Parish of
St. Stephen, The First Martyr
A Eucharistic Community, Journeying in Knowledge, Love and Service
July 5, 2015—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE WITH US —MASSES AND LITURGIES:
Saturday Evening—5:00 p.m.
Sunday—7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Weekdays—7:00 a.m. - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. - Monday to Saturday
Holydays—Check bulletin
Morning Prayer—8:40 a.m., Monday through Saturday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 7:30-8:30 p.m.
First Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass—First Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM
First four Sundays of every month at 2:00 p.m. Baptisms not ordinarily held in Lent. Instructions on first Wednesday and third Saturday. Call the parish office for an appointment.

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE
Parishioners should make arrangements at least six months before the wedding. Call the parish office for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Administered to the seriously ill. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound. Call the parish office.

VOCATIONS
Are you interested in becoming a priest, religious or deacon? Call Father Micciulla for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS
All parishioners should be registered. Registration helps us to serve you more efficiently, especially in matters such as testimonial letters, sponsor certificates and school registration. Census forms are available at the parish office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES
Sponsor certificates are required for Godparents and Confirmation sponsors. Certificates are available after weekend Masses - see a priest.

PARISH WEBSITE
http://warwickinfo.net/ststephen

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Mrs. Ruthann DiMauro, Secretary
Mrs. Maxine Martin, Bookkeeper
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Grades Pre-K to Eight
Accredited by AdvancED and the Archdiocese of New York
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Deacon Thomas MacDougall

MY GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR YOU

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To everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose under Heaven...

...a time to be born...

We welcome Lillian Sue Campbell, Abigail Paige Dietrich, Dean Weston Gregorio, Ellis Ross Gregorio, Addison Paige Sobotor who were recently baptized into the Christian Community. We pray for them and their family.

...a time to love...

III Joseph Altieri and Jessica Graziano

...a time to heal...

Please pray for all who are ill, especially: Walter Andrews, Russell Batalano, Mildred Baltes, Catherine Brennan, Virginia Connors, Elaine Brodhead, Jeanne and Lawrence Brodhead, Fr. Francis Butler, Lillian Campbell, Patricia Darrigan, Kathleen Debold, Jerry & Antonina DeMarmels, Michael Derych Sr., Wendy Desimini, Vito Desimini, Maureen Donovan, Gina Eccher, Bob Edelen, Jean Fay, Dr. John Fiore, Annie Fix, Sandy Florio, Patricia Flynn, Dr. Nicholas J. Gatto, Karen Gingras, Ellen Glebocki, Sean Greene, Laurel Hansen, Brenna Hasselmann, Marge Hodas, Makenzie Hooke, Frank Ilardi, Mary Jankowski, Brian Kelly, John Kelly, Claire Kempinger, Lynne Koval, Suzanne Darkley Terrence Mahoney, Rev. Peter Madori, Tom McAndrew, Timothy McDonnell, Donna Meduski, Peter Mercateli, Don Milligan, LeAnne Moltzen, Dolores Moran, Daniel Nicoll, Msgr. Joaquim Olendzki, Norma Paduch, Daniela Pavlik, Michael Pennings, Cathy Priest, Michelle Reidy, Peggy Reilly, Mary Reilly, Peggy Reynolds, John Paul Quinn, Carolyn Shultz, Frank Sgambati, Jacob Sidor, Greg Snigur, Michael Stubman, Carlos Supak, Helen Taranto, Edward Tomcho, Mary Lou Vettel

PLEASE NOTE: Because this list has become so long, as of July 1, 2015, all names will remain on the list for one month. They will then be removed unless we hear otherwise.

...a time for war, a time for peace...

**WE DID IT!**

Our goal: $124,000
Pledged so far: $124,281.48
# of parishioners pledging: 478
You can still contribute.
Whatever comes in over goal is returned back to the parish
Whatever you give goes a long way!
Envelopes are found in the atrium.

**Your Gifts to the Parish**

Collection for Sunday, June 28 —$13,395.
Parish Pay Contribution for May was: $4,075.
Thank You! Your continued generosity enables the parish to continue in its ministry in Warwick.

**Our Church Mortgage**

Loan Remaining - $195,282.38
The note is paid quarterly.

**Save The Date To Celebrate**

Set aside these dates on your calendar. They are part of our year of celebration as we recognize the 150th anniversary of the parish, the 50th anniversary of the St. Stephen’s School and the 25th anniversary of the present church.

**Saturday, October 24th**
Parish Dinner Dance
at Kuhl’s Highland House, Middletown

**Sunday, November 1**
Mass at 12:15
Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Celebrant

**Parish Picnic...**

The Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 16 after the last Mass. More information to follow. Start praying for good weather and no bugs.

**Give to St. Stephen’s On-line**

You may now give on ANY DAY of each month or split your donation between different days! Go to www.parishpay.com and locate St. Stephen, Warwick. Parish Pay users — You may feel uneasy about not dropping an envelope in the collection. Pick up at the Parish Office your special donor cards that you can drop in the collection each week!

**Shopping Certificates**

Sales for the Month of May = $38,170
(5% Profit—$1908.50)
Shop Rite cards are available in denomination of $20, $25, $50, and $100. Price Chopper gift cards are available in $25, $50, and $100 denominations and can be purchased after all Masses. Your parish receives 5% of the cards worth. Cards are available at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and after Mass on weekends. You may pay by check or exact change.

**Your Email Needed**

Click on the link on our Parish Website (http://warwickinfo.net/ststephen) and register your e-mail address with us. We hope, in time, to create an address book and save money on postage by sending out e-mails.

**Project Care—845-986-3292**

Volunteers will provide a meal for a family in an emergency, visit and shop for someone who is homebound, or drive someone to and from a medical appointment.

**Need a Hall? Rent a Hall!**

If anyone is in need of renting a meeting hall for personal use such as a Repast Baptism, Confirmation, Bridal Shower, Graduation or a Surprise Party, the Warwick Valley Knights of Columbus Council 4952 has one available. Our hall is centrally located on Main St. in Florida, NY and will accommodate up to 135 people. Your rental includes full use of a kitchen with a 10 burner Garland stove and two large ovens and large commercial cooler, and use of tables and chairs. For photos visit our website at www.kofc4952.org. You may also e-mail: al.sansa@gmail.com or call (845)258-9724.

**Summer Hours**

The Parish Office will be closing early during the summer. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. starting on June 29, 2015. We will go back to regular office hours on September 8, 2015. Thank you.
**Religious Education**

On-Line Registration has begun!

CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Catechists are teachers of the faith, echoing the word of God. Please consider joining in this important ministry. The best way to learn is to teach!

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Classroom Assistants

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Classroom Assistants

Wednesday Evening

Classroom Assistants

We all are called to continue to grow in our own faith, and the best way to learn is to teach. When you instruct others, your own understanding increases. If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.

All families must register as parishioners to participate in the Religious Education Program. Census forms are available in the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Families NEW to the Religious Education program must submit a baptismal certificate and records of attendance if transferring from another parish.

On-line registration is ongoing. The website is warwickinfo.net/ststephen

Any questions or to volunteer call Lydia at (845)986-2231.

“Roll-Up” Your Sleeves Donate blood now... people can’t live without it!

St. Stephens will be hosting a Blood Drive:

**Date:** Sunday July 12

**Time:** 8am – 2pm

**Place:** School cafeteria

Please consider donating to save a life! If you would like to schedule an appointment ahead of time, please contact Thomas vanDuynhoven @ 651-3132 or sign up in the church atrium.

**Saint Stephen Pre-K Registration**

Learn, pray and play at St. Stephen’s Pre-K Program for 3 and 4 year olds. A full day runs from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. A half-day runs from 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m. We also have before and after care. Before care begins at 7:30 a.m. and after care runs until 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions there are brochures in the atrium of the church. For more information or to schedule a tour of our school, please call 986-3533. Registration is ongoing.

**Holy Hour on Fridays**

We are still looking for help from our parish to build up the numbers at our weekly Holy Hour. We are still in need for volunteers to 'adopt’ the 1st Fridays. Please see Father Micciulla if you can help. We wish to thank the Parish Council and one of our Teams of Our Lady for adopting the 2nd Friday of the month; Mother’s Cupboard and The Columbiettes for 3rd Friday and the Families of Religious Education for volunteering to be at the 4th Friday. The Men’s Fellowship has adopted the 5th Friday of the month for Holy Hour.

**Latin Mass at St. Stephen’s**

Please spread the word! The Latin Mass Schedule for 2015 is as follows: (The Latin Mass for July 18 has been cancelled due to Father’s vacation schedule), (Aug 15 also subject to cancellation) Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

**Latin Mass—Instruction**

*Because we celebrate the Low Latin Mass (or Quiet Mass) there are a few differences in the times that the congregation is asked to stand, sit and kneel. Here at St. Stephen’s, we will continue to have the Low Mass. Here are the guidelines for the appropriate times for these actions:*

**Entrance:** Kneel until the Gospel (even when the Gloria is said)

**Gospel:** Stand when the priest says: "Dominus vobiscum."

**Homily:** Sit for the homily

** Creed:** Stand if the Creed is recited

**Offertory:** If there is no creed, remain seated after the homily until the Sanctus.

**Sanctus:** Kneel and remain so until the last Gospel (after the final blessing).

**Last Gospel:** Stand

**Prayers after Low Mass:** Kneel
MARK 6:1-6a

“Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?”

MARK’S GOSPEL ACCOUNT TODAY IS BUILT ON A DOUBLE ASTONISHMENT OR AMAZEMENT: THE NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY OF JESUS ARE ASTONISHED THAT HE TAUGHT IN THE SYNAGOGUE WITH WISDOM AND WORKED POWERFUL SIGNS. JESUS, IN TURN, IS AMAZED THAT THEY HAVE NO FAITH IN HIM BECAUSE THEY KNOW HIS ORIGINS, NOT BECAUSE OF ANY FAULT WITH HIS TEACHING OR MINISTRY. AS WITH MANY OF MARK’S PASSAGES, WE GET A RATHER INTIMATE Glimpse HERE OF THE HUMAN part of JESUS’ two-fold nature. TO REINFORCE HIS POINT, MARK TELLS OF JESUS’ RETURN TO HIS NATIVE PLACE, AND FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT HE IS IN THE MIDST OF HIS OWN FAMILY MEMBERS THERE. FROM THE VERY PEOPLE HE EXPECTED THE MOST, JESUS RECEIVED THE LEAST. IN THE DAY OF THE GOSPEL’S WRITING, MARK WAS ATTEMPTING TO ILLUSTRATE A LESSON TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: THE GOD OF THE COVENANT EXPECTED THE GREATEST FAITH FROM THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, BUT OFTEN RECEIVED THE LEAST. THIS IS A GOOD SOURCE FOR REFLECTION ON OUR PART, WE WHO ARE JESUS’ FOLLOWERS TODAY. FOR THE WISDOM OF CHRIST TO CONTINUE AND FOR OUR LIVES TO BE SEEN AS SIGNS OF HIS POWER, HE MUST EXPECT AND BE ABLE TO FIND GREAT FAITH AMONG US. WILL HE? CAN HE? DOES HE? OR IS HE, ONCE AGAIN, AMAZED BY ITS ABSENCE?

WAITING
Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

-St. Peter Julian Eymard
**Young Adult Programs and Activities**

There are a number of Young Adult Programs in Orange County that would be worth checking out. These programs and events are directed to those young Catholics between the ages of 18 and 40, single and married.

**Freedom to Love: A Young Adult Program on the “Theology of the Body”** Tuesdays—July 7, 14, 6:30 to 9:30 pm, St. Kateri Residence, 24 Sloane Rd., Newburgh, NY. This 3 part video will give insight into St. John Paul’s teaching on love, sexuality and why God created us male and female. Cost is $15 which covers food and materials for the 3 evenings. For more info and RSVP contact: Luigi Manente@archny.org.

**Are You Ready for Summer?**

Before you turn up the A/C …

... turn down your electricity cost!

To manage your energy supply costs, please consider our Viridian Fundraising Program. Viridian offers a 3-year fixed rate plan which offers you price protection and includes a "peace of mind guarantee" – a rebate of 110% if Viridian averages more than O&R at the end of the term. For comparison, O&R’s 12-month average is over 11 cents/kwh. Viridian also offers competitive natural gas rates. St Stephen’s earns more than $700/month through our partnership with Viridian. Thank you to all who are current customers! To learn more or to enroll in this program, go to our fundraising website - www.viridian.com/ststephens. For questions or more information, contact Tracy Gregoire at gregoire.tracy@yahoo.com or by phone at home 987-7116 or cell 914-391-3509. Thank you for your support!

**Lend a Hand—Make a Difference**

Volunteer opportunities are available at St. Anthony Community Hospital and the Warwick Healthcare Campus. If you are interested, please contact: **Lynn Beers, Volunteer Coordinator (845) 987-5050 or lynn_beers@bshsi.org**.

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**SUMMER THEATER**

**Camp For Grades 3-8**

A fun, musical week filled with games and song and a final performance will be offered at St. Stephen's the week of July 13th through July 17th from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. this summer. Any children entering Grades 3-8 are welcome to attend. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to have some fun! Registration forms can be picked up in the School or Church Office. The deadline for registration has been extended to July 8th. For more information contact Benjamin Yates (845)-545-0313 or email tgsummertheater@gmail.com

**Warwick Sanitation Giveback**

Locally owned and operated, Warwick Sanitation offers a give back program to St. Stephen Church and School. For each customer who signs up for new weekly residential garbage service and identifies themselves as a St. Stephen family, Warwick Sanitation will donate 5% of the month’s payment back to St. Stephen. Customer service is stellar and rates are competitive with Waste Management service. To enroll, contact owner/operator Guy Bogart at (845)986-9666.

**CD of the Month**

To better acquaint you with our wonderful resource, Lighthouse Catholic Media, we feature one or more of their inspiration CDs each month. The CD **How to Save Your Marriage Before Meeting Your Spouse** by Jason Evert explores how one can divorce-proof a marriage before it begins. The top-notch presentation shows us how to build the foundation for lasting love, and reveals how marriage preparation starts before “engagement”. **Discerning God’s Will** by Fr. Larry Richards asks: “How do I know what God wants?” Knowing the will of God can be an intimidating topic for people of all ages. In this talk, Fr. Larry delves into the process of discernment. With personal stories, practical steps, and sound advice, the author encourages all of us to dedicate ourselves to living the life that God has planned for us. It is in living this life that we will be truly happy. We are also excited to be introducing four popular CD’s in Polish and in Spanish language. For information about cards and/or gifts, please do not hesitate to call Miriam at 987-7543.

**Save The Date**

The 9th Annual Catholic Charities of Orange County Golf Outing, will be held Monday, July 20, at West Hills Country Club 121 Golf Links Road, Middletown. Further information in next week’s bulletin.

**Idleness**

Idleness is the enemy of the soul

St. Benedict
Healing Mass
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 70 Carmelite Drive in Middletown, NY will be have Masses for Healing on Thursday evening, July 30 at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

Thank You Letter
Dear St. Stephen’s Staff and Parishioners,
I would like to direct my appreciation to Fr. Jack, Fr. Micciulla, Deacon Tom and Deacon Emmett (Fr. Michael & Deacon Artie too) for their constant generous support throughout my formation program. I also give thanks to those who encouraged me with kind words. Some of you sent beautiful cards, some sent gifts of various sorts, while others quietly kept me in their thoughts. Particular thanks for the parish gift of 4 deacon’s stoles. Mostly, I would like to express my enormous gratitude to all who have been praying for me during the past 5 years. There is no way I could have maintained a demanding profession, marriage and family life while juggling a vigorous formation program on my own. I have been abundantly blessed! Your petitions have helped carry me. Please continue!
Here I am Lord; I’ve come to do Your will!
God bless you all, Deacon Dan

OH! HOW WE DANCED…
Last Sunday we celebrated the Golden and Silver Wedding Anniversaries of several members of the parish. They renewed their vows at the 12:15 Mass and took part in a light reception after Mass. Each couple received a Papal Blessing in honor of their anniversary. The couples were:

Golden Anniversary
John and Bridget Carney, Patrick and Anita Colman
Richard and Joyce Hillman, Rocco and Linda Manno
Joseph and Kathleen O’Regan

Silver Anniversary
Benjamin and Eileen Astorino, Robert and Jane Cafferey
Christopher and Shelly DeHaan, William and Jean Duffy,
Scott and Mary Ann Hansen, James and Emily Kelly,
John and Mary Ann Leigh, Charles and Maria Perez
Eugene and Georgiana Roos