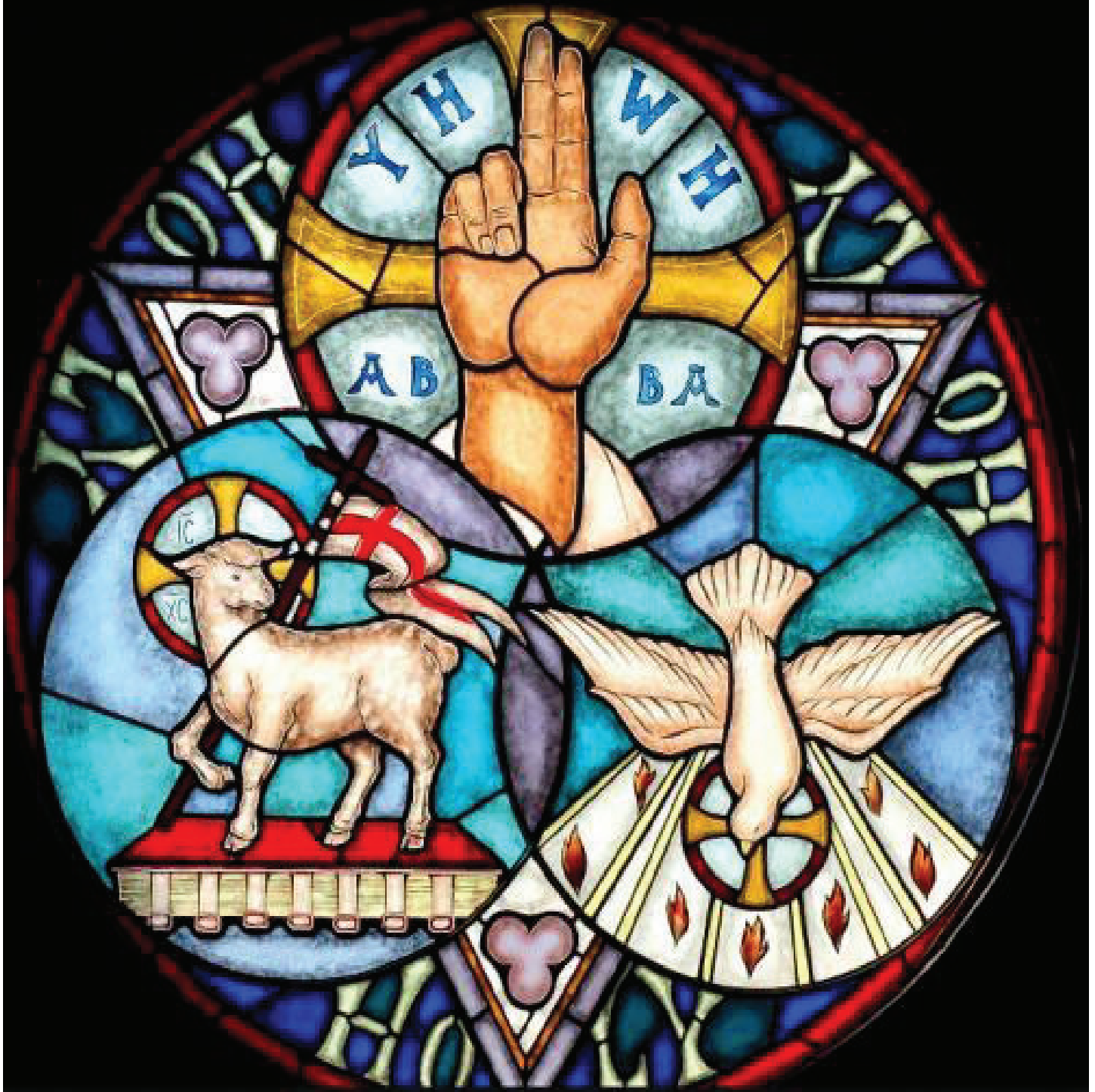


# *The Most Holy Trinity*

*Sunday, May 27, 2018*




*St. Stephen Catholic Church*  
*Walnut Creek, California*



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**MAY 20, 2018**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday Collection	\$3,021.00	
Catholic Charities	\$ 661.00	
Maintenance	\$ 140.00	
Hospitality	\$ 54.00	
Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.		

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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### 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

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 5/26 5:00 James Baca †  
SUN 5/27 9:30 John Vuletich †  
TUE 5/29 7:30 Int. Steve Amaral—Birthday Blessings  
WED 5/30 7:30 Gene Rogers †  
THU 5/31 7:30 Laurel Moore †  
FRI 6/1 7:30 Int. June Birthdays  
SAT 6/2 5:00 Michael Pauplis †  
SUN 6/3 9:30 Graziella Rossi †



For Mass intentions, call the 925-939-3826

### MINISTERS SAT/SUN JUN 2/3

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
<b>LECTORS</b>	G. Pauplis	R. Gigoux
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	J. George * F. McCormick P. Walton	A. Roux * M. Mammola P. Dempsey
<b>SACRISTAN</b>		M. Ah Yee
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	J. Kurpinsky	E. Schichnes
<b>COUNTERS:</b>		
<b>TUE 5/29</b>	P. Walton	D. Mammola
<b>MON 6/4</b>	M. Lenahan	C. Ellis



Ministers Subject to Change by Pastoral Associate

### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*The disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child over to sit among the disciples, and said, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 18:1-6*

Humility isn't in vogue in our culture. Even more than competence, outright hubris can win the day. Humility is for losers with low self-esteem, and we love winners. But what might win elections and promotions is not what wins God's heart. Jesus rejects those who are seeking to be "the greatest" and instead opens his arms up to those who "humble themselves" like children. Does that mean we should not be proud? No. Being proud and being humble are not opposites. You can, and should, absolutely believe that you are a beloved child of God, created by God and profoundly gifted. No one is inherently more worthy than you! But the problem comes when you begin to believe that you are more worthy than others. True humility is not about thinking of yourself as less than others but knowing that you are equally worthy, and that every good gift you have been given is not for yourself but for others. What we learned, and somehow better understood, about how to treat one another when we were children still applies. And even if it doesn't win the day in the board room or on the ballot, that child-like virtue still wins God's heart every time.

*Prayer: God, help me to love myself exactly as you made me, and help me to be humble enough that I may love others. Amen.*

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

**Where Two or Three Are Gathered  
A Restorative Justice Retreat for Catholics  
9am-4:30pm on Saturday, June 2nd  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
2808 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland**

While restorative practices happen mostly in prisons or in schools, harm happens everywhere. As Catholics, our faith calls us to compassionate action in the face of harm or conflict. But how do we do that?

The *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* retreat allows participants to learn more about restorative practices, and to discern how these practices could live in our parishes and communities. Restorative practices are both new and ancient. These practices focus on building community, as well as addressing the inevitable harms that come up in communal life.

This daylong event is sponsored by Catholic Charities of the East Bay and will include breakfast and materials. An email with logistics will be sent after registration.

Register by May 27 at [bit.ly/RestorativeRetreat](http://bit.ly/RestorativeRetreat)  
Questions? Email [training@cceb.org](mailto:training@cceb.org)



St. Stephen Pastoral Associate, Annette Roux, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Lay Ministry and will be installed on May 31, 2018 at the Chicago Annual National Conference. Congratulations.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**


<b>Sunday 5/27</b> 8:45 AM	<b>Most Holy Trinity Sunday</b> R5 Faith Formation
<b>Monday 5/28</b>	<b>St. Paul Hanh, pray for us.</b> <b>Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 5/29</b> 8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>St. Maziminus, pray for us.</b> CH Rosary Group PH Contra Costa Realtors in Motion RC Counters
<b>Wednesday 5/30</b> 8:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>St. Joan of Arc, pray for us.</b> CH Rosary Group R5 Bible Study
<b>Thursday 5/31</b> 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>St. Mechtildis, pray for us.</b> CH Rosary Group CH Choir Rehearsal

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

*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.



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 <b>STEPHEN</b>	<b>JUN 2018</b>	<b>LEGEND:</b> PH = Parish Hall CH = Church RC = Rectory R# = Room #		ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE	<b>1</b> Parish Office Closed <i>St. Justin</i>	<b>2</b> 11am Queen of Heaven Cemetery Mass 3:30pm Reconciliation-CH <i>Sts. Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>
<b>3</b> <i>Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i> 8:45am NO Faith Formation/NO C.L.O.W. 11am Confirmation-R4 Last meeting	<b>4</b> <i>Counters: M. Peahan C. Ellis</i> <i>St. Francis Caracciolo</i>	<b>5</b> 8am Rosary Group 8am Realtors in Motion-PH 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting <i>St. Boniface</i>	<b>6</b> 8am Rosary Group <i>Pray the Rosary</i> <i>St. Norbert</i>	<b>7</b> 8am Rosary Group 9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5 2:30pm SVdP-R6 7pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Willibald</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 8am Rosary Group Parish Office Closed <i>St. William of York</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8am Marriage Prep Retreat 3:30pm Reconciliation-CH <i>St. Ephrem</i>
<b>10</b> <i>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8am Marriage Prep Retreat 8:45am NO Faith Formation/NO C.L.O.W. NO HOSPITALITY 4pm Marriage Prep Mass	<b>11</b> <i>Counters: M. Peare J. Stark</i> <b>Pray for Newborns</b> <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	<b>12</b> 8am Rosary Group 8am Realtors in Motion -PH 7pm Stewardship Meeting-R1 <i>St. John of Sahagun</i>	<b>13</b> 8am Rosary Group <b>10 am Bible Study</b> <i>Pray for each other</i> <i>St. Anthony of Padua</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Flag Day</i> 8am Rosary Group  7pm Last Choir Rehearsal & Recept. <i>St. Methodius</i>	<b>15</b> 8am Rosary Group <i>6 pm Fr. Mark Farewell Party-PH</i> Parish Office Closed <i>St. Germaine</i>	<b>16</b> 12pm Private Party-PH 3:30pm Reconciliation-CH <i>St. John Francis Regis</i>
<b>17</b> <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:45am NO Faith Formation/NO C.L.O.W. <i>9:30 am Fr. Mark's last Mass at St. Stephen</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Counters: D. Mammola M. Lenahan</i> <b>Pray for those who are lonely</b> <i>St. Gregory Barbarigo</i>	<b>19</b> 8am Rosary Group 8am Realtors in Motion-PH 12pm Card & Game Party-PH <i>St. Romuald, Abbot</i>	<b>20</b> 8am Rosary Group 10am Staff Mtg <b>10 am Bible Study</b> <i>St. Vincent Kaun</i>	<b>21</b> 8am Rosary Group 9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5 7pm NO Choir <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	<b>22</b> 8am Rosary Group Pray for a special intention Parish Office Closed <i>St. Thomas More</i>	<b>23</b> 3:30pm Reconciliation-CH <b>Pray for Fr. Mark &amp; Fr. Paulson</b> <i>St. Joseph Cafasso</i>
<b>24</b> <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> 8:45am NO Faith Formation/NO C.L.O.W.	<b>25</b> <i>Counters: P. Walton K. Coyne</i> <i>St. William of Vercelli</i>	<b>26</b> 8am Rosary Group 8am Realtors in Motion-PH <i>St. Anselm</i>	<b>27</b> 8am Rosary Group <b>10 am Bible Study</b> <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i>	<b>28</b> 8am Rosary Group 7pm NO Choir <i>St. Irenaeus</i>	<b>29</b> 8am Rosary Group Parish Office Closed <i>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, the Apostles</i>	<b>30</b> 3:30pm Reconciliation-CH <b>Peter's Pence Collection</b> <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>