

I'm not saying that St. Patrick is against having a good time, but he did value self-sacrifice and abnegation. This Lent, I hope that our appreciation of bodily self-denial can be channeled into spiritual tools to help us be more faithful. This is a golden opportunity to release the potential of the tried and true practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. The Church recommends it and the saints lived by it.

In addition to the recommended Lenten practices, let's not forget the obligations of the season, such as these two pertinent Precepts of the Church:

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.

These aren't suggestions, but rather the absolute bare minimum needed to keep the life of Sanctifying Grace alive in our Christian souls. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at **SSM**: Wednesday nights 7-8pm, Friday morning after Mass (9:30am), Friday night after Stations of the Cross (8pm), Saturday before Mass (3:45 - 4:45pm). At **SKD** it is available after the 8:00am Mass (9:00am)

Christ's Peace,
Fr. Murphy

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Schedule

Saint Stephen the Martyr
Eucharistic Holy Hour, Confessions
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
Spanish Mass: 6:30pm

Confessions
St. Stephen the Martyr
Fridays after 9am Mass,
After Stations of the Cross at 8pm, and
Saturday's 3:45-4:45pm

Saint Katharine Drexel Mission
Sundays, 9am

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:30pm; 6pm in Spanish
St. Stephen the Martyr

St. Katharine Drexel Mission

Bull Run Catholic Community

Established September 10, 2000

Made a Mission June, 2005

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www.katharinedrexelcc.org

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Haymarket Food Pantry

The following items are much needed:

- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◆ Beans
- ◆ Canned Meat



Do you have young children and wish to connect with other SKD parents with similar aged children?? Please contact the SKD office as we try coordinate a group and group leader for fun "get-togethers" in and around our community.

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

All are invited to the Spring Open House at John Paul the Great on Thursday, **March 16**, from 4-6pm. A brief presentation begins at 4:15. Meet teachers, coaches, students and Wolfie! Gift with pre-registration! Also coming up: JP5K (April 8) and Beauty and the Beast (May 5-7). Please visit jpthegreat.org for more info or call 703-445-0314.

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Bull Run Middle School

Sunday, 9:15-10:15am

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- ◆ Our **Second Grade** students will be making their **First Confession** on **March 9** at 4:30pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Office. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey to First Communion on May 7.
- ◆ Religious Education classes will join in the **Stations of the Cross** on **March 19** in the Worship space. Parents are encouraged to join us. Students should report to their classrooms before Stations.
- ◆ Religious Education is looking for volunteers who will act as **librarians** by bringing solid Catholic reading material around to the classrooms for the students to check out. Reading material and training provided. Come help us grow young minds without having to do any lesson plans! Call Martha for more info or to volunteer 703-754-8444.
- ◆ We are in need of a volunteer or two to manage a pamphlet, book and CD display at Bull Run for those who attend our Masses. Training and materials are available for someone who wants to minister to our community through this very important but low stress avenue. If interested, contact Martha 703-754-8444.
- ◆ **Work Camp:** SKD Magnets are being sold (\$5) between Masses with all proceeds going directly to their "tuition". Buy a magnet to support their efforts in representing us. Your display of the SKD magnet also is a means of promoting our Catholic Community to the community at large. Buy one for a friend or a family member and get the name of St. Katharine Drexel on the road!

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3/11 SATURDAY
 St. Stephen 5:00 Frances Angotta †
3/12 SUNDAY
 St. Stephen 8:00 Agnes Hilbert †
 10:00 Dr. Charles Ubelhart †
 12:30 People of the Parish
 St. Katharine 8:00
 10:30
3/13 MONDAY
 9:00 Special Intention
3/15 WEDNESDAY
 St. Stephen 9:00 Noel Femia †
3/16 THURSDAY
 9:00 Special Intention
3/17 FRIDAY
 9:00 Jack Healy

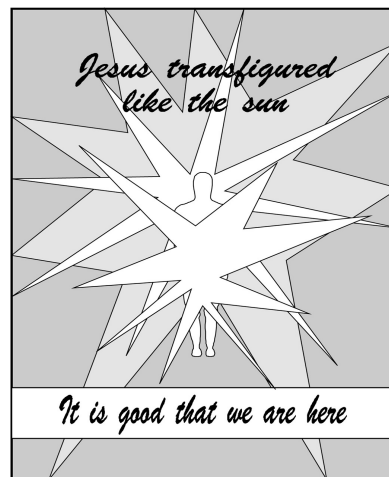
READINGS FOR THIS WEEK



Monday Daniel 9:4b-10/Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13/Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20/Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16/Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10/Psalm 1:1-4, 6/Luke 16:19-31
Friday **Saint Patrick, Bishop**
 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Psalm 105:16-21/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday **Third Sunday of Lent**
 Exodus 17:3-7/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42



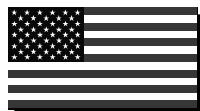
Sunday, March 12
 9:15-10:15am SKD Religious Ed, Grades K-8 and High School - Bull Run Middle School
 11:15am-12:15pm SSM Religious Ed Middleburg Charter School
Monday, March 13
 7:30pm RCIA, Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 14
 10:30am Abiding Love Prayer Group, Kathleen Lambiasi 703-754-8224
Wednesday, March 15
 6:30pm Spanish Mass
 7-8pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Confessions St. Stephens
Friday, March 17
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Spanish
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Confessions, St. Stephens



This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Building Fund for St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel Mission



For SKD Capital Campaign: Make checks payable to SKD Capital Campaign



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

First Lt. Ben Griffin, Caitlyn Tschida, CPL Timothy Tschida, Lt. JG Elizabeth Cotter Lt. John Ploschnitznig, Joseph Ploschnitznig and Markas Solomon



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