Alzheimer’s Awareness Week
St. Stephen, Martyr invites you to participate in the following parish events:

Purple Power Worship Kickoff
Saturday and Sunday, October 21/22
SSM is kicking off Purple Power Week! Wear purple to Mass to show your support for Alzheimer’s. Following all the Masses, Alzheimer experts will be at a table in the Commons to answer questions and provide more information about the Alzheimer’s Association.

Awareness Seminar
Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm
Dr. Paul Aravich, PH.D. (EVMS) will present an informal discussion on current research studies concerning Alzheimer’s, followed by a question and answer period. Seating is limited. Please RSVP on our website under Events or visit this link: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a5ab28a13-drpaul.

Purple Power Social
Friday, October 27 at 6:00pm
SSM will be hosting an Art Auction to benefit the SSM Building Fund and the Alzheimer’s Association. Auction Details: Featuring art in all media and price ranges. Checks and major credit cards accepted for art purchases. Dinner/Preview will begin at 6:00pm and the art auction will start at 7:30pm. Catered by Court House Café. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Event tickets are $25 a person and can be purchased on our website under Events or visit this link: http://ssmrcc.org/art-auction-participation/. Print and bring your receipt for entry.

Need Volunteers To Help With Christmas Tree Sales
Sign ups will be this weekend in the Commons and continue each weekend through November 11/12. We also have sign ups on the website under Events or click here: Christmas Tree Lot Sign Up! Please consider helping unload, selling and purchasing your tree from SSM this year. Sales begin Saturday, November 18!

Class on Prayer
Please join Fr. Brian for this new Class on Prayer. The class will be held in the Sanctuary on the following Thursdays: October 19, October 26, November 9, and November 16.

Novena
The Novena for All Soul’s Day begins Wednesday, October 25 and ends on The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, Thursday, November 2.

Saintly Celebration
Mark your calendar for a “Saintly Celebration”! This Trunk or Treat event will be held in the parking lot of St. Stephen, Martyr on Monday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00pm. Dress as your favorite Saint and join in the fun games, s’mores, and MORE! If you are interested in decorating your car and handing out candy for the children please contact Traci at 757-421-7416 ext 308, or traci@ssmrcc.org. You can also sign up on our website under Events.
Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Penalty Kick Competition. Our competition will be held on October 22 at 12:30pm on the field behind the Parish Office. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. If you would like to participate, please register after the 11:30am Mass on October 22. All contestants will be recognized for their participation and a winner at each grade level will be chosen to compete at the Chesapeake/Suffolk district and possibly state level. For more information, please contact George Hilbert at hilbertgeorge@yahoo.com.

Respect Life Ministry
Hope 4 Life Baby Bottle Campaign
Hope 4 Life assists women and families facing crisis-related pregnancies by providing free medical and counseling services, educational programs, and support groups through their pregnancy mobile unit. Please support this ministry by picking up an empty baby bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks, and return it by the weekend of October 21/22. For more information about Hope 4 Life contact Liz Danley at 757-548-7049 or liz.danley@gmail.com or Pam Wilgus at 757-482-7289 or wilgus1982@verizon.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love by exploring a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: November 10-12, 2017 in Atlantic Beach, NC and February 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Maison Fortune Orphanage
Please donate needed items for the children of Maison Fortune Orphanage in Haiti. During October, place items in the grey tubs in the Commons. The treasures we collect will be brought down in suitcases on the next parish trip January 2-8, 2018.

Below are suggestions for needed items:
**Personal Care Items:** head & shoulders dandruff shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads.

**Art Supplies:** coloring books, cards, colored pencils, markers, watercolors, art paper, bingo prizes, tennis balls and games.

Thank you for your generosity!

Difference Makers
Difference Makers will be in the Commons during the Masses for the weekend of October 21/22 to collect money for our 8th Annual CROP Hunger Walk. Help us raise money and awareness to support local shelters that we serve. Please join us on the walk on Saturday, October 28 at Christopher Newport University at 11:00am. For more information, please contact Debbie Egress at 757-620-1454.
**Red Mass In Richmond**
The Very Reverend Monsignor Mark Richard Lane, Diocesan Administrator, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **34th Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Thursday, October 26.**
Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond will celebrate the Red Mass. Mass is at 5:30pm at Saint Mary Church, 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond. Dinner will follow in the Saint Mary Church Upper Commons. The keynote address will be given by Professor Hadley Arkes, Founder and Director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights and the American Founding. Tickets for the dinner are $65 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from Society President, James Schliessmann at jeschliessmann@hotmail.com or 804-873-1035.

**Memorial Prayer Garden**
Almost 100 pavers have been ordered for the memorial garden walkway. The brass plates, with the names of our loved ones, have made the garden come alive in a beautiful way. Forms can be mailed or dropped off at the office. Cost is $50 per plate and payment is due at the time of order. The prayer garden is located next to the rectory. It is a quiet and lovely place to pray. Any questions, contact Cindy Piccirilli at cynthiapiccirilli@gmail.com. Order forms are available at the center table in the Commons or on the website at [http://ssmrcc.org/wp-content/uploads/Paver-Order-Form.pdf](http://ssmrcc.org/wp-content/uploads/Paver-Order-Form.pdf).

**Parents Night Out**
Date: October 21 and/or December 16, 2017
Time: 6:00-9:00 pm
Ages: 4-12 years
Price: $10 per child or $30 (max) per family of 3 or more children.
Dinner and snacks will be included! We will have coloring, board games, video games, nail painting, face painting, fake tattoos, interactive games, and much more. Please bring your blankets and pillows for the movie to be shown at the end of the night!
Please sign up on our website under Events or visit this link [http://ssmrcc.org/parents-night-out/](http://ssmrcc.org/parents-night-out/).

**Amazing Grays**
The Amazing Grays Halloween Party will take place on Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30am in Room 3. Please come in costume for the group portrait. We will order in lunch.

**New Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration**
For more people to experience the First Friday 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration, the sign-up sheet is now on our website located under the Worship tab.
Please take advantage of this beautiful tradition of our Catholic faith and sign up for an hour with Our Lord. Our next 24 hour adoration will be on November 3/4.

**Bus Driver Needed**
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School has an immediate opening for a bus driver. Candidate must have a Class B with Passenger Endorsement. This will be for 6:30-7:30am morning runs with day, afternoon, and evening trips also available. If interested, please email Lyndsey Boyce at boycel@chsvb.org or call 757-467-2768.

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**Adult Faith Formation**

**Symbolon**

**When:** Every Monday  
**Dates:** Now through February 12, 2018  
**Time:** 9:30-11:30am  
**Location:** Classroom 4

Note: Symbolon will NOT be shown on December 25 (Christmas Day), January 1 (New Year’s Day) or January 15 (Martin Luther King Day)

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**“Upper Room” Prayer Fellowship**

**Presents:**  
“As By A New Pentecost”

This new “Adult Faith” Seminar will run through November 14. Come join us every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm in the Sanctuary.

We will start at 7:00pm with the “Upper Room” praise and worship. At 7:30pm, we will promptly begin the As By A New Pentecost seminar.

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**Voter Information**

On November 7, Virginia voters will elect a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. The Virginia Catholic Conference has released voter education materials they hope will guide Catholics as they consider and cast their ballot.

The Conference is pleased to share its three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. Conference staff compiled **Know the Positions of the Candidates for Governor**, **Know the Positions of the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor**, and **Know the Positions of the Candidates for Attorney General** from policies, public statements, official campaign websites, party platforms and other sources to help voters understand where the candidates stand on important issues before casting their ballots. The issues do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The Conference neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office.

In addition, voters are encouraged to consult the **Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**. Please visit the below website for the above mentioned documents:


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**RCIA 2017-2018**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Have you ever been baptized? Are you a baptized Catholic and wish to come into the “full communion” of the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments? We invite you to “come home” and join us for our Parish RCIA program. We are excited to have you!

**Topic:** **Questions about God and Christ**  
**Thursday, October 19 from 7:00-8:30pm**  
**Location:** Classroom 3 and 4

If you have questions, please contact the Adult Faith Office at scott@ssmrrcc.org or 757-421-7416.
**Our Gifts To The Lord**

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**Schedule Changes**

There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, October 21.

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**Parish Nurse Ministry**

The Parish Nurse Ministry at SSM has been active since 2009. The ladies who started this ministry are now retired and no longer have Virginia licenses. If any registered nurses are interested in chairing this ministry and moving it forward, please contact Carol Flach at ccarol43@verizon.net or 757-641-3065. The ladies presently involved will continue to oversee the three blood drives each year.

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**New Email Address**

NEW!!! Please submit bulletin announcements and prayer requests to Communications@ssmrcc.org.

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**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JESUS HAS EVERY GOOD THING READY AND WAITING FOR US!**

**IS THAT "GOOD" AS IN ICE CREAM, OR "GOOD" AS IN BROCCOLI?**
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, October 16**
8:30am Mass (Charles Blasé Mercurio)

**Tuesday, October 17**
8:30am Mass

**Wednesday, October 18**
6:30am Mass
8:30am Mass (Larry Hemenway)

**Thursday, October 19**
8:30am Mass
6:30pm Mass

**Friday, October 20**
8:30am Mass

**Saturday, October 21**
8:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass (Tom Szarwark)

**Sunday, October 22**
7:00am Mass (Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)
8:30am Mass (Jack Allen)
11:30am Mass (Gloria Fissore and Dorothy LaRussa)
5:00pm Mass (Patricia Whiteford)

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**Your Prayers are Cherished**

**for Loved Ones Inside our Parish**

Tom Emsley
Bill Duren

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**Your Prayers are Cherished**

**for Loved Ones Outside our Parish**

Jim Buckley
Terry O'Hare

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**Prayer for Our Troops**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely.
May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in all lands.
I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.