

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California

“Let not your heart be troubled.”
Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017 Mother’s Day

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closes daily for lunch and at noon on Wednesdays

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FR. HELMUT RICHTER



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Weekdays:* 7:30 AM
*Note: Monday is a Communion Service
Holy Days: As Announced

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a mandatory preparation class before Baptism.

MARRIAGES: A minimum of six (6) months advance notice is required. The parish must be contacted before any specific arrangement are made or dates are set.

FUNERALS: We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Queen of Heaven Cemetery at 925-932-0900. A representative from CFCS will contact the parish office to make your arrangements.

REGISTRATION: New parishioners may contact the office or ask an usher for a registration form. Welcome.

MISSION STATEMENT: To Live and to Love in Christ

WELCOME visitors and friends. We open our hearts and offer our hands to you in Christian fellowship worshipping with



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 5/13	5:00	Rose Puchalski †
SUN 5/14	9:30	Bob Walton †
TUE 5/16	7:30	†
WED 5/17	7:30	Joy Hall †
THU 5/18	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioner...
FRI 5/19	7:30	Special Intention
SAT 5/20	5:00	Nathan Bilsky †
SUN 5/21	9:30	Int. Paul Cook—Birthday Blessing



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

Mass times across the US at <http://masstimes.org>

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading— To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm— Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading— We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel— “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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LONGING: THE HAND WILL NOT REACH OUT FOR WHAT THE HEART DOES NOT LONG FOR. —GERMAN PROVERB

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

MINISTERS MAY 20/21, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	R. Kuca	M. AhYee
C.L.O.W (last day)		A. Lolohea
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Kurpinsky* D. Derby M. Milani	M. Mammola* A. Roux A. Lolohea L. Morin J. Patel D. Minister
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	Schichnes
COUNTERS:		
MON 5/15	C. Ellis	D. Mammola
MON 5/22	P. Dempsey	M. Lenahan



The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven, but to get heaven into us.

All are Invited to Witness the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Matthew Murray and Oscar Rojas Friday, May 26, 2017 @ 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light



WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville on **July 14-16** or **Sep 20-Oct 1**. Space is limited. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call **Mike & Jeanne @ 672-2016** or **Joe & Sue @ 680-7767** or oaklandwwme.org

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” - Psalm 90:12

There is an old story told of a visit to a pottery studio in a small remote mountain village in Japan. As one of the artisans worked, he spoke through a translator; “I have lived 25,000 days,” he began. “I have maybe 5000 more. You have lived 5000 days. You have maybe 25,000 more. His words tend to raise intense and contradictory emotions in our heart. First a feeling of incredible possibility. Then a reminder of our eventual end. Having our life summed to a round number naturally brings to mind the final “0” of death. Yet, when considered individually, each day seems limitless. I wonder if the wisdom the psalmist speaks of is the one capable of holding that paradox. Each day is birth and death, end and new beginning. We count them and remember their precious scarcity. We count them and remember that each holds the possibility of new and limitless life. *Prayer: Father in Heaven, your presence in each new day makes it count. Teach us to spend it wisely. Amen.*

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

St. Stephen Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family; and, the repose of the soul of



Joy Hall



who entered eternal life.
Details regarding funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 5/14	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY!
8:30 AM	R4&6 Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6 C.L.O.W.
Monday, 5/15	St. Isidore, pray for us.
Tuesday, 5/16	St. Simon Stock, pray for us.
8:00 AM	PH Realtors In Motion
Wednesday, 5/17	St. Paschal Baylon, pray for us.
10:00 AM	RC Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	PH Movie Night: "Hidden Figures"
Thursday, 5/18	St. Pope John I, pray for us.
9:30 PM	R5 Enrichment Meeting
7:00 PM	PH Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 5/19	St. Celestine, pray for us.
	RC Parish Office Closed
Saturday, 5/20	St. Bernadine of Siena, pray for us.
10:00 AM	off site Confirmation @ The Cathedral
3:30 PM	CH Reconciliation
	<i>Catholic Charities Collection</i>
Sunday, 5/21	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM	R4&6 Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6 C.L.O.W.
	<i>Catholic Charities Collection</i>

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Saint Gianna is the patron saint for mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Saint Gianna was a physician, a working mom professional woman, and a loving wife. The canonization of Saint Gianna is the first of its kind. Many mothers have been beatified for their heroic virtues but they entered religious life after becoming widowed. In St. Gianna's case, the very condition of her being a spouse and mother is being exalted and highlighted. St. Gianna Molla is the first canonized woman physician and professional who was also a "working mom."

MOTHERHOOD: ALL MOTHERS ARE WORKING MOTHERS. —ANONYMOUS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. Stephen Movie Night
 Wed, May 17 @ 7 pm in Parish Hall
 with popcorn and root beer floats!
Come watch "Hidden Figures"
 Three brilliant African-American women
 at NASA serve as the brains behind the
 launch of astronaut John Glenn.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

MAY 6, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,529.00	Weekly Offering
Doughnuts	\$ 34.00	
Easter	\$ 50.00	
Maintenance	\$ 75.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST



**Diocese of
Oakland
For more
information:**

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

**2017 Bishop's Appeal
SSP Goal Summary:**

Parish Goal:	\$15,793.48
Funds Raised:	\$ 9,015.00
Still to Raise:	\$ 6,778.48
% of Goal Raised:	57.08%



Spring Showers could use your donations of baby items. By popular demand the deadline is extended until the end of May. Please bring your contributions for infants sizes from newborn to 24 months and place in the playpen in the rear of the church through May 31. Questions? Call Renette MacIntyre at 937-9243.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mark your Calendars ~ Make a list of Questions
 Deacon Dave Holland of Catholic
 Funeral & Cemetery Services will
 speak at Masses on May 27 & 28
 about Catholic options. Receptions



BRIDGE & GAME PARTY

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 16 @ noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rumikub, etc.). This is a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.



THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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