

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

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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

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 the Parish Office.

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

If you, 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, please notify the Parish Office.

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.

***Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 31, 2010***

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Mary Feeny**

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Sean Casey**

11:00 a.m. Fr./**Catholic Schools Mass**

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Maria Riccardi**

Thursday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Edward W. Collins**

Friday, February 5

8:00 a. m. Fr./**Garrett Walsh**

Saturday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Paul & Lorin Medlin**

3:30 p.m. Fr./Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Fr./**Sean Casey**

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Fr./**Alberto Esteva**

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

11:30 a.m. Fr./**Rose Saltalamacia**

2:30 p.m. WKICU Mass

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

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions

Please remember:



Thomas Francis Hayes
Elenor Parac

Who recently died in the peace of Christ. Our sick and homebound are in continual need of our prayers, please remember them in prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*).

Psalms -- I will sing of your salvation (*Psalms 71*).

Second Reading -- Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (*1 Corinthians 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]*).

Gospel -- When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (*Luke 4:21-30*).



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 Office at 415 681-2444 or you may call Ken Fambri direct at 415 254-8464. You will be visited by the Eucharistic minister nearest your home.

Our Week at a Glance

Monday

3:45 p.m.

Faith Formation/Parish Office

6:45 p.m.

Men's Club/Hall

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.

Art Project/Art Room

6:00 p.m.

Youth Group/Parish Office

Wednesday

11:30 a.m.

Hot Lunch/Hall

7:00 p.m.

Sep. & Divorce Group/EC

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

RCIA/Parish Office

Friday

8:00 p.m.

Gamblers Anonymous/Parish Office

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Study Group/
Marian Room

Sunday

2:30 p.m.

WKICU Fellowship/Hall

4:00 p.m.

Youth Group/Cougar Gym

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday:

The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Wednesday:

St. Blaise;
St. Ansgar;
Blessing of Throats

Friday:

St. Agatha;
First Friday

Saturday:

St. Paul Miki and His Companions;
First Saturday

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.

Natividad Austria, Irene Buscovich,
Elena Carr, James Collins,
David Douglas, Bob Gilson,
Dan Gilson, Nellie Jocson,
Elizabeth Kauss, Miguel Mendoza,
Charlie Meyers, Mercy Newman,
Kylie O'Leary, Stephanie Patty,
Joyce Peterson, Marsha Potolo,
Pedro Pons, Sister Pat Phelan,
James Roach, Delores Robinson,
Ian Taylor, Maria Elena Varela,
and Mary Windrow.



Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, February 7, our second collection for Haiti will go to Catholic Relief Services and if you are planning to donate separately by check or mail I recommend CRS (228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3413). Catholic Relief Services have been on the ground in Haiti for 55 years, with well over 300 staff present and ready when the earthquake hit. Over the years CRS has proven to be efficient, effective and worthwhile; only 3% of contributions and annual budget are spent on administrative costs! Please be generous! In view of the urgency of Haiti, we will not have a Buildings & Grounds collection this month.

Bishop Bill Justice enjoyed his time with us for Confirmation last Sunday. He loved interacting with the candidates, sponsors and parents. His very excitement was contagious and had everyone rocking and rolling in the pews during his homily! Thanks to all who contributed to making the celebration so genuine and heartfelt.

I am trying to put together a few speakers from the Holy Land for our Lenten soup supper and speaker series. We are planning four evenings in Donworth Hall on the Holy Land as depicted in the Gospels. Please know that this series will not address the current issue between Palestinians and Israelis. It will be based on the land where Jesus Christ lived and died, and what you will see there today.

Catholic Schools Week begins today, with open house at our school after 9:30 Mass. The theme this year is "Dividends for Life." The dividends of a Catholic school education are suggested as 'faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline.' This whole week, we salute St. Stephen School for its focus on 'faith, knowledge, morals and discipline.' A fundamental Catholic insight is that our life is not about ourselves. It is about others, serving others and helping them travel the journey of life. In serving others, we discover who we are and where we're headed.

Author Fr. Roger Landry of Fall River had this to say: 'In Catholic Schools, students receive more than instruction for their brains because they are much more than minds. They receive an integral education geared toward forming their souls and their character. The goal of Catholic education is to prepare young people to face the final exam of life and live

with Christ, our one teacher, throughout their lives.'

We will bless throats during the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, the feast of St. Blaise and 4th century healer of throat infections. If you cannot be at Mass on Wednesday, say this prayer at home. 'Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver me from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Your pastor,

Fr. Joe

Faith Formation News

All Faith Formation classes for grades 1 through 8 continue this week as scheduled. Due to the Presidents' Day holiday, there will be no Faith Formation classes on Monday Feb. 15.

Help Needed on Mondays

We are always in need of aides, especially adults, parents and older students. We invite you to help with our Middle School Ministry class of 6th, 7th & 8th graders. We look at Scripture using magazines, hold interesting conversations, do arts & crafts, and enjoy building community! For information, contact Thu-Ha Religion Education Director, at 681-2444 ext. 27.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children age 4-10 are invited to participate in the *Children's Liturgy of the Word* every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children will be called before the readings to participate in their own set of reflections and activities for that day's liturgy.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Or, are you a baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you searching for a Church to call your own? If so, you are welcome to join The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA). Sessions exploring these and other issues relative to our Catholic faith are being held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Please call Thu-Ha at 681-2444 ext. 27 for details.

For New and/or Expecting Parents

Our next pre-baptismal preparation class for new and/or expecting parents will be Saturday, Feb. 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the **Marian Room**. The class is required for all new parents prior to baptizing their child. Baptisms at St. Stephen's take place Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 1:00p.m. and during any regularly scheduled weekend mass. Please call Thu-Ha at the Parish Office to register for the class.

Mark Your Calendar

January 31 to February 6, 2010 Catholic Schools Week! You are cordially invited to visit our St. Stephen School Open House today.

February 6, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., **World Day of the Sick Mass** at St. Mary Cathedral; Archbishop George Niederauer. principal celebrant.

February 21, 2010 Our **2010 Anchor Parishioners**, Linda and Sal Rizzo will be honored at our 9:30 a.m. Mass.

February 27, 2010 Women's Guild annual **Dinner Dance & Auction** in our new Donworth Hall.

March 23, 2010 50+ Club ventures to the Cache Creek Resort Casino.

Catholic Schools Week



St. Stephen School OPEN HOUSE -Today! Sunday, January 31, 2010

Our School Open House will be from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We open our doors to our parishioners, parents, families and friends. School work and Class Projects will be on display in kindergarten thru Eighth Grade.

All the different activities that you have been supporting such as the Super Bowl Pool, Spring Auction, Bake Sale, Raffles and Scrip have benefited our children. We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity. From our kindergarten to the eighth grade we give all of you a big **THANK YOU!**



HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

for the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Today, Sunday, Jan. 31 - Jenn Coen
Sunday, Feb. 7 - Louise Fambrini
Sunday, Feb. 14 - Men's Club



Sacrificial Giving

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly collection goal.....\$ 8,000
Past weekend (01/24)\$ 8,481
e-contributions.....\$ 1,014
Year to Date Goal (01/24).....\$ 270,000
Year to Date.....\$ 230,511
Church in Latin America (01/24).....\$ 2,478

Thank you! Your continued generosity to our Parish is critical and never goes unnoticed.

St. Stephen Ministry Day Saturday, February 13, 2010 Donworth Hall - 12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Adult Choir Members, Ushers and Liturgy Members are expected to attend our **Ministry Day for Renewal** on Saturday, February 13, 2010 in our Donworth Hall. We will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude with the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Doug Benbow, Director of Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, will conduct this session.

Beverages will be provided, bring your 'brown bag' lunch. Please call our parish office at 415 881-2444 to confirm your attendance.



St. Stephen's 26th Annual SUPER BOWL POOL

A few squares on Board #2 remain and new \$10 Boards are available and will be sold after Masses this weekend.

St. Stephen 50+ Club

Our next meeting is Monday, February 14 at 12:30 p.m. We will meet in our new Donworth Hall. (Contact: Helga D'Arcy at 731-8211).

Future Adventure: Tuesday, March 23; our bus leaves the Donworth Center at 9:00 a.m. for the exciting new Cache Creek Resort Casino. Your cost is \$14. On arrival you will receive \$4 cash and \$5 casino play. We will return between 5 and 5:30 p.m. To reserve your space call Betty Ganduglia at 650 589-0726.



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 **January 18 thru 24** were;

Hugh MacNeill, Annika Tiña, David Esser,
Micaela Faliano, Cassandra Friedrich,
Kira McPolin, Margarita Francisco,
Matthew Hazelwood, Paul Newland,
Thomas McGovern, Paul Newland,
Aidan O'Driscoll, Gino Gandolfo,
Glavin Clark, Christiaan Parnell,
Joseph Kozuch, Erik Wassmer,
Michaela Lavino, Alexis Picache,
Samantha Baker, Erin Lithgow,
Stefano Maffei, Harry Egan,
Georgia Davey, and Mathew Pashby
Thank You.

