

# St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.**

*Cf. Lk 24:32*

## *Sacramental Information*

**Baptisms** - Call the parish office to schedule infant baptism and for information on new parent preparation sessions.

**Marriages** - Contact the parish office at least six months before wedding.

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## Mass Schedule

### *St. Stephen the Martyr*

Saturday 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
Sunday 12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Daily - Monday through Friday 8:30 AM  
First Saturday of every month 8:30 AM  
Wednesday 6:30 PM Spanish  
Adoration 7:00 - 8:00 PM

First Saturday of every month  
Rosary and Penance after the 8:30 AM Mass

### *St. Katharine Drexel Mission*

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Battlefield High School Auditorium  
15000 Graduation Drive  
Haymarket, VA 20169

*Penance available at*  
**St. Stephen the Martyr**  
**Morning, Afternoon, and Evening**

Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM  
Saturday 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM  
or by appointment

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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024**



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 13</b> 5:00 pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 14</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm (Spanish)	<b>Catherine Livermore †</b> <b>Donal Fitzgibbon</b> <b>Jose Sanchez</b>
<b>SKD</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Bill Kardash †</b> <b>Mary Mancuso † and</b> <b>Celine Nebbia †</b>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 15</b> 8:30 am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 16</b> 8:30 am	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 17</b> 8:30 am 6:30 pm (Spanish)	<b>Jim Wilson †</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 18</b> 8:30 am	<b>Father Murphy</b>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 19</b> 8:30 am	<b>Mary Winkle †</b>

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Monday**  
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**  
Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**  
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**  
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**  
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**  
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

**MASS Intentions**

Masses at St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Katharine Drexel can be offered for **living** and **deceased** loved ones.

Please call the parish office: 540-687-6433



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and is available to  
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1. Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
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4. Enter “20117” and scroll to St Stephen the Martyr & Saint Katharine Drexel Mission then click “next”
5. Create a new account by entering your full name and email
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Join us to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

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# SSM Parish and SKD Mission News

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION April/May Classes

### Sunday Classes RE Classes

4/7/2024 - Class  
4/14/2024 - Class  
4/21/2024 - Class  
4/28/2024 - Class  
5/5/2024 - Class

### Wednesday Evening Special Sacrament 1st Year

4/10/2024 - Class  
4/17/2024 - Class  
4/24/2024 - Class  
5/1/2024 - Class

### Thursday Evening Special Sacrament 2nd Year

4/11/2024 - Class  
4/18/2024 - Class  
4/25/2024 - Class  
5/2/2024 - Class

### Stewardship Reflection

April 14, 2024

**"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-3**

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to see the "face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

**Saturday May 4, 2024**

2:00 pm First Communion Mass  
5:00 pm First Communion Mass



**Sunday May 5, 2024**

12:30 pm First Communion Mass

**Saturday May 11, 2024**

10:00 am Confirmation Mass  
1:30 pm Confirmation Mass



The First National Eucharistic Congress in 86 years is taking place in Indianapolis, IN from July 17-21, 2024. Notable speakers include Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, Sister Miriam James Heidland, and Chris Stefanick. For more information, please see

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

You are invited to join the Diocese of Arlington for the historic 10th National Eucharistic Congress to be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. Four packages including accommodations and a ticket to the Congress are available through Corporate Travel Services.

For pricing and more information, check out our website at [National Eucharistic Revival \(arlingtondiocese.org\)](http://National Eucharistic Revival (arlingtondiocese.org))



### Let Us Pray for...

Jackie Lorzing, Kara Boyd, Halina Kurpiel, Jacques Malebranche, Cynthia Radcliff, Audrey Mormann, Cody Travers, Joyce Milton, Mitch & Yvonne Scipioni, Connie Bartholomew, Agnes Wienand, Coleen Yost, Dan Rogers and Sid Vasey

### For Those Who Serve

Please pray for all the brave women and men in harm's way; *especially:*

1LT. Ben Griffin, Jacob Ploschnitznig,  
Joseph Ploschnitznig, CPT Douglas Parker II,  
CPT Robert Drummond,  
2LT Kristen Guiney, 1LT Jake Plotsky,  
MacKenna Lee Smith, Hunter Thomas Smith &  
SPC Daniel R. Joumas



### Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture

Each short daily reflection dives into Scripture and the history of man's salvation - all leading to an encounter with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

## Pastor's Piece

III Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

### **The Lord is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Thankfully, I'm enjoying good health. As one who completes fifty-five years this week, I know that this is not something to take for granted. Also, I know that when visiting doctors, they are very curious and even scrupulous about knowing all the different medicines or dietary supplements that I might be taking. My response is taken seriously because health is much more than having a good outlook or pleasant perspective on life. Various prescriptions could act poorly together and take away the health one intends to have.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the Resurrection of the Body of Jesus Christ and the saving faith that He brings the world. Additionally, we commemorated our initiation into the Resurrection. As St. Paul taught the Romans, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" (Rm 6:3) The new life in which we hope is ours because we already passed through a certain death. It is why we renewed our baptismal promises and were sprinkled with Holy Water.

On the following Sunday, the Sunday of the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrated how we, the baptized, don't just renew our baptismal promises but also experience something new. "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:23) The Sacrament of Penance is how we are reunited with our initial reconciliation with the Lord from the day of our Baptism.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter expresses the most blessed way that the Resurrected Lord is not merely a memory or a future hope, but rather a living reality which empowers us beyond hyped up emotional enthusiasm. He is truly and substantially a part of us in the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, He was gathered with the Twelve Apostles. "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28) He was addressing the Twelve when He said, "on behalf of many". He had us in mind. Furthermore, on Holy Thursday, how can it be His actual Body that He is offering them to eat at that moment? Wasn't He using that same Body to have a meal with His friends? This is why He mentions that His body is a sacrifice for the New Covenant "which will be shed". The sacrifice takes place on Good Friday.

This is now how we can understand Our Lord's command back in Capernaum, after He fed the crowd of people in the deserted place. There He taught His disciples His most challenging instructions. They were words, that St. John tells us many followers left Him over, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:51-55) And so, "the many" are those who remain.

The Risen Lord is present through the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Holy Communion. We'll conclude the Easter Celebration at Pentecost with how He participates in the

world and in our lives with the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation. But before the promised Spirit arrives, how do the Apostles know the Risen Christ?

He appears to them physically, historically, truly, really and sacramentally. The Evangelist Luke tells us of two ways Jesus makes himself known to Apostles that are available to us who cannot touch the nail marks in His hands. The first way, intellectually, is through the revealed word of God. "He said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Lk 24:47-48)

Sure enough, you can pick up your Bible and find prophecy after prophecy in the Old Testament pointing to Jesus' coming, and His passion, death and resurrection. For instance, King David, who composed many of the psalms, lived a thousand years before Christ, described His passion with uncanny accuracy, "(A) company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots." Piercing of hands, gambling for his clothes—amazing! (Ps 22:16-18)

The prophet Zechariah, more than 500 years before Our Lord's birth, wrote down the exact amount that Judas would receive for his betrayal – thirty pieces of silver – and that he would cast them into the Temple treasury! (Zech 11:12-12, 30)

Through such passages we come to understand the divine source of Sacred Scripture. As Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, He instituted a legacy for us, a way for us to come to know Him and for Him to participate in our lives. "Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Lk 24:35) It is in the Eucharist, the sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood, that we meet the Resurrected Christ. Holy Communion not only recalls Jesus' saving passion and death, but when we receive Him worthily, we also gain a share in His divine life. How do we receive worthily?

By firstly being Baptized, and then, by examining our conscience and coming to Confession if there is need. The Resurrection of Jesus is real: He has His disciples probe his hands and He eats baked fish with them. The faith of the disciples is not founded on dreams or hallucinations, but in the One Who is an actual historical fact. In the Eucharist our Lord is physically with us until the Sacred Host is absorbed by our bodies. As a doctor needs us to be truthful about what we are taking to sustain our health, we need to accept the saving truth of Easter. The difference is a matter of eternal life or death.

Christ's Peace  
Fr. Murphy

## El Mensaje del Párroco

### III domingo de Pascua – 14 de abril, 2024

**¡El Señor ha resucitado! ¡Alehuya!  
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Gracias a Dios, estoy disfrutando de buena salud. Como alguien que cumple cincuenta y cinco años esta semana, sé que esto no es algo que deba darse por sentado. Además, sé que cuando visito a los médicos, son muy curiosos e incluso escrupulosos en conocer los diferentes medicamentos o suplementos dietéticos que podría estar tomando. Mi respuesta se toma en serio porque la salud es mucho más que tener una buena perspectiva de la vida. Varias recetas podrían actuar mal juntas y quitarle la salud que se pretende tener.

El Domingo de Resurrección celebramos la Resurrección del Cuerpo de Jesucristo y la fe salvadora que Él trae al mundo. Además, conmemoramos nuestra iniciación a la Resurrección. Como enseñó San Pablo a los romanos, “¿No saben ustedes que todos los que fuimos bautizados en Cristo Jesús, nos hemos sumergido en su muerte?” (Rm 6:3) Celebramos el aniversario de nuestros bautismos el domingo de Pascua. Renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales y somos rociados con agua bendita. La vida nueva que esperamos es nuestra porque ya pasamos por una muerte segura. Por eso renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales y fuimos rociados con Agua Bendita.

El domingo siguiente, el domingo de la Octava Pascual, Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, celebramos cómo nosotros, los bautizados, no sólo renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales, sino que también experimentamos algo nuevo. «**Reciban al Espíritu Santo. Los pecados serán perdonados a los que ustedes se los perdonen, y serán retenidos a los que ustedes se los retengan**». (Jn 20:20-23) El Sacramento de la Penitencia es la forma en que nos reunimos con nuestra reconciliación inicial con el Señor desde el día de nuestro Bautismo.

El tercer domingo de Pascua expresa la forma más bendita de que el Señor Resucitado no es simplemente un recuerdo o una esperanza futura, sino una realidad viva que nos da poder más allá del entusiasmo emocional. Él es verdadera y sustancialmente parte de nosotros en la Eucaristía. En la Última Cena, se reunió con los Doce Apóstoles. “**«Tomen y coman, esto es mi Cuerpo**». Después tomó una copa, dio gracias y se la entregó, diciendo: **«Beban todos de ella, porque esta es mi Sangre, la Sangre de la Alianza, que se derrama por muchos para la remisión de los pecados.**” (Mt 26:27-28) Se dirigió a los Doce y dijo, “por muchos”. Nos tenía en mente. Además, en Jueves Santo, ¿cómo puede ser Su propio Cuerpo el que les esté ofreciendo para comer en ese momento? ¿No estaba usando ese mismo Cuerpo para comer con Sus amigos? Por eso menciona que Su cuerpo es un sacrificio para la Nueva Alianza, “que será derramado”. El sacrificio tiene lugar el Viernes Santo.

Así es como podemos entender ahora el mandato de Nuestro Señor en Capernaúm, después de que alimentó a la multitud en el lugar desierto. Allí enseñó a sus discípulos las instrucciones más desafiantes. Fueron palabras, que San Juan nos dice que muchos seguidores lo dejaron. “**«Les aseguro que si no comen la carne del Hijo del hombre y no beben su sangre, no tendrán Vida en ustedes. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene Vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré en el último día.**” (Jn 6:52-55) Y así, “los muchos” son los que quedan.

El Señor Resucitado está presente a través de los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Penitencia y la Sagrada Comunión.

Concluiremos la Celebración Pascual de Pentecostés con cómo Él participa en el mundo y en nuestras vidas con el Espíritu Santo y el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Pero antes de que llegue el Espíritu prometido, ¿cómo conocen los Apóstoles a Cristo Resucitado?

Se les aparece física, histórica, verdadera, real y sacramental. El evangelista Lucas nos dice de dos maneras en que Jesús fue conocido a los apóstoles que todavía están disponible a nosotros. La primera manera, intelectualmente, es a través de la palabra revelada de Dios. “Él les dijo: **‘Esto es lo que les decía mientras estaba con ustedes: que todo lo escrito en la ley de Moisés y en los profetas y salmos acerca de mí tenía que cumplirse.**’ Entonces les abrió el entendimiento para comprender las Escrituras.” (Lc 24:47-48)

De verdad, en la Biblia y encontramos profecía después de profecía en el Antiguo Testamento que habla de la venida de Jesús, su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Por ej., el rey David, que compuso muchos de los salmos, vivió mil años antes de Cristo se describe la Pasión de Jesucristo con una precisión asombrosa. “Soy como agua que se derrama y todos mis huesos están dislocados ... mi garganta está seca como una teja y la lengua se me pega al paladar. ... taladran mis manos y mis pies ... Yo puedo contar todos mis huesos; ellos me miran con aire de triunfo, se reparten entre sí mi ropa y sortean mi túnica.” (Sal. 22:16-18) ¡Taladraron de las manos, jugaron de su ropa, increíble!

¡El profeta Zacarías, más de 500 años antes del nacimiento de nuestro Señor, escribió la cantidad exacta que Judas recibe por su traición - treinta piezas de plata - y que él los echa en el tesoro del templo! (Zac 11:12-12, 30)

A través de tales pasajes llegamos a comprender la fuente divina de la Sagrada Escritura. Cuando Jesús cumplió la profecía del Antiguo Testamento, instituyó un legado para nosotros lleguemos a conocerlo y para que Él participe en nuestras vidas. El Evangelio hoy empezó con los dos discípulos que estaban en el camino a Emaús. Se van a informar el resto con la noticia de “Como habían reconocido a Jesús al partir el pan.” (Lc 24:35) En la Eucaristía, sacramento del Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor, encontramos al Cristo resucitado. La Sagrada Comunión no solo recuerda la pasión y muerte salvadora de Jesús, sino que cuando lo recibimos dignamente, también ganamos una parte de su vida divina. ¿Cómo recibimos dignamente?

Primero bautizándonos y luego examinando nuestra conciencia y confesándonos si es necesario. La resurrección de Jesucristo es real: hace que sus discípulos le prueben las manos y con ellos come pescado al horno. La fe de los discípulos no se basa en sueños o alucinaciones, sino en Aquel que es un hecho histórico real. En la Eucaristía, nuestro Señor está físicamente con nosotros hasta que nuestros cuerpos absorben la Sagrada Hostia. Así como un médico necesita que seamos sinceros acerca de lo que tomamos para mantener nuestra salud, debemos aceptar la verdad salvadora de la Pascua. La diferencia es una cuestión de vida o muerte eterna.

La paz de Cristo,  
P. Murphy

## St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church



Established as a Mission: October 6, 1957  
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### Looking for a way to help support women who chose life?

Birthright of Loudoun, a crisis pregnancy center in Leesburg, maintains an Amazon Gift Registry with a wish list of reasonably priced items most wanted by new moms in need.

Access the registry at <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view> or by going to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), "Find a Gift", "Custom Gift List" and entering "Birthright of Loudoun".



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Birthright of Loudoun  
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### 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 their website:  
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Please join us after the  
8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses  
on Sunday, **April 28, 2024**  
for the coffee, juice, and donut social  
in the Parish Hall.

**All are welcome.**

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We will meet in the  
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**Confessions**

For your convenience, the Sacrament of  
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*If you have any questions,  
please don't hesitate to ask.*

The Fr. Jon O'Brien Knights of Columbus is  
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Knight fundraiser on May 4, 2024 from  
3 - 7 pm at the Trouville Brewery in  
Haymarket.

All proceeds will benefit new SKD church  
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**Please join the Father Jon O'Brien Chapter of the  
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What: Spring Route 15 Highway Cleanup  
Date: 20 April 2024 (Saturday)  
Time: 08:30 to 10:30  
Meeting Location: Back of Evergreen Fire Station on Rte. 15  
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Fun and Fellowship included!



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