

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

Calendar

Saturday, December 3rd

4:00pm Vigil Shelley Baptiste, Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, C.O. & Lucy Brocato, John C. Puente, Jewel & Joseph Simon, Clarence "Pete" Wolbrette, the Coleman Family, the Egers & Jeanfreau Families, and the Saberre Family

Sunday, December 4th

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Jack Michael Almon, Carolyn Brown, Rufus Brown, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, Carol Klotz, Donald Klotz, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Mary Ann Torina, George Villere, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Vaughn Family, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, a Special Intention, and the Intentions of Sister Mary Ellen Seo DC

Monday, December 5th

6:30am Mass William Allen

Tuesday, December 6th

St Nicholas, bishop

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass Christopher Joseph Vanderbrook

Wednesday, December 7th

St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

6:30am Mass Joseph Schmidt

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am Mass Intentions of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 9th

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

6:30am Mass Eulalie Bourgeois

Saturday, December 10th

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Emma Templet.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for Advent is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo*, which is found on the Pew Card.



Banns of Matrimony

Jennifer Lotz & Lear Williams



Lay-Ministers Schedule for December 11th

4:00 pm

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: Artie Baehr, Hunter Harris III, and Sandra Westfall

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tufton

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and David Wojciechowski

10:30 am

Lectors: Sophie & Caroline Ondrusek

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Maxine Fox, Kenneth Moran, Mona Musser, and Mark Surprenant



Sharing Our Faith, Securing Our Future
Restoration of St Stephen Church

At last! We hope to begin work on restoration of our beloved church in early 2017. The condition of St Stephen Church has declined due to the passage of years and the lack of exterior maintenance; the effects of the persistent water intrusion are evident to all who worship here. A detailed analysis by Trapolin Peer Architects highlights the following needs:

Exterior

- New roof, including shingles, flashing, gutters, scuppers, valleys and ridges.
- 100% repoint of mortar; repair/replacement of deteriorated masonry elements; breathable coating/waterproofing as necessary; and removal of plant growth.
- Replace non-compliant ramp with accessible vertical lift; upgraded exterior lighting.

Interior

- Replacement of plaster in the upper bays as needed
- Repair/repainting of walls and columns
- Restoration of an existing wood floor with new carpet runners in high traffic areas
- Upgraded lighting

Through the generosity and hard work of dedicated members of our Parish and community, we have secured 76% of projected cost of \$6.2 million. ***Pledge Weekend is December 18th!*** We need *your* enthusiastic participation in our final push to raise the remaining \$1.5 million needed to begin work. Call Dianne Caverly in the Rectory Office for more information.

Collection Report	November 20th	July 1st-Nov 20th
Total Collections	\$6,939.00	\$137,727.59
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$140,378.49</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$254.31	(\$2,650.90)
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$335.00
Clarion Herald		\$0.00
Campaign for Human Development		\$1,243.00
World Mission Sunday		\$10.00

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

December

1 st	The Rev. Edwin L. Gros, SJ
2 nd	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
3 rd	The Rev. Quentin Moody*
4 th	The Rev. Eutiquiano Miguel, OFMCap
5 th	The Rev. Stanley Klores*
6 th	The Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Massett*
7 th	The Rev. Msgr. Lanaux J. Rareshide
8 th	The Rev. Sergio Serrano, OP*
9 th	The Very Rev. Paul H. Desrosiers
10 th	The Rev. Victor Brown, OP
11 th	The Rev. Donald J. Martin, SJ*
12 th	The Rev. Joseph C. Tranchina*
13 th	The Most Rev. Dominic Carmon, SVD*
14 th	The Rev. Theodore Dziak, SJ*
15 th	The Rev. Msgr. Terry B. Becnel*
16 th	His Holiness Pope Francis
17 th	The Rev. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ
18 th	The Rev. Dennis Bosse, OFM*
19 th	The Rev. John Asare-Dankwah*
20 th	The Rev. Msgr. William M. Bilinsky*
21 st	The Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, CSsR
22 nd	The Rev. David Whitney Dufour
23 rd	The Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Hill*
24 th	The Rev. Richard N. Maughan
25 th	The Rev. Joachim Viet Chau Nguyen, SSS*
26 th	The Rev. John Baptist Han Vu*
27 th	The Rev. Ivan Dawson, CSsR
28 th	The Rev. Randy Roux*
29 th	The Rev. Zachary Dominguez, LC
30 th	The Rev. Peter Damian Harris, OP
31 st	The Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC

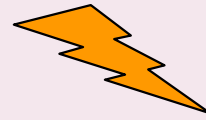
* birthday
† deceased

Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate

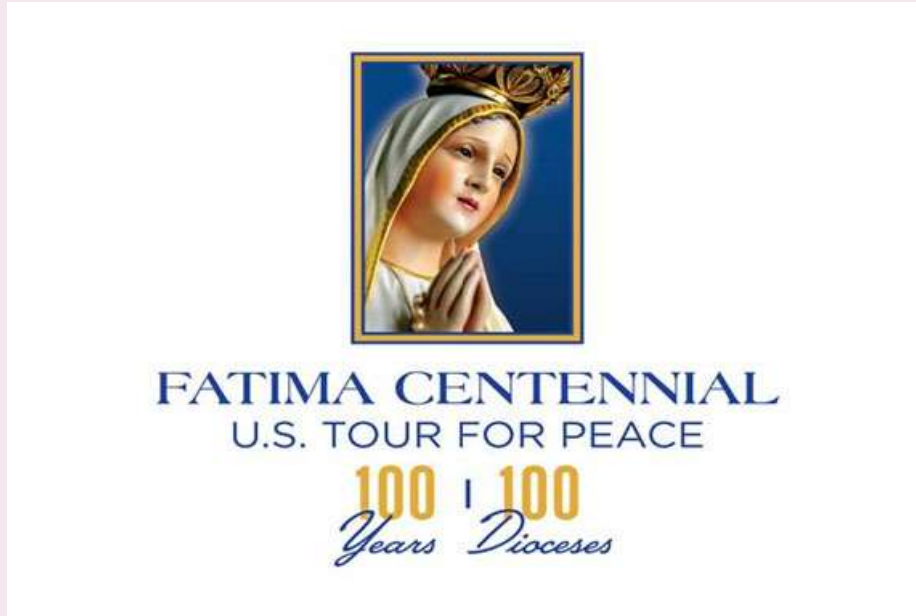


Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



Inspiring Event Coming our Archdiocese and Parish!



The World Apostolate of Fátima's Centennial US Tour for Peace coming to our parish!

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fátima is on an historic two-year tour of America to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fátima, and is coming to our parish!

St Stephen Church will host the tour on Tuesday, December 13th. It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fátima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from there in 1947 to bring the graces of Fátima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!

Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted according to the description of the late Sister Lucy, OCD, the Fátima Seer) is a great gift to our community.

We will begin our day with a Mass for our school children, to which all are invited, at 8:30 am. There will be devotions throughout the day closing with Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45 pm, followed by Benediction at 5:45 pm and Mass at 6:00 pm. The church will remain open till 8:00 pm.

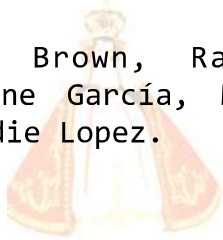
Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.Fatimatourforpeace.com. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fátima, USA, a Public Association of the Faithful under the Vatican.

For anyone who would like information on the statue and its history, please contact me at 227-3795 or pbellini@archdiocese-no.org.

God bless you!

Pray for the Sick

William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, and Leddie Lopez.



We will have a Second Collection this week-end, for the St Stephen Restoration Fund. Next week-end, we will have another, for the Retirement Fund for Religious. "The retired Religious will remember you in their prayers."

This Thursday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a holy day of obligation. We have Mass scheduled for 6:30 am, at the Church of St Henry and, at St Stephen Church, a School Mass at 8:30 am and Mass at 6:00 pm.

"A Garden District Christmas Concert 2016" will be presented at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1307 Louisiana Avenue, on *Gaudete* Sunday, December 11th, at 4:00 pm. Featured will be sopranos Phyllis Treigle and Melissa Brocato; mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Evans; tenors Kevin Rouchell, Bart Folse, and Angelo Giuliano Lupinetti; and organist Brian Morgan, Director of Music. The Good Shepherd Choir will also be heard. There will be no charge for admission, though a free-will donation will be accepted, and a reception will follow in the vestibule. For further information, please telephone 227-3793.

Hunter Harris III is requesting volunteers to assist in decorating St Stephen Church for Christmas, on Tuesday, December 20th, following the six o'clock Mass.



St Nicholas.

Pray for the Dead

Shelley Baptiste, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, and Gertrude Petit.



Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, January 29th (**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**), at 12:30 pm.