

# St. Stephen Catholic Parish



*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time . Oct 22, 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  
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## PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

FR. MARK C. AMARAL

## PARISH STAFF:

DEACON BILL BOTHE  
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MARY COOK  
Office Manager

NANCY GIZDICH  
Bookkeeper

MARIA CALDERAZZO  
Director of Music Ministry

PETER RENO  
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 10/21 5:00	Sheila A. Grilli †	
SUN 10/22 9:30	Alfred Valentino Bertero †	
TUE 10/24 7:30	Msgr. Thomas J. Browne †	
WED 10/25 7:30	Rev. James E. Driscoll †	
THU 10/26 7:30	Eleanor Nunes †	
FRI 10/27 7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners	
SAT 10/28 5:00	Jack Puchalski †	
SUN 10/29 9:30	Those who have died in the past year:	
	Susie Hutchins †	Russell F. Kelley †
	John P. Connolly †	Sylvia Hausia †
	Josephine Vierra †	Felicidad Aquino †
	Paula Tancredy †	Joy Hall †
	Cliff Halverson †	Felicidad Aquino †
	Patrick Barber †	Christine Barber †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

**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



### THINKING OF JOINING THE CHOIR?

If you're interested in singing in the choir, please see Maria Calderazzo, Choir Director after Mass for further information or contact her at [ststephenswcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenswcmusic@gmail.com)

## MINISTERS OCT 28/29, 2017

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	C. Pluta	J. Gotelli
<b>C.L.O.W.</b>	C. Lang	
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	S. Kuca* J. George F. McCormick	P. Dempsey* H. Spahr J. Patel
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	M. Milani	L. Morin
<b>COUNTERS:</b>		
<b>MON 10/23</b>	J. Stark	P. Walton
<b>MON 10/30</b>	K. Coyne	M. Peare

## TODAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**PSALM** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**SECOND READING** — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**GOSPEL** — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

**TUESDAY:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;  
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**WEDNESDAY:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

**THURSDAY:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

**FRIDAY:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;  
Lk 12:54-59

**SATURDAY:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**SUNDAY:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;  
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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

**FAITH: ALL I HAVE SEEN TEACHES ME  
 TO TRUST THE CREATOR FOR ALL I HAVE  
 NOT SEEN. —RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

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 runs through Thanksgiving. Any questions, please

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<b>OCTOBER 15, 2017</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>
Sunday Offering	\$2,950.71
All Souls Day	\$ 15.00
Catholic Voice	\$ 95.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 119.00

**Weekly Offering**

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

Consider a contribution to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal.



**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: \$10,765.00  
 Still to Raise: \$ 5,028.48  
**% of Goal Raised: 68.16%**

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday 10/22 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM	PH	Marriage Prep Retreat
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R5	Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 AM	PH	NO Hospitality
10:45 AM	R5	Confirmation Class
4:00 PM	CH	Marriage Prep Retreat Mass

*World Mission Sunday-Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection*

### Monday 10/23 St. Joseph of Capistrano, pray for us.

### Tuesday 10/24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us.

8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Realtors In Motion

### Wednesday 10/25 St. Daria, pray for us.

8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
11:30 AM	R5	Bible Study
6:00 PM	PH	Pot-Luck Supper
7:00 PM	PH	Furthering Faith Formation Presenter: Gale Haux

### Thursday 10/26 St. Bean, pray for us.

8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal

### Friday 10/27 St. Frumentius, pray for us.

**Parish Office Closed**

8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
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### Saturday 10/28 Sts. Simon and Jude, pray for us.

3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
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*St. Vincent de Paul Collection*

### Sunday 10/29 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R5	Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 AM	PH	Hospitality

*St. Vincent de Paul Collection*

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

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INTRO CLASS

**FREE** Natural Family Planning with Dr. Tom and Debbie Lenz. Classes for all interested engaged and married couples. Clergy, religious and other interested people are also welcome and will learn about Catholic teaching on marriage and family.

**Sunday, November 19 @ 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**St. Joseph Church, 2100 Pear Street, Pinole**

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

### FALL FUN FESTIVAL !

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 @ 6 PM**



~ Finger Foods ~ Wine ~ Soda ~ Entertainment ~

~ Dancing ~ Pumpkin Decorating Contest ~

Bring a pumpkin, embellishments provided

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



### SALESIAN COLLEGE PREP

Sun, Oct 22 @ 1 pm to 3 pm

### DE LA SALLE

Sun, Nov 5 @ 10 am to 12 pm

### CARONDELET

Sun, Nov 5 @ 2 pm to 4 pm



CARONDELET

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**6 PM POT-LUCK DINNER**

**7 PM PRESENTATION**

**The Healing Power of Prayer**

**Presented by: Gale Haux**



A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF  
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Online**

As required by the Diocese of Oakland, all volunteers in any capacity must participate in the Diocese safe environment program for the protection of children, youth, elderly and vulnerable adults before beginning/continuing in your ministry choices. No one is exempt. Please complete or renew training by **Oct 31, 2017**. The **easiest way** to complete the Virtus training is online at **www.virtusonline.org** or attend a live training. A live training session will be held at St. Stephen Parish on **Sunday, October 29 @ 11:00 AM** in the parish hall. If you are unable to attend on this date or have not completed your certification online, other dates and training sites are posted on the website. Fingerprinting is necessary only for those directly in contact with children, once only. Pre-registration is required for live trainings. Register at **https://www.oakdiocese.org/** Questions? Ask Annette Roux

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS

will be distributed on the weekends of **Oct 28/29** and **Nov 4/5**. Questions? please ask a current member of the council.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:22-23*

What is sin? It is to fall short of the glory of God. It is to miss the mark of our ideal humanity. It is to be distant from God. Jesus, as the ideal human, might be defined as one who never doubted the full presence of his Father. What made him so special was how close he stayed to the one he called "Abba." Often we mistake sin for its disguises in right and wrong behavior. Smoking, drinking, & eating too much come to mind. Abuse of our body becomes more important to us than abuse of our souls. Glory, as well as health, is our destination as a human. When we miss the mark of our best humanity, we sin. Smoking, drinking, or eating too much are surely sins but they are the outer sign of inner conditions. What might be different? We might learn to live in the deep water instead of the shallow. We might try to get closer to God by the practice of prayer to touch the Spirit of the room. We might work less on the outside & more on the inside. We might become inner actives.

**Prayer: O God, You who are the source of any glory we might ever have, draw near. Help us know what it is you meant us to be.**

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate



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