

# ***St. Stephen Parish*** ***Celebrates Fifty-Nine Years***

**451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, California 94132**  
**Parish Center: 681-2444 • Parish School: 664-8331 • FAX: 681-7843**

## **Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Joseph Walsh**  
Pastor

**Rev. Leonard Calegari**  
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### **RCIA**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of formation and instruction that enables an adult person (18 years and older) to learn about the Catholic Faith and to seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For further information about RCIA call 681-2444.

### **Marriage**

By diocesan rule, arrangements for weddings need to be made by the bride and groom 6 months in advance of their wedding date. The marriage date is confirmed after the completion of the preparation process. Please contact our pastor to participate.

### **The Sick**

Please notify the parish office (681-2444) if you or a relative or friend are hospitalized or unable to attend church due to sickness or age, and would like a visit and/or Holy communion.

### **Infant Baptism**

Expectant or new parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Stephen should contact the Parish Office at least two months before the desired date of baptism to complete the

baptismal preparation session. Godparents are required to attend. The session is held at 10:00am on the first Saturday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

### **Sacrament Of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:20 pm or by appointment.

### **Faith Formation**

We offer classes for children in grades 1- 8 to grow in love of God and community, including preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion for children in grade 2, and preparation for Confirmation in grade 8. Classes are held on Monday afternoon from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact The parish office.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

We celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday during 9:30AM Mass. Registration is not required, children age 3 to 8 may participate.

### **Mass Schedule**

Weekdays:

8:00 am

Rosary and Devotions after  
the 8:00 am Mass

Saturday:

8:00 am & 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday:

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6:45 pm

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
***May 3, 2009***

### Our Liturgical Week

#### Monday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**Anaceto M. Caunan**

#### Tuesday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**Patrick Linehan**

#### Wednesday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Harold Feeney**

#### Thursday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**Felisa Lauron**

#### Friday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh/**Ray Aguirre**

#### Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Emma Johnson**

3:30 p.m. Fr. Murray/**Reconciliation**

4:30 p.m. Fr. Murray/**Ernie Gammino**

#### Sunday, May 10

8:00 a.m. Fr. Sauer/**Malak Esfudary**

9:30 a.m. Fr. Walsh/**For the Parish**

11:30 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**Richard Rossi**

6:45 p.m. Fr. Calegari/ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Bold Indicates Mass Intentions**

### Fourth Sunday of Easter *May 3, 2009*

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

-- 1 John 3:1

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- There is no salvation through anyone else (*Acts 4:8-12*).

**Psalm** -- The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (*Psalm 118*).

**Second Reading** -- See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (*1 John 3:1-2*).

**Gospel** -- The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (*John 10:11-18*).



### CARITAS

Caritas is providing Eucharist to the sick and home-bound of our parish community. If you or someone in your family would like to receive the Eucharist in your home, please call the parish center at 415 681-2444 or you may call Ken Fambrini direct at 415 254-8464. You will be visited by the Eucharistic minister nearest your home.



### Our Week at a Glance

#### Monday, May 4

Religious Education 3:45 p.m./Parish Offices

#### Tuesday, May 5

Art Project 1:30 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Youth Group 6:00 p.m./Parish Office

Men's Club 7:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

#### Wednesday, May 6

Hot Lunch 11:45 a.m./Temp. Bldg.

Sep. & Divorce Group 7:00 p.m./EC

#### Thursday, May 7

Women's Guild Dinner 6:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

RICA 7:00 p.m./ Parish Office

#### Friday, May 8

Golf Tournament 12 noon/Crystal Spring Golf Course

Gamblers Anonymous 8:00 p.m./Parish Office & EC

#### Saturday, May 9

Grade 8 Car Wash 8:00 a.m./School Yard

Saturday Morning Study Group 8:30 a.m./Marian Room

Private Party 10:00 a.m./Temp. Bldg.

#### Sunday, May 10

Youth Group 4:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Easter;**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Tuesday: **Cinco de Mayo**

### Practice Resurrection!

Deacon Dan of the Faith in Action group invites you to join us tomorrow, Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to learn about who we are and to help us plan our future events. Please join us at the Parish Office. New faces welcome! (*Contact: Deacon Dan at 285-3849 or online at [Drosen1949@aol.com](mailto:Drosen1949@aol.com).*)

**Sick Relatives & Friends:** Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community, and for all in the book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

William Applegate, Natividad Austria, Irene Buscovich, Elena Carr, James Collins, Bernard Curran, David Douglas, Msgr. Bruce Dreier, Dan Gilson, Art Hazlett, Mary Elizabeth Henry, Nellie Jocson, Elizabeth Kauss, Miguel Mendoza, Maggie McDonald, Irin Mullen, Mercy Newman, Kylie O'Leary, Stephanie Patty, Pedro Pons, Marsha Potolo, Joyce Peterson, Sister Pat Phelan, James Roach, Delores Robinson, Ian Taylor, Robert Thoel, Loretta Tribulato, Richard Voyles, Maria Elena Varela, and Mary Windrow.



## Pastor's Notes

**Dear Parishioners,**

May 3, 2009

This is your last opportunity to register for next Friday's Men's Club golf tournament. This tournament is the major fundraiser for our children's sports program. For our kids' sake, call now and get your green fees in, or forever hold your peace! See elsewhere in today's bulletin for details.

We remember longtime parishioners called to God over Easter: Betty Francesconi, Frank Howard, Aine O'Brennan and Richard Rossi. They are part of the 'cloud of witnesses' who have left us a legacy of what it means to be good parishioners. I refer to them as part of the 'cloud of witnesses' because some of us, thanks to Deacon Dan, are currently reading a book called "Cloud of Witnesses" by Jim Wallis and Joyce Hollyday - a collection of short biographies of more than thirty people who have lived the gospel by serving others in a compelling and credible way. St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Pedro Arrupe SJ, Martin Luther King Jr. and Dorothy Day are among the better known 'witnesses' featured in the book. Get this book. It's a worthwhile read.

"I am the good shepherd," says Jesus in today's gospel. "Cloud of Witnesses" provides many examples of good shepherds in our modern world; men and women willing to risk their own lives and reputations for the well being of the poor, uneducated, lost, injured and abused. There are so many more that we know locally who, through their time and talent, show great love for the needy.

Reading chapter 10 of John's Gospel from which today's passage is taken, I am struck by Jesus' emphasis on the sheep's ability to recognize the voice of the shepherd. Our voices, like our fingerprints, are unique to each person. There was/is only one Sinatra voice, only one Pavarotti. When we hear them, we become somewhat absorbed by the experience. But they don't totally satisfy the human heart. The voice of the Good Shepherd is the only one that totally satisfies. It's not always easy to hear and recognize it amidst the din and distraction of our lives. But when we do, it is so compelling that we get on beam and follow it. In order to hear it, we need to carve out some few moments each day when we can center and ground ourselves, and focus on the voice of the Shepherd of our souls. I would suggest you try [www.sacredspace.com](http://www.sacredspace.com).

It works both ways: the Good Shepherd hears my voice and hears yours. Our prayers are heard and listened to, though not usually answered in the way we desire. When we cry out, in pain or in joy, we are heard not in a general or abstract way. Our individual prayers are heard by God. He hears me and he hears you, recognizing the difference between our voices and between our needs.

Our religion is about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Other religions - Buddhism and Islam for example - are not about a personal relationship with the Buddha or Mohammad. Christianity and the Christian way of life is the result of our personal relationship with the Risen Christ, not a substitute for that relationship.

Jesus contrasts his mission with that of the scribes and the religious leaders of his time. They were bad shepherds and seem to have been in leadership positions for the wrong reasons. They saw their role as bringing people to adhere to Law of Moses. Jesus understood that his role was to invite people into a relationship with himself, a journey of faith. "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" - John 6:29.

*Your Pastor,*

*Fr. Joe*

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### **St. Stephen Altar Servers**

Our special "thanks" to our student Altar Servers who faithfully continue to volunteer their time and talent to our parish. Our Altar Servers for April 20 thru 26 were:

**Sarah Schmitt, Stefano Maffei, Danny Casey,  
Saoirse McCormack, Michaela Serafica,  
Danielle Tioyao, Katie Regalia, Erica Hipp,  
Phillip Simmons, Nicole Patricio,  
Jennifer Martin, Sammy Baker, Emily Hipp,  
Casey Stuart, Isabella Cerri, Kevin Cassidy,  
Clare Casey, Kate Cassidy, Catherine Pabalan,  
Margaret Crowley, Noelle Cinco,  
Georgia Davey and Aidan O'Driscoll.**

**Thank You!**

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### **GENUINE FREEDOM**

People thirst for genuine inner freedom.  
They yearn for the life which Christ came to give in abundance.

*--Pope John Paul II*

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**St. Stephen Class of 2009  
CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, May 9  
8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Please support our 8th graders in their major fund raising event of the school year. All proceeds go toward the Class of 2009 graduation activities.

**Cars, Trucks, Vans, SUVs - \$10.00**

The 8th graders will sell tickets after the 4:30, 9:30 and 11:30 masses this weekend. (Contact: Alicia Pashby at 650-787-9035 or online at [pashbymat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pashbymat@sbcglobal.net).)

**Mark Your Calendar**

**May 8, 2009** - Fourteenth Annual St. Stephen Men's Club Golf Tournament at Crystal Spring golf course.

**May 8, 2009** - Our 8th Grade Class holds their annual car wash in the school yard.

**May 10 - 14, 2009** - EWTN telecasts Pope Benedict's Mideast Visit including Mass on Manger's Square in Bethlehem. For times of telecasts go to [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and click on "Program Schedules" and "May Grids," or phone 205 271-2900.

**May 14, 2009** San Francisco 'Bike to Work Day.'

**May 16, 2009** Opening day of the Parkmerced Farmer's Market. This market will be held every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**May 31, 2009** The Bloodmobile returns to St. Stephen to collect your life giving gift.

**September 13, 2009** Our Parish Picnic will once again be held at Blackberry Farm.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS  
for the 9:30 a.m. mass.**

Today, Sunday, May 3 - Antonette Glynn  
Sunday, May 10 - St. Vincent De Paul  
Sunday, May 17 - Belinda Mistica



**Sacrificial Giving**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

**Weekly collection goal.....\$ 8,000**  
**Past weekend collection (4/26).....\$ 6,250**  
**Year to Date Goal.....\$377,000**  
**Year to Date.....\$333,767**

**MEN'S CLUB  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
This Week - Friday May 8th**



Friday, May 8th is the date for the Fourteenth Annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament at Crystal Springs. There will be a 12:00 noon shotgun start with a dinner banquet to follow golf. You can promote your business and/or sponsor a hole. For details, please call Greg Holl at 650 757-1556 or Patrick Goudy at 415 420-9775.

**Spring Conference**

The San Francisco Archdiocese of Catholic Women will hold their **Spring Conference** on **May 9th, 2009** at St. Gregory's Parish at 2715 Hacienda Street and 28th Avenue, San Mateo. The theme of the day will be "**Servant Leadership**". Registration we be at 9:00 a.m., Mass at 9:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served before the program panelists begin and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The panelists are: Father John Sakowski, Parochial Vicar at St. Charles Church, San Carlos; Sister Maria Hsu, Director of Ethnic Ministries in the Archdiocese of San Francisco; and Amy Love, President, St. Vincent de Paul Conference, St. Kevin Parish volunteer and SVdeP District Board Member. The fee, \$20.00 per person may be sent to Marianne Larke, 2690 Washington Street, Redwood City, Ca. 94161. (For details phone 650 368-4300.

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**[www.e-paluch.com](http://www.e-paluch.com)** for complete information and registration. Pick-up a registration form in our vestibule or come by the O'Reilly Parish Center. Remember, you can use e-Contributions to send in your Capital Campaign pledge payments, too!

**St. Stephen 50+ Club**

Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will meet in our Temporary Building.

**Mother's Day Roses**

Please complete the insert in last week's bulletin to order your Mother's Day Roses. (Contact: Karen Leach at 664-2152)





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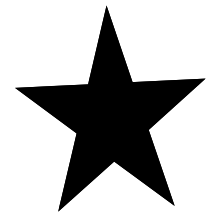
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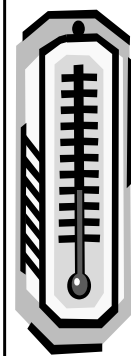
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Since kicking off our 2009 Annual Appeal in February, St. Stephen Church has raised \$30,683 or 43 percent of our \$69,300 goal! There are now 26 families who have met or exceeded Father Walsh's \$500 pledge and 40 families who are new to AAA this year. We are deeply grateful to the 123 individuals and families who have supported our AAA campaign this year and invite you to join them with a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you support AAA, you are helping to support the Archdiocesan work in our community including chaplains in our hospitals, scholarships for children and families in need, assistance for our elderly, help for the homeless, outreach to youth, young adults and disenfranchised Catholics. Remember, just \$72 or \$6 a month from every parish family will enable St. Stephen to meet our \$69,300 assessment. **Please note:** all checks should be made payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and sent to St. Stephen Church, 451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132. Thank you again!

[www.SaintStephenSF.org](http://www.SaintStephenSF.org)



**Goal:**  
\$69,300

**Funds  
Raised:**  
\$30,683