

St. Stephen Parish

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Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 18, 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

"If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

"If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:15-20

Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

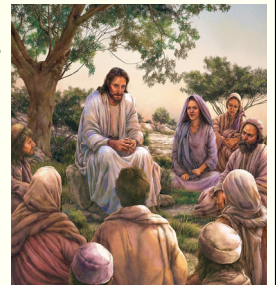
In this week's Gospel reading from Matthew 18:15-20, we are reminded of the importance of reconciliation and unity within our Christian community. Jesus' words provide us with a profound guide on how to handle conflicts among us and foster an environment of love, forgiveness, and healing. As we reflect upon these teachings, we find inspiration in the life of Saint Stephen, whose unwavering faith and commitment to reconciliation echo the lessons from today's scripture.

In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus instructs us on the steps to take when a fellow believer sins against us. He urges us to approach the situation with humility and love, seeking to resolve the issue privately first. If reconciliation remains elusive, we are to involve more witnesses and, if necessary, bring the matter before the Church. Jesus assures us that when we gather in His name, He is in our midst, ready to guide us towards healing and unity.

Saint Stephen exemplified these principles in his life. As one of the Church's first deacons, Stephen dedicated himself to serving the community and promoting unity. His unwavering faith and commitment to spreading the Gospel led him to confront the religious leaders of his time, much like the situations described in today's Gospel. Yet, Stephen approached these conflicts with grace, boldly sharing his testimony and seeking reconciliation through dialogue.

In the face of adversity, Saint Stephen remained steadfast in his faith, even forgiving those who stoned him to death. His powerful example reminds us that reconciliation and unity are achievable through love and forgiveness. Just as Stephen forgave those who persecuted him, we are called to forgive and seek reconciliation with one another, allowing the love of Christ to shine through our actions.

In our parish, let us follow the example set by Saint Stephen and the teachings of Jesus. When conflicts arise, let us approach one another with humility and love, seeking private resolution first. If reconciliation proves challenging, may we involve our faith community and trust that Jesus is present among us, guiding us towards unity and healing. As we continue our faith journey, let us remember that our unity in Christ is a powerful witness to the world. By embracing the principles of reconciliation and forgiveness, we honor the legacy of Saint Stephen and strengthen the bonds of love within our parish family. *Fr. Michael D Lilledahl*



September 13 St. John Chrysostom

John was born around 347 in Antioch, Syria. His father died when he was a child, so his mother guided his education. John was a gifted student. At 18, he experienced a religious conversion and began to study the Bible. Three years later, John joined a group of monks in the mountains. He left them to live as a hermit in a cave. But his health suffered, and he returned to Antioch. There others quickly noticed his gifts as a monk, a biblical scholar, and an eloquent speaker. Soon he was ordained to the diaconate and was ordained a priest at 39.

In 397, John was made the bishop-patriarch of Constantinople.

He lived a simple life, giving his wealth over for the building of hospitals, and he set about reforming the clergy and the city. He deposed bishops for buying their way into office. John sold much of the expensive furniture in the bishop's residence and gave the money to those who were poor. He attacked wealthy people for misuse of their riches. John sought to reform the lax clergy, to straighten out the badly managed budget, and to rid the land of violence. His zeal for charity and justice angered the empress, Eudoxia, and provoked the jealousy of Theophilus, the patriarch of Alexandria. John was impeached and exiled. Even though he had the support of Pope Innocent I, John was exiled even farther away and died en route in 407.

The role of a true prophet is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable. John Chrysostom did just that.



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 11

8:00 a.m.

† **Rosa S. De Juarez**
(By: Elvia Juarez)

Tuesday, Sep 12

8:00 a.m.

† **Juanita Kiac Sy**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Wednesday Sep 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Mary & Michael Walsh**
(By: Dan & Joan Leehane)

Thursday, Sep 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Beatrice Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Friday, Sep 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Basilio Sabisor Jr**
(By: Carlota & Family)

Saturday Sep 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Shirley Dillon**
(By: Terry Mullaney)

4:30 p.m.

† **Geronimo & Pilar Ventura**
(By: Africa Dy)

Sunday, Sep 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Brenda Washington**
(By: Robelas Family)

10:30 a.m.

† **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)



September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my Heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

TODAY'S READING

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 heart.. (*Psalms 95*)

Second Reading: Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love. (*Romans 13:8-10*)

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: **The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Wednesday: **St. John Chrysostom**

Thursday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Friday: **St. Catherine of Genoa,**

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: **St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian**

Bishop, Martyrs:



You're ALL Invited!

HOLY HOUR of

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



Through the
Waters of Baptism
Welcome to our Church!

AURIMAS Petrys
Son of Tadas & Frances



TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give
using your mobile device.

50+ Club Tomorrow!

Monday, September 11, 2023

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:

Helga at 415-731-8211

St. Stephen Choir

Do you love to sing? Would you like to sing in a group setting? Then come join our choir!

The Choir will sing at all 10:30 Masses with the Choir singing starting September 10th.



Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison, Danilo Dacasin, Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbriere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.—George Herbert

**St. Stephen School
Women's Guild Annual
SPAGHETTI BINGO**

Welcoming parish and school families Saturday September 16, following the 4:30 mass. Spaghetti dinner provided by Original Joe's.

Please join us for the first St. Stephen Women's Guild event of the year, our annual Spaghetti Bingo, complete with a delicious dinner provided by Original Joe's, lively Bingo games and a yard full of carnival games for the kids!



The fun begins after the 4:30pm mass on September 16th, at Donworth Hall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance via the flyer in the vestibule or by using the QR code below. Questions? Email the Chairs at spaghettingo@gmail.com.

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small. —Anonymous

Corporate Effects of Sin

A man is on a boat. He is not alone, but acts as if he were. One night, without warning, he suddenly begins to cut a hole under his seat.

The other people on the boat shout and shriek at him: "What on earth are you doing? Have you gone mad? Do you want to sink us all? Are you trying to destroy us?"

Calmly, the man answers: "I don't understand what you want. What I'm doing is none of your business. I paid my way. I'm not cutting under your seat. Leave me alone!" What the fanatic (and the egotist) will not accept, but what you and I cannot forget, is that all of us are in the same boat. *Elie Wiesel, Parade Magazine.*



St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

Our Book Club is open to anyone interested in reading and discussing books with inherent or implied Christian themes. We meet the second Saturday at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the parish offices. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

Books we are reading:

September -

Seven Women And the Secret of Their Greatness
by Eric Metaxas

October -

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc
by Mark Twain (1835-1910)

November & December -

Jesus: a Pilgrimage
by James Martin, S.J.

January, 2024 -

Searching for and Maintaining Peace
by Father Jacques Philippe



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or would like to become a Catholic. We also welcome baptized Catholics who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

Is there someone in your life who is wondering what the Catholic faith is all about, or is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Perhaps that someone just needs a little push from you to embark on this faith searching journey.

**Religious Education for
1st to 8th Grade Students
Attending non-Catholic
Schools**

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation classes. We provide religious education for students who attend public schools, in grades 1-8. We meet on Mondays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the parish. Please register online:

bit.ly/StStephenFF

Contact Mary Molly with questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in passing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation? Come help teach! We are looking for volunteers (students in high school, college, or adults).



Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during the first half of 10:30 Mass and serves the younger children, pre-school aged through first grade.

Teaching background is not required. Help spread God's Love – You can make a difference!! All materials are provided. Grab a friend and co-teach.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Molly at FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org or call Mary at 415.681.2444 x4

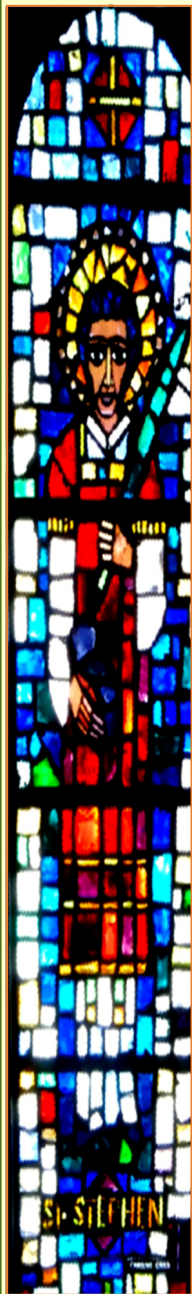
2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 46,621.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 40,352.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 9.5.2023:

(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

- M/M Ding Cagalingan Jr Fr. Michael D Lilledahl
- M/M Viet Ho



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Altar Servers | Giovanna Hrvatin |
| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
| • Church Hospitality | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Communion Ministers | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Faith Formation | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Lectors | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Liturgy Committee | Fr. Michael Liliedahl |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Marcus Lam |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • RCIA | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Jim Scheg |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen |
| | Naomi Kelly |

Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, or by mailing it to the Parish Office, or by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in an organization or ministry as (Please encircle your choice/s):

Acolyte/Altar Service, Altar Society, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Greeter/Usher, Hospitality after Mass/Special Events, Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound, Music/Choir, Lector, Holy Communion Minister, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.

September 10, 2023

Song Lyrics for 10:30 am Mass

Gathering: Sweet Redeemer

King of Kings, blessed Jesus
Hand of mercy, giver of grace
I have come to sing glory
To lay my heart before you in this place.

Refrain:

Sweet Redeemer, I surrender All I am to you
Sweet Redeemer, I surrender All I am to you
I was lost and you found me
In the darkness you were my light
When I fell down you forgave me
Lifted me up and held me to your side

Refrain

Bridge:

From the shadows of the tomb
You called me
You rolled away the stone
From the burden of my sin
You saved me
You made my heart your home

Refrain

Glory to God

In Breaking Bread pew hymnal #924

Prep of Gifts: The Summons

In Breaking Bread (BB) pew hymnal # 387

Mass Setting: Spirit and Grace

Holy BB #927

Memorial Acclamation BB #928

Great Amen BB #931

Lamb of God BB #932

Communion: You Alone

Refrain:

You alone are holy, you alone are Lord
You alone are worthy
To be honored and adored
Mercy you have given
Kindness you have shown
Love is you alone

Who of us is sinless in this place?
Who of us deserves your saving grace?
Who of us is good at all,
Without your blessed love that falls
Upon our hearts to heal this broken-ness

Refrain

What is there to do but thank you then, For
the gift that we might call you friend?
Greater love has not been known
Than that for which you gave your only Son
That you might see us pure and blessed

Refrain

Sending: Love Has Come

With one voice the angles sing
Songs that make creation ring
Prophets hear and call us
To live in spirit and in truth
God the Father Elohim
Voice of thunder, spirit wind
Breathe on me your very life
Grace will make the darkness bright

Refrain:

Word of God enthroned,
Dwell in us forever more
Love has come to show the way
Hallelujah peace be with us
Love has come to show the way
God of covenant divine,
Lead us to the end of time
Beyond sorrow, beyond fear
Beyond pride and earthen tears

Refrain (repeat last line)

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in
battle. Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil; May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of
God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of
souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1810-