

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Mercy Sunday



*St. Stephen Catholic Church
Walnut Creek, California . April 8, 2018*



**Join the St. Stephen Parish
Rosary Group @ 8 am after
Morning Mass Tue—Fri**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closed daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

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FR. MARK C. AMARAL Parochial Administrator	HELMUT RICHTER Assisting Clergy
MARY COOK Office Manager	ANNETTE ROUX Pastoral Associate
NANCY GIZDICH Bookkeeper	MARIA CALDERAZZO Director of Music Ministry

MARCH 25, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	\$3,892.00	Weekly Offering
Easter	\$ 335.00	
Flowers	\$ 185.00	
Good Friday	\$ 5.00	
Hospitality	\$ 24.77	

MARCH SUMMARY

TOTAL	\$14,805.77
GOAL:	\$16,000.00
<i>Overage or (Shortfall)</i>	<i>(\$ 1,194.23)</i>

OTHER

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 756.00
Flowers	\$ 350.00
Hospitality	\$ 137.30
Maintenance	\$ 264.00

APRIL 1, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Easter Collection	\$10,377.25	Weekly Offering
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 894.00	
Holy Land	\$ 536.00	
Hospitality	\$ 91.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST
Consider a pledge to the 2018 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 4/7 5:00 Genevieve Martinez †
SUN 4/8 9:30 Siuta Moala †
TUE 4/10 7:30 Rev. Harry Morrison †
WED 4/11 7:30 Doug Prouty †
THU 4/12 7:30 Rev. Edwin Wilson †
FRI 4/13 7:30 Mary Arnold †
SAT 4/14 5:00 Jim Olwell †
SUN 4/15 9:30 Valerie Masson Gomez †



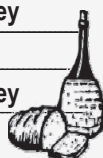
For Mass intentions, call the 925-939-3826

TRAVELING? ON VACATION?

MASS TIMES ACROSS THE US: WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG

MINISTERS SAT/SUN APR 14/15

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS	G. Pauplis	R. Gigoux
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Kurpinsky* P. Walton S. Kuca	M. Mammola* J. Patel P. Dempsey
C.L.O.W.		T. Nguyen
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Milani	P. Dempsey
COUNTERS:		
TUE 4/10	P. Dempsey	M. Lenahan
MON 4/16	J. Stark	P. Walton



Ministers Subject to Change by Pastoral Associate



**Diocese of
Oakland**

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information:

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

**2018 Bishop's Appeal
SSP Goal Summary:**

Parish Goal:	\$15,500.00
Funds Raised:	\$10,495.00
Remained:	\$ 5,005.00
% of Goal Raised:	67.71%

Are you attending Mass, making donations and not yet a registered parishioner of St. Stephen? Just complete a registration form found in the rear of the church and deliver to the office or deposit in the collection basket or call the parish office. You are most welcome.



ALL ARE INVITED !

**Town Hall Meeting
with Bishop Michael Barber**

Fri, Apr 13 @5 pm in Parish Hall

**A new pastor will be
announced at that time**

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. - Luke 6: 27

I once heard a story about an "Easter Chicken." A cute little chick was given to a child on Easter. The chick had been dyed some bright color. After Easter, when the chick's novelty had worn off, it was tossed into the chicken coop with the rest of the birds. The bigger chickens pecked away mercilessly at the odd, little bird. But after a week or two had passed, the Easter Chicken had grown out its feathers to the point that it was beginning to look like the others. And it had begun to join the fray in the coop, giving as good as it got. Soon it was indistinguishable from the rest. Most of the time, we who call ourselves "Christian," are a lot like the Easter Chicken. After the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we return to our normal way of doing things and our color fades and we begin to play by the same rules as everyone else. It's hard to tell any real difference. But the world needs Christians to be different, to not be just the same as everyone else. A good start on that path may be to simply listen to Jesus' words and to let them stand. Resist the impulse to explain them away. Let them haunt you and maybe even change you.

Prayer: Save us, good Lord, from fitting in. May our colors never fade away. Amen.

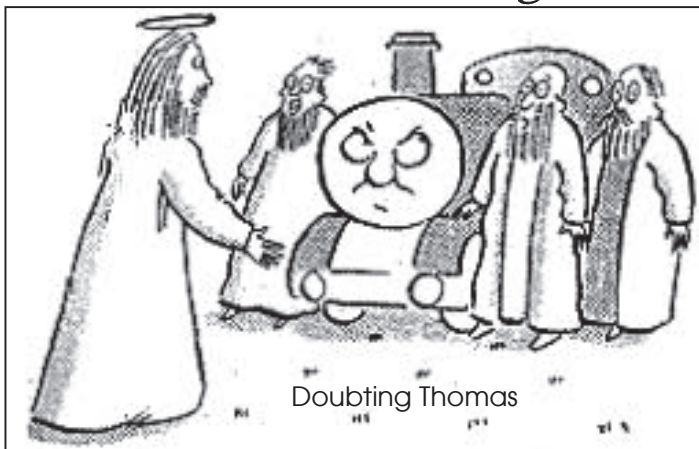
—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate



St. Stephen annual "April Showers" drive will run from April 7 through May 13. We are limited to NEW layette items including receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, hats, bibs, and booties. These will be donated to the Newborn Infant Project at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. The nurses provide a complete layette to each mother as she takes her newborn home. Questions? Call Rennett MacIntyre at 925-937-9243. Thank you for your participation.

Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair. —G. K. Chesterton

Read Bishop Barber's blog online at
Oakland Diocesan Communications
www.oakdiocese.org



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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 4/8

8:45 AM
9:30 AM
11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

R5 Faith Formation
R6 Children's Liturgy of the Word
R5 Confirmation Prep Class

Monday 4/9

St. Demetrius, pray for us.

Annunciation of the Lord

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 4/10

St. Terence, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
8:00 AM PH Contra Costa Realtors in Motion

Wednesday 4/11

St. Stanislaus, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
10:00 AM R5 Scripture Study

Thursday 4/12

St. Damian, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
7:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal

Parish Office Closed

Friday 4/13

St. Martin I, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
5:00 PM PH Town Hall Meeting with Bishop

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 4/14

St. Peter Gonzales, pray for us.

3:30 PM CH Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 4/15

Third Sunday Of Easter

8:45 AM R5 Faith Formation
9:30 AM R6 Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 AM PH Deacon Sunday Gathering

No Hospitality

CH = Church . PH = Parish Hall . RC = Rectory . R# = Room

In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living Hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. -1 Peter 1:5

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

PSALM — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

GOSPEL — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48