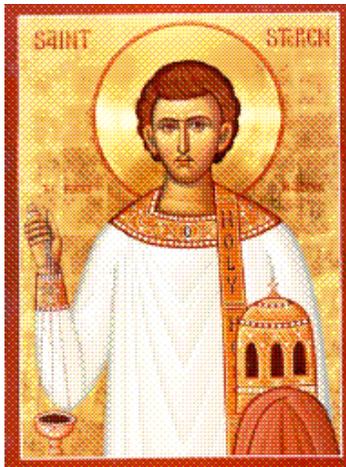


Sunday Worship:

- * **9:00 a.m.** Praise and Faith Formation
- * **10:15 a.m.** Traditional Blend Service
- * **12: 30 p.m.** Latino Worship/ Misa en español

Thursday Worship:

- * **7:00 p.m.** Advent Service, Mid-week Recharge



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“Threads of Love “ Quilters Group

For the past 26 years a group of women join together every Wednesday morning at the Fellowship Hall to make quilts for those in need. We meet from 8:00a.m. until Noon with a 20 minutes break for snacks at 10:30.

It is a very interesting process from cutting to sewing and the finished product is always a beautiful and unique quilt.

Over 17,000 quilts have been made and donated to much deserving charities since the very beginning. The love and camaraderie is such a wonderful thing. We so enjoy what we do.

Our faithful workers



A friend is worth a thousand stitches.

are: Nancy Anderson, Julie Barfield, Lucille Capece, Regina Crockett, Marlene Derynda, Betty Ellinger, Janet Isner, Barbara Kaptain, Marie Koach, Kathy Leone, Jenny Leong, Di Moss, Rita Roemer, Lynn Vatrál, and Sherry Walters.

We are always looking to add to our group to enjoy in our mission.

All are welcome to come.

By: Lynn Vatrál



Piano Donated for Fellowship Hall



On Thursday, October 29 a piano

arrived at the Fellowship Hall. The Lauterberg family donated a Kawai piano that has been in their family and as Dolores is downsizing, she is happy to see it put to use at her beloved church.

In the picture we see Richard Lauterberg, Dolores' son as he happily places the piano at the Fellowship Hall. The congregation of St. Stephen thanks you! God bless your generosity!

From Pastor Pedro's desk

During this season we hear cheerful songs about being happy and merry. But realistically, we know there are many of us for whom sadness is present these days. Any time we go through a loss of some kind, we face a crisis, and that feeling can last for years. Losing a loved one, a property, a job, a car or even our health can bring us down.

We cannot expect everybody to be sensitive and not wish goodwill during these days.

Therefore, if we are experiencing a hard time during Advent and Christmas, let's focus on making new memories with people close to us. This does not replace the past, but it is our present. We can try to find peace in the business of shopping, or in the lack of it. Looking inside ourselves we can find good thoughts to relax. Singing Christian songs, or just any good old song that has made us happy before, may bring some comfort and trust in

God and God's creation for us.

Embracing our sadness and our losses doesn't mean that we have to live defeated. Even when we live with a terrible illness doesn't mean that we have to feel we are just dying from it. The keyword here is to "live."

Above all, may we feel Christ's presence and love these days. Have a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Pr. Pedro



Events and Happenings

December Advent and Christmas

Saturday, December 5
- **Breakfast & Ornament exchange**



"Giving and receiving", promote and strength bonding. Come, bring a rapped present and

join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9a.m.

Sunday, December 6
- **Commitment Sunday**

Any consideration of giving our resources must begin and end with God. Because God is the creator and provider of all that we have, our generosity is for His glory. Give is a reflection of their commitment to the Lord and the work of the Gospel.



Sunday, December 20
- **Poinsettias**

Starting Nov. 29 until Dec. 20, will begin selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. Poinsettias can be dedicated to loved ones. They will decorate our altar until after the Christmas Service when you can take what you purchased. Donation: \$10.00.



Tuesday, December 22
- **Council Meeting**



Like every month, the congregational council will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall to discuss matters of the organization of

our church. Please pray for these elected officials as they always have to vote on important decisions for the well being of St. Stephen.

Thursday, December 24
- **Christmas Eve**



December has arrived and with it all the joys of Christmas. Christmas

Eve service at 5:30, 7:30 (English) and 9:00p.m. (Spanish) Please join us on the celebration of the Nativity of Christ.

Friday, December 25
- **Christmas Day**



“Pantry Drive” Report



All the items were collected for the Broward Outreach Center, Pompano Beach, Florida for their “Pack the Pantry” drive from our church and the preschool. Thanks to all who brought items, helped

count and pack the items into 20 bags, as well as John and Kevin for helping Molly and Tony of BOC and me load the truck with all the food on Monday, November 23.

By: Kathy Runk.



Congratulations on your Weddings



Our blessings and congratulations to Lemuel Knowles and Aliya Rivera, daughter of Nathalie Prego and granddaughter to Rosie Fennelli whom were married on November 7.

Successful Workday at St. Stephen



On November 21, 17 brave and willing volunteers showed up to do cleaning and more around the fa-

cilities of our parish. It is

always a great opportunity to share good time of camaraderie, contribute of our time and talents, and to help our church look nice. Thank you all who came.



We are also planning another one during January. Please keep on the look for more information.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Breakfast bunch

Join us in our first Breakfast bunch of the year with Debra Georgia, family counselor, as our guest speaker. Please bring friends and family. We gather at 9 for breakfast and then continue with fellowship and a presentation.

Saturday, January 23, 2016 - Annual Fashion Show

at Galuppi's. For more information contact Rosie Fennelli.

Annual Fashion Show

We will have more contributors to this Newsletter! Volunteer?



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