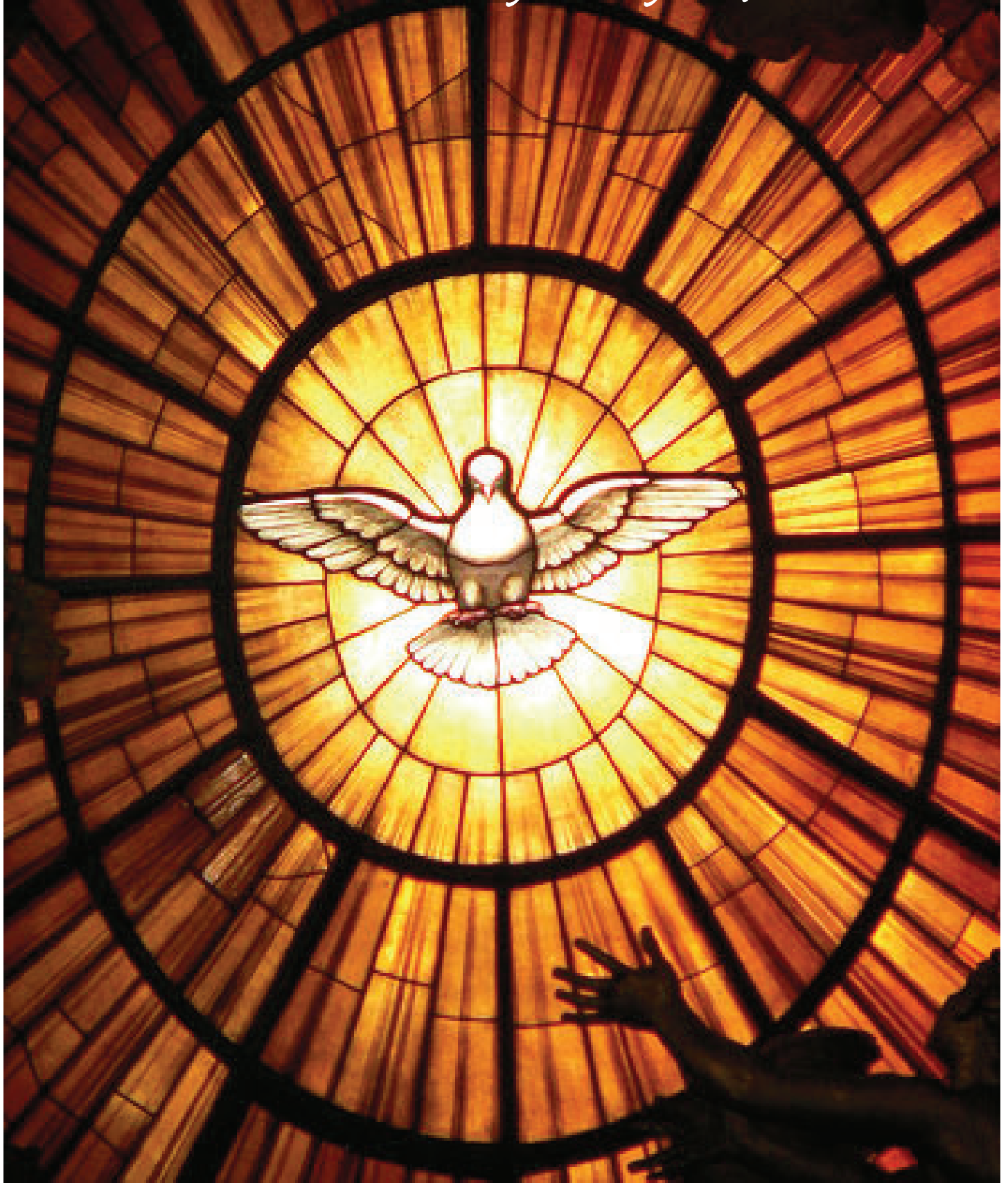


*St. Stephen Catholic Church
Walnut Creek, California
Pentecost Sunday . May 20, 2018*





PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Parish Office, Rectory and Mailing Address: 525 Madonna Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 5/19 5:00 Bob Walton †
SUN 5/20 9:30 Int. Paul Cook—Birthday Blessings
TUE 5/22 7:30 Siuta Moala †
WED 5/23 7:30 Ray Martellacci †
THU 5/24 7:30 Rose Puchalski †
FRI 5/25 7:30 Gene Rogers †
SAT 5/26 5:00 James Baca †
SUN 5/27 9:30 John Vuletich †



For Mass intentions, call the 925-939-3826

MINISTERS SAT/SUN MAY 26/27

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS	C. Pluta	C. Lang
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Karges* J. George R. Kuca	J. Jury* M. Mammola J. Patel
SACRISTAN		M. AhYee
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	L. Morin
COUNTERS:		
MON 5/21	K. Coyne	P. Dempsey
TUE 5/29	P. Walton	D. Mammola



Ministers Subject to Change by Pastoral Associate

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

MAY 13, 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	\$3,571.26
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 60.00
Communications/Social Concerns	\$ 307.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Hospitality	\$ 52.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 100.00



APRIL SUMMARY

TOTAL \$19,754.23
GOAL: \$28,000.00
Overage or (Shortfall) (\$ 8,245.77)

OTHER

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 1,262.80
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Holy Land	\$ 656.00
Hospitality	\$ 190.37
Maintenance	\$ 125.00

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



Diocese of Oakland
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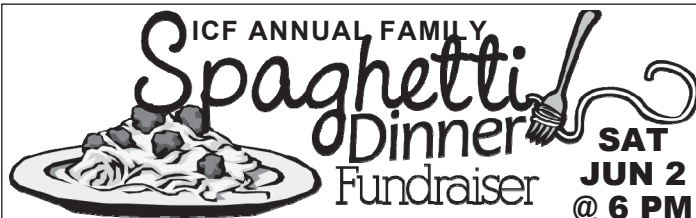
2018 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:

Parish Goal: \$15,500.00
Funds Raised: \$11,915.00
Remaining: \$ 3,585.00
% of Goal Raised: *76.87%

*76.87% The percentage and funds raised has decreased from last week's reporting since a parishioner changed their contribution amount and we were notified by the Oakland Diocese. St. Stephen is shy 23.13% of its goal.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

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.



St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, Martinez
Adults/Srs: 13 yrs+ = \$12. Children: 5—12 yrs old = \$6
Family Deal: 2 adults + 2 or 3 children = \$30
Children under 5 years old FREE
Benefitting Scholarship, Seminary, & Children's Hospital
For tickets call Mary @ 925-229-2665

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

PSALM — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

SECOND READING — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Galatians 5:16-25.

GOSPEL — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a special place to renew and redeem hearts broken by the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, and Sudden Infant Death (SIDS). The retreats are for women and men who are grieving pain and loss and seek healing. The weekend offers a supportive, non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. The next retreat is June 29-July 1. Spaces are limited. Sign up now!



Contact Kim @ 209-465-5433 or Gloria @ 510-485-2584 or by email AftertheChoice@OakDioAdmin.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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



**CATECHETICAL CONGRESS
 DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
 SAT, AUG 11, 8:15 AM TO 4 PM**

BISHOP O'DOWD HIGH SCHOOL
 9500 STEARNS AVENUE, OAKLAND
 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$35 ENDS JUL 15, 2018
 LATE REGISTRATION: \$40

NONE WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT
QUESTIONS: PCOLLYER@OAKDIOCESE.ORG
 SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE VP OF LIFE TEEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COURAGE INTERNATIONAL, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE FOR MIAMI ARCHDIOCESE, BISHOP BARBER & LOCAL EXPERTS
REGISTER: WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/CONGRESS

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 5/20	Pentecost Sunday
8:45 AM R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word-Last
11:15 AM R5	Confirmation Prep Class
	<i>Catholic Charities Collection</i>
Monday 5/21	St. Christopher Magallanes, pray for us.
Tuesday 5/22	St. Rita of Cascia, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
Wednesday 5/23	St. John Baptist Rossi, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
12:30 PM R5	Bible Study
Thursday 5/24	St. David of Scotland, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 5/25	St. Mary Magdalen, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM Cathedral	Diocesan Ordination to Priesthood
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 5/26	St. Philip Neri, pray for us.
3:30 PM CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 5/27	Most Holy Trinity Sunday
8:45 AM R5	Faith Formation

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

**Farewell Party for
 Fr. Mark Amaral
 Friday, June 15 @ 6 pm
 Parish Hall**



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"God remembers God's covenant forever, the promise God made, for a thousand generations." - Psalm 105:8

Do you feel overcome with negativity, exhausted, and simply wiped out sometimes? Do you feel that you've been running on empty? This world has gotten colder and human relationship more fragmented. And we find ourselves bearing the load of a world with little justice for the vulnerable and few rules for the powerful. We may have a hard time knowing where to place this pain, this anger, this sadness. It can just be too much. These are the times we must lean into what we know. God remembers us! The God of our grandmother's prayers is the God of our tearful prayers, and the God who promised to be with Abraham is the same God who continues to be with us. We are part of that promise. And we have to trust that God remembers that promise—to be with us, always. When we're lonelier than we've ever been, God sees us. When our grief feels as if it's going to swallow our spirit whole, God has not abandoned us. We are a part of a covenant that is unbreakable, even at our most broken. **Prayer: In my loneliest hours of uncertainty, hear this simple prayer, O God: Remember me. Amen.**

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

Witness the Ordination to the Priesthood of Seminarians
**Deacon Mr. Arturo Bazan,
 Deacon Mr. Jimmy Macalino,
 Deacon Mr. Mario Rizzo**
 Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 7 PM
 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light

