

St. Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday ~ October 1, 2017



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM

Office closes daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

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Director of Music Ministry

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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 9/30 5:00 Doug Prouty †
 SUN 10/1 9:30 Sister Jeanne Therese Haskell †
 TUE 10/3 7:30 †
 WED 10/4 7:30 Christine Barber †
 THU 10/5 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
 FRI 10/6 7:30 Marina Ellis †
 SAT 10/7 5:00 Int. Joseph Tavormina Birthday Blessings
 SUN 10/8 9:30 Hugh Thomas †



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

October is the month of the Rosary. Join the St. Stephen Rosary Group in church Tuesdays through Fridays after morning Mass; and, also consider attending this Rosary Rally.



Rosary Rally ~ San Francisco ~ Oct 7
 St. Mary's Cathedral @ Gough & Geary Streets

9:00 AM: Gathering / 9:20 AM: Rosary
 10:00 AM: Mass with Archbishop Cordileone

11:30 AM: Procession of Blessed Sacrament & Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima followed by Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

For more info contact info@rtosaryrallysf.com

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

PSALM — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

SECOND READING — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

GOSPEL — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).



St. Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners for support and donations during the past year. We made 50 visits; distributed \$1,875 in pantry food and \$3,727 in vouchers. Also, we provided \$3,500 to other SVdP organizations in need of help. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and support as the need arises. Thank you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SEP 24, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,097.00	Weekly Offering
Doughnuts	\$ 50.00	
Faith Formation Registration	\$ 650.00	
Hurricane Relief	\$ 200.00	
Maintenance	\$ 18.00	
Priest Retirement	\$ 140.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Enrichment meetings on Thu, Oct 5 & 19, a video of "Africa's Great Civilizations" will be shown. Join us @ 9:30 am for viewing, discussion & socialization.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

TUESDAY: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



TODAY IS THE VOICE COLLECTION

This second collection is the annual request to support the only regular source of Catholic news and information in the diocese. A \$25 donation pays your share. Please make your check payable to St. Stephen; it will help defray the parish cost. If you are not receiving The Voice, inform the parish office and they will add you to the list. Thank you for your support..

MINISTERS OCT 7/8, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	J. Kurpinsky	P. Reno
C.L.O.W.		L. Reno
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Karges* P. Walton S. Kuca	P. Dempsey* J. Jury D. Minister
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	M. Reno
COUNTERS:		
MON 9/25	P. Walton	D. Mammola
MON 10/2	M. Peare	P. Dempsey

St. Stephen's "AUTUMN LEAVES" outreach is accepting your contributions of infant and baby items in the rear of the church. Your donations are channeled through Hillside Congregational Church which maintains a year round program for entire families in need. Our drive begins Oct 1 through Thanksgiving. Questions, please call Rennett MacIntyre @ 925-937-9243.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 10/1 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation Resumes
9:30 AM	R5	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 PM	CH	St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report
10:30 AM	PH	Hospitality
<i>Catholic Voice Collection</i>		
Monday 10/2 Holy Guardian Angels, pray for us.		
Tuesday 10/3 St. Cyprian, pray for us.		
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Realtors In Motion
Wednesday 10/4 St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.		
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R5	Bible Study
6:00 PM	PH	Pot-Luck Supper
7:00 PM	PH	Furthering Faith Formation Presenter: Annette Roux
Thursday 10/5 St. Faustina Kowalska, pray for us.		
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R6	Enrichment: Video "Africa's Great Civilizations"
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/6 St. Bruno, pray for us.		
Parish Office Closed		
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
Saturday 10/7 St. Augustus, pray for us.		
3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday 10/8 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation Resumes
9:30 AM	R5	Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 AM	PH	Hospitality
11:00 AM	R5	Confirmation Prep Class
11:00 AM	YD	Blessing of Animals
CH = Church . PH = Parish Hall . RC = Rectory . R# = Room		



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Mark will conduct a Blessing of the Animals on Sun, Oct 8 after the 9:30 AM Mass. Please bring your feathered & furry friends on leashes or in cages back to church at 11 AM for this traditional blessing.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Today salvation has come to this house because he too is a son of Abraham." - Jesus in Luke 19:9

President George W. Bush, himself a Yale alum, said at a Yale Commencement, "To those of you who've received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say, you too can be President of the United States!" That's why I rejoice that Jesus is not only a great teacher, but also the Lord. Even though most teachers are wonderful, selfless, giving people, they are obliged to evaluate performance and dole out grades. Teachers might give extensions or show some mercy when a student struggles. But a teacher who is also the Lord can forgive us when we repeatedly fail and still promote us to the next level. Jesus does not hand out report cards. Jesus hands out blank slates and clean driving records. With Jesus, we get grace, even when we fail. At the end of the day, at the end of our lives, whether we call Jesus teacher or Lord, is far less important than what Jesus calls us: "beloved," no matter how many times we break down or fail. And that's why we say to ALL Christians, you too, are a child of the living God. *Prayer: God, today I will be a mixed bag of successes. Through it all, remind me of the only thing that matters that I too, am your beloved child.*

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

ST. STEPHEN PARISH FALL LINE-UP

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6 PM POT-LUCK DINNER ~ 7 PM PRESENTATION

- OCT 4:** Presented By: Annette Roux
TOPIC: Bringing joy back to our lives and ministry. What can rob of us of our happiness and joy; how can we recapture it?
- OCT 11:** Presented By: Annette Roux
TOPIC: What is Divine joy? A God-centered reflection.
- OCT 18:** Presented by: Fr. Mark Amaral
TOPIC: Advent/What's it all about?
- OCT 25:** Presented by: Gale Haux
TOPIC: The Healing Power of Prayer



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Recommendation forms will be distributed by outgoing council members on the weekends of Oct 28/29 and Nov 4/5. If you have any questions, please contact any current member of the council: James Gotelli, Edith Hites, John Jury, Ray Kuca, Mike Milani, Fran McCormick, or Peter Reno. Please deposit your forms in the basket in the rear of the church. Discernment meeting will take place on Tue, Nov 14 in room 1 @ 7 PM.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are asked to display pictures of their deceased family and loved ones during the month of November. The names of parishioners who have died over the past year will be posted in the sanctuary. The first opportunity to bring in your photos will be on the weekend of October 28/29 and continuing through November. Please retrieve your photos by Nov 30.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

As required by the Diocese of Oakland, all who are involved in ministry must participate in the Diocese "Safe Environment for Children Project" (SECP) for the protection of children, youth, elderly and vulnerable adults before beginning or continuing in your selected ministries. Training will be held at St. Stephen Parish on Sunday, October 29 @ 10:30 AM in the parish hall.

ALL SAINTS DAY ~ NOV 1

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses @ 7:30 AM
& 7:00 PM

ALL SOULS DAY ~ NOV 2

Masses @ 7:30 AM
& 7:00 PM*

*Procession of candles in honor of deceased @ 7PM

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

FALL FUN FESTIVAL! SAT, NOV 11 @ 6 PM

~ Finger Foods ~ Wine ~ Soda ~ Entertainment ~

~ Dancing ~ Pumpkin Decorating Contest ~

Bring a pumpkin, embellishments provided



HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Christmas Crafts &

Baked Goods on Dec 6 & 7

after 5pm & 9:30am Masses only

