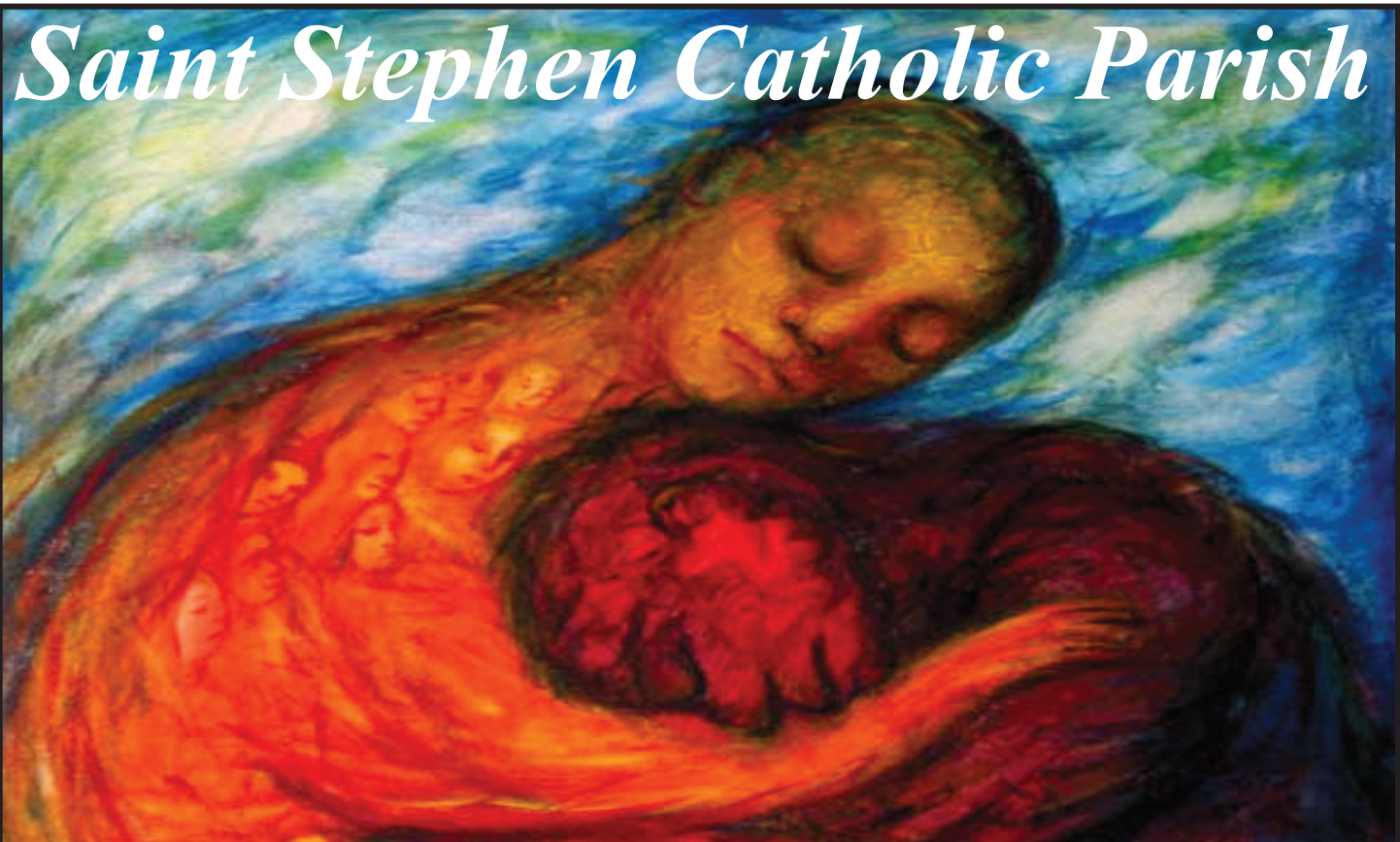


# *Saint Stephen Catholic Parish*



*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Walnut Creek, California      September 10, 2017*

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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

Church Location: 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek

Telephone: 925-939-3826  
Fax: 925-988-0417  
Website: [www.saintstephenparish.org](http://www.saintstephenparish.org)  
Email: [keavenyct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keavenyct@sbcglobal.net)

## **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:**

FR. MARK C. AMARAL

## **PARISH STAFF:**

DEACON BILL BOTHE      ANNETTE ROUX  
Pastoral Associate      Pastoral Associate

MARY COOK      NANCY GIZDICH  
Office Manager      Bookkeeper

MARIA CALDERAZZO      PETER RENO  
Director of Music Ministry      Pastoral Council Chair

## **ASSISTING CLERGY:**

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. Usually 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM

## **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 our community. We invite you to join our parish membership.



## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 9/9 5:00 John Patrick Connolly †  
 SUN 9/10 9:30 Paul Battaglia-World Trade Center †  
 TUE 9/12 7:30 Int. Frank Caruso  
 WED 9/13 7:30 †  
 THU 9/14 7:30 Int. J. Pearse McDonnell  
 FRI 9/15 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners  
 SAT 9/16 5:00 Frank Puchalski †  
 SUN 9/17 9:30 Pasqualina & Nico Mammola †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office @ 925-939-3826. Dates available through 2018.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**PSALM** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**SECOND READING** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**GOSPEL** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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THANKSGIVING MASS FOR  
 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 10 AM  
 THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
**TUESDAY:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
**WEDNESDAY:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
**THURSDAY:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**FRIDAY:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**SATURDAY:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
**SUNDAY:** Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,975.50	<b>Weekly Offering</b> 
Doughnuts	\$ 34.10	
Flowers	\$1,625.00	
Maintenance	\$ 80.00	
Mission Co-op	\$ 10.00	

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](http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving)

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

Parish Goal:	\$15,793.48
Funds Raised:	\$ 9,840.00
Still to Raise:	\$ 5,953.48
<b>% of Goal Raised:</b>	<b>62.30%</b>



At the urging of the US Bishops' Conference, Bishop Barber asks that we allow the people of the Diocese of Oakland to "support our brothers and sisters of all faiths and persuasions in their hour of need" due to the damage hurricane Harvey

has caused in Texas and surrounding areas. Therefore, next weekend, Sep 16/17, if you would like to contribute to our Diocese' relief efforts, please write a check payable to St. Stephen, indicate "Hurricane Relief" on the memo portion of your check and on the envelope you deposit in the collection basket. Thank you for your support of this request.

## MINISTERS SEP 16/17, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
<b>LECTORS:</b>	B. Rusca	J. Gotelli
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	J. Holmes* S. Kuca M. Milani	M. Mammola* J. Patel D. Minister J. Jury A. Lolohea A. Roux



**ALTAR SERVERS:** J. Kurpinsky Takafua/Takafua

COUNTERS:		
<b>MON 9/11</b>	K. Coyne	P. Dempsey
<b>MON 9/18</b>	M. Lenahan	K. Coyne

St. Stephen Scripture Study Group resumes on Wed, Sep 27 in Room 5, from 9:30am-11am beginning with the Gospel of Matthew and continues Wednesdays in October and November  
 Questions? Contact Jeannette at 286-1507



Magnificat SOTI September Prayer Breakfast  
 Sat, Sep 16 @ 9:30 am—12:30 pm  
 Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord  
 Guest Speaker: Annette Baber  
 Tickets: \$33 and \$40 after Sep 9  
 More Info: visit [Magnificat-ministry.net](http://Magnificat-ministry.net)

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

**Sunday 9/10 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 10:30 AM PH Hospitality  
 10:30 AM CH Faith Formation Registration  
**Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection**

**Monday 9/11 St. Daniel, pray for us.**  
**Patriot Day**

**Tuesday 9/12 St. Ailbhe, pray for us.**  
 8:00 AM PH Realtors In Motion

**Wednesday 9/13 St. John Chrysostom, pray for us.**

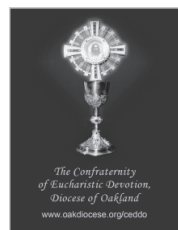
**Thursday 9/14 St. Maximillian Kolbe, pray for us.**  
**The Exaltation of the Cross**  
 7:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal

**Friday 9/15 St. Valerian, pray for us.**  
**Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday 9/16 St. Cornelius, pray for us.**  
 10:00 am PH Deacon Board Meeting  
 3:30 PM CH Reconciliation  
 6:00 PM CH Faith Formation Registration

**Sunday 9/17 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 10:30 AM PH Hospitality  
 10:30 AM CH Faith Formation Registration

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



Join in Celebrating the First Inauguration & Return of the Tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament to the Center of the altar after 25 years @ St. Lawrence O'Toole Church 3725 High Street, Oakland Friday, September 29, 7 to 8 PM

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . . ." - Hebrews 10:24-25*

Have you ever heard someone say, "I was provoked"? Sometimes you hear it as a defense after a fight: "He provoked me!" The idea is that whatever response came next, it was somehow justified. That's why I've always thought of "being provoked" as something negative, or as an attempted excuse for violence. Because at the end of the day, you can't blame someone else for your own bad behavior. But what about the other side? What about being provoked to do good? The author of Hebrews tells their readers that they can "provoke one another to love and good deeds". They can be encouragers who gather in community to lift one another up. But for too many of us, the spiritual journey is one that is walked in isolation. And without the loving provocation of good people of faith, the angry provocations of a harsh world can be overwhelming. And so our job as followers of Christ in community is to provoke one another with kindness, with compassion, with loving challenges, and with encouragement. Because ours is a provocative faith, in the very best sense of the word.

*Prayer: O God, provoke me, that I may provoke others, and that we may provoke the world. Amen*

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

I will allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him. —Booker T. Washington

## ST. STEPHEN PARISH CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

### REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Please return to Annette Roux or to the Parish Office

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE-HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE-CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE-WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER

MOTHER

PARENTS' RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER

MOTHER

REGISTERED IN PARISH: YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE-CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE-WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST

LAST

CHILD'S CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

MALE FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH AGE

GRADE SCHOOL CITY

BAPTIZED: YES NO If yes, where was the Sacrament received?

NAME OF CHURCH CITY

PENANCE: YES NO If yes, where was the Sacrament received?

NAME OF CHURCH CITY

**A COPY OF THE CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO BEGIN CLASSES.**

CERTIFICATE ATTACHED: YES NO

### FAITH FORMATION TUITION

\$100 year for one child—\$150 year for two

Payable to St. Stephen. Please return on or before Sep. 14

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ ATTACHED in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Classes begin Sunday, Sep 24 at 8:45 AM in Rooms 4 & 6

Confirmation classes begin Sunday, Sep 24 at 11:00 AM

Additional forms available at [www.saintstephenparish.org](http://www.saintstephenparish.org)

or in the rear of the church or Annette 925.939.3826

or email [gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net)