

St. Stephen Church

WE, THE PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN, WILL CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST AS A WELCOMING, WORSHIPING, CATHOLIC COMMUNITY BY SHARING, GROWING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.

NOVEMBER
2019
NEWSLETTER



Nov 1 - All Saints Day Mass at 7:30 am and 7 pm

Nov 2 & 3 - Kenya partnership committee will hold their annual wood carving and sculpture sale

Nov 2 & 3 - 2nd collection: Archdiocese for the Military Services

Nov 5 - All Souls Day Mass at 7 pm

Nov 9 & 10 - Girls Scout cookie sales after all masses

Nov 9 & 10 - 2nd collection: Seminarians

Nov 11 - Parish Center Closed

Nov 16 & 17 - 2nd collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Nov 17 - Community Sunday after the 10:45 am Hall Mass

Nov 23 & 24 - Advent calendar sales after all masses

Nov 27 - Parish Center Closing at noon

Nov 28 - Parish Center Closed & 7:30 am and 9 am masses in church to celebrate Thanksgiving

Nov 29 - Parish Center Closed



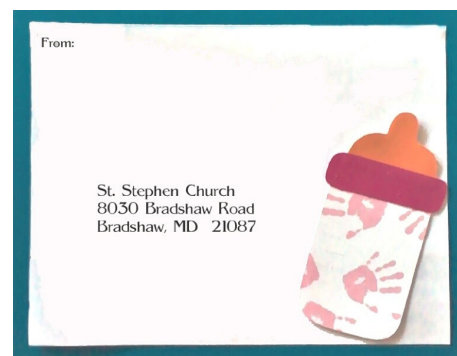
Girl Scouts

Interested in joining Girl Scouts? Email renemonaghan@hotmail.com for more information. They are helping girls to become girls of Courage, Confidence and Character. The Girl Scouts hosted the annual Parish Trunk or Treat event and a good time was had by all. The Girl Scouts are selling their cookies on Nov 9 & 10 after all masses



Speaker Series Begins

Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald will be the speaker on Nov 20 at 7 pm in the school hall. Come for refreshments at 6:30 pm. His topic will be our parish theme for the year, "Jesus Our Hope in Every Season of Life." Brendan and his family lived in our parish when he was growing up, and he was active in scouting and youth activities.



Baby Envelope Campaign

Your donations help support the Center for Pregnancy Concerns in Essex & the Women's Care Center in Fullerton. There are extra envelopes in the green gift bags at the back of the church and hall. Envelopes can be returned to the parish office, or placed in the collections basket. They are due by Sunday, Nov. 3rd



WELCOME

OPEN HOUSE

November 13, 2019

Experience the
St. Stephen
difference!

Tours available:
8:30am - 11:30am
12:30pm - 2:30pm
6:00pm - 8:00pm

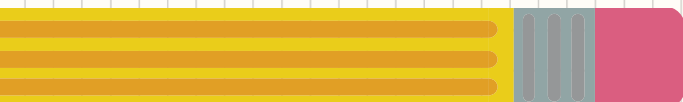
You can pre-register
today by inquiring at
sss.school.org!

8028 Bradshaw Rd
Kingsville, MD 21087
410.592.7617



ST. STEPHEN
SCHOOL

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Did someone
say Bingo?

MUST BE 18 TO ENTER **TO BENEFIT ST STEPHEN ATHLETICS**

ST STEPHEN PRESENTS **SATURDAY NOV 23** **\$15PP**

BIG MONEY BINGO

9	13	72	1	5
16	9	31	60	
15	3			

OVER \$2000 IN CASH PRIZES
PAYOUTS: \$75 A GAME, \$250 AND \$500 JACKPOTS

**\$15PP = 6 CARD SHEET FOR 14 REG BINGOS
PLUS 1 CARD SHEET FOR EACH JACKPOT
DOUBLE YOUR CARDS FOR \$5**

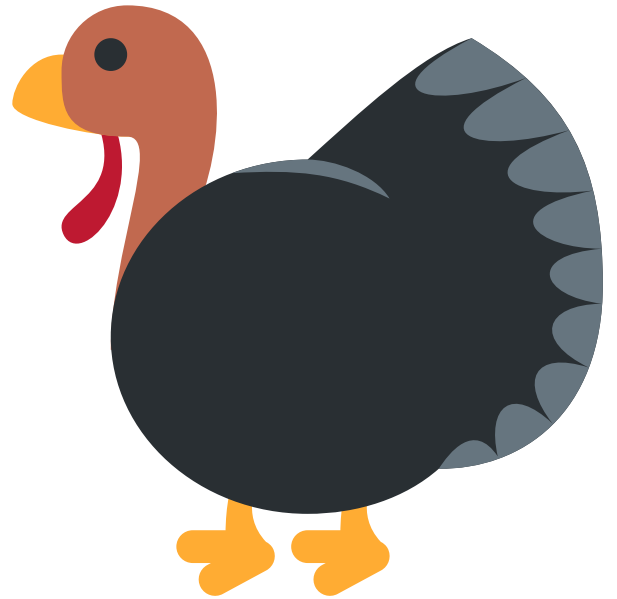
FOOD, BEER, WINE, 50-50'S, SPECIALS, DAUBERS
HALL DOORS OPEN 6PM-GAMES BEGIN 7PM

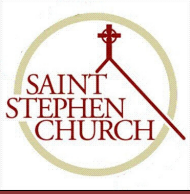
TICKETS ON SALE IN SCHOOL OFFICE AND ONLINE
"COMFORT" SEATING: ONLY 6 AT TABLE 410-592-7617

GOBBLE GOBBLE

Thanksgiving Day:

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 28. We will be having Masses at 7:30 am and 9:00 am in the Church. Join us in the school hall after the 9:00 am Mass for a light breakfast hosted by the Ladies of Charity. We'll have delicious pastries that will energize those who are creating Thanksgiving dinner later in the day.





Youth Ministry



Monthly Updates Online: Check the website each month for updated Youth Ministry information at www.ssparish.org/youth-ministry

#MSYM – Middle School Youth Ministry: Will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at either 9:15 or 10:45. Those in Faith Formation are already registered, so no further action is required. Youth in grades 6-8 who attend St. Stephen School or other private schools, or are home schooled can sign up for FREE by printing out the permission form from the website and turning it in ASAP so we can assign you a small group before our next session on Nov 10.

Small Group Leaders Needed: Once a month, our youth in grades 6-8 meet for one hour on Sunday mornings to engage with their peers in spiritual, social, and service activities to enrich their faith and grow as disciples. Dedicated adults or high school students who would like to lead a same-sex small group are encouraged to sign up. Training & materials are provided. Please contact Colleen Everson if you are interested! colleen.everson@gmail.com

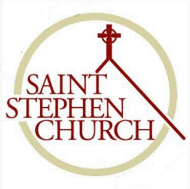
#HSYM – High School Youth Ministry: Will meet every other Tuesday at 7pm - 8:30pm. Usually, we'll meet in the Ministries Office (ground floor of Parish Center) but on some occasions we'll meet elsewhere. ALL youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend.

- **11/12 HSYM:** Project Rachel Service Project
- **11/26 HSYM:** Getting Ready for Advent

Kenya Weekend: Nov 2-3 at all Masses; We hope you will join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Church basement after every Mass!

Mount2000 Adult Leaders Needed: Two Virtus-trained adults are needed to lead high school students who wish to attend this Eucharistic Retreat at Mount Saint Mary's. Feb 7-9 weekend. If you are available that weekend and would like to volunteer, please let us know so we can invite students to attend! Contact Kellie at 410-592-7294 or kellie@ssparish.org





Faith Formation

We, the parish of St. Stephen, will carry out the mission of Jesus Christ as a welcoming, worshipping, Catholic Community by sharing, growing, and living the Gospel.

Faith Formation

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39):

Young Adult Ministry Contact Info:

Kellie Reynolds

Email (best way to reach): kellie@ssparish.org

Phone: 410-592-7294

Follow us on **Twitter** @ststephenyya

Follow us on **Instagram** @mrskellie

Check out our **Pinterest** Page: [ststephenmd](#)

Like our **Facebook** Page: [ststephenyoungadultministry](#)

Moms' Ministry: New to the parish?...the area?...a new mom?...or just looking for a new way to connect with other moms? Please join us! For more information contact Liz Pippin: greenpup83@hotmail.com

11/4 Holy Innocents Vespers: Those who would like to honor the memory of a child lost in the womb or in infancy are encouraged to attend the "Every Tear Wiped Away" prayer service at 7pm, St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Ave, Baltimore.

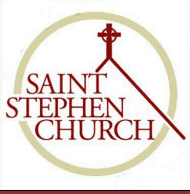
11/20: Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next prayer walk on Wednesday, November 20 at St. Ann Catholic Church - 2201 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 pm and end before 7:30 pm. During the walk, we will pray at specific locations that have been affected by violence, and for all those individuals who have been so terribly affected by violence, and for a change of heart in those given to violence. I hope you will join us as we continue to step out in faith to reclaim our city for Christ. St. Ann Parish Phone: (410) 235-8169

11/20 Speaker Series: Mark your calendar and come hear Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald (who grew up at St. Stephen!) speak about our parish theme: Jesus our Hope, in Every Season of Life! Bring a friend. Refreshments at 6:30, speaker at 7pm in the Hall (school gym).

11/23 Vigil Project: Join us for an evening of music and dynamic speakers to uplift and prepare you and your family for Advent. This event is open to young adults single, married, with or without children. 6:30-8pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City. For carpool inquiries, please contact kellie@ssparish.org or 410-592-7294

 SIGN UP!

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General Notices



The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you.

— *Pope Francis* —

Spiritual Oasis: Eucharistic Adoration available on Thursday nights. Join us in the Convent Chapel between 6 pm-7:30 pm. Come, be refreshed in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharistic.

Communion for the sick/home-bound: If you are aware of a home-bound parishioner who is in need of a regular visit to receive the Eucharist, please alert our parish center at 410-592-7071 with their name, phone number, and address if available, so we may try to match them with an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Thanks in advance for helping us better serve our parish family.

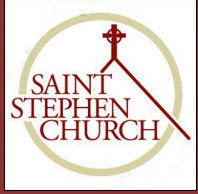
Cub Scout Pack 877: The Webelos I and II dens participated in the Dulaney District Camporee in October, which had a theme of Survivor Webelos Island. The Webelos I dens form patrols and they go through inspection. The Webelos II dens also form patrols and then compete against other patrols. Parents of the Scouts also form a patrol. The parent patrol for the Webelos II's were known as the Buccaneers and they won second place. We are VERY EXCITED to announce that the Webelos II den, known as the Salty Survivors Patrol, won the overall award for this year's Camporee! As a Pack, we will be very busy during the month of November. Scouts will be launching rockets and completing a service project at Jerusalem Mill on Sunday 11/3. On Sunday 11/10, St. Stephen has a Scout Mass at the 8 am service. Following Mass, we will be hosting an egg drop challenge for the Scouting groups at St. Stephen. We have our Fall Overnight trip to EcoAdventures the following weekend. Scouts will have animal encounters and sleep in a simulated rain forest. We would also like to say Thank You to everyone who supported the Pack by helping us with our popcorn fundraiser. For more information about Pack 877 please visit Pack877.org or contact Ashley at ashley.easter@Pack877.org

Girl Scouts: Another Scout year has begun and plans have been made by the various troops for another exciting year. The Cadettes are beginning the process of earning their Silver Award and the Senior/Ambassadors are beginning the process of earning their Gold Award. Our Youngest Girl Scouts, Kindergarten Daisies, enjoyed a trip to Brads Produce to participate in some fun Fall activities. We have troops for girls in Kindergarten through High School. If your daughter is interested in joining or want more information please call Rene Monaghan at 410-877-0698 (leave a message) or email at renemonaghan@hotmail.com

Scouts BSA Troop 877:

Kenya Partnership - Annual Fundraiser & Raffle Event THIS WEEKEND! Nov 2-3. Help us support our sister parish in Mombasa! Enjoy community Sunday refreshments and check out the newest selection of Kenyan soap stone sculptures, carvings, and fabrics - great gift ideas! We will be raffling off this beautiful pair of Praying Angels soap stone sculptures from Kenya and a wooden elephant sculpture hand carried from Kenya by Fr. Joseph! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses \$5.00 or 5 for \$20 in the Church basement!





Service Opportunities & More

Please visit the Service Page of the Parish Website often to see current opportunities!

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Our Lady, Queen of Families Rosary Guild: Meets on the first Saturday of the month, 9 am - 10:30 am, in the Ministries Office (ground floor of Parish Center). All ages are welcome to attend to learn to make & pray the rosary - Please join us! For more information, contact Ms. Jo Anna Schmidt at jschmidt@sdolaw.com. Our next gathering will be Saturday, Nov 2!

Sign up Genius: Go to our parish home page at www.ssparish.org and scroll down until you see the "sign up genius" logo. Click the logo to be taken to our parish events! You will need to create a username and password. Check the SUG often to see the latest opportunities!

Fall Fest THANK YOU: To our St. Stephen parish family and the surrounding community for supporting our 7th annual Youth Ministry Fall Festival! Your donations, volunteer time, committee work, and coming to enjoy the day made for another successful and fun, family-friendly event!

More General Notices

College-Age Young Adult Ministry Needs:

Care Packages Team: Thank you for all the donations coming in for our college students away from home! Can you join us Sunday 11/10 after the 10:45 am Mass to assemble and prepare for mailing? Meet in the Ministries office (ground floor of parish center). Please RSVP by 11/8 so we know how many people to expect. Contact kellie@ssparish.org or call 410-592-7294

Empty-Nesters: Do you have time to open up your home 2-4 times per month for a small group of young adults, age 18-22, to gather for Bible study, conversation, and socializing? We are looking for parishioners who are willing to offer hospitality by providing a comfortable gathering space (and maybe a few snacks!) so we may encourage college-age young adults who still live in the area to connect with others and grow in faith. If you are interested, please contact Kellie at 410-592-7294. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting is Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building. Light refreshments at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Confirmation

Parents - Sign Up Genius Info: Please sign up for any of our Youth Ministry & Confirmation 2019-2020 events so we know we have adult interest. Thanks! You can access this website through the link (logo) on our homepage. Once on the SUG site, create a username and password. Look for the sign-ups for ststephen@archbalt.org.

Confirmation 2020 Small Groups: Final small groups will be sent to participants this month.

Confirmation 2020 Interview/Potluck: The choices for interview night are on the sign up genius. Please make your selection asap!

 SIGN UP!

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