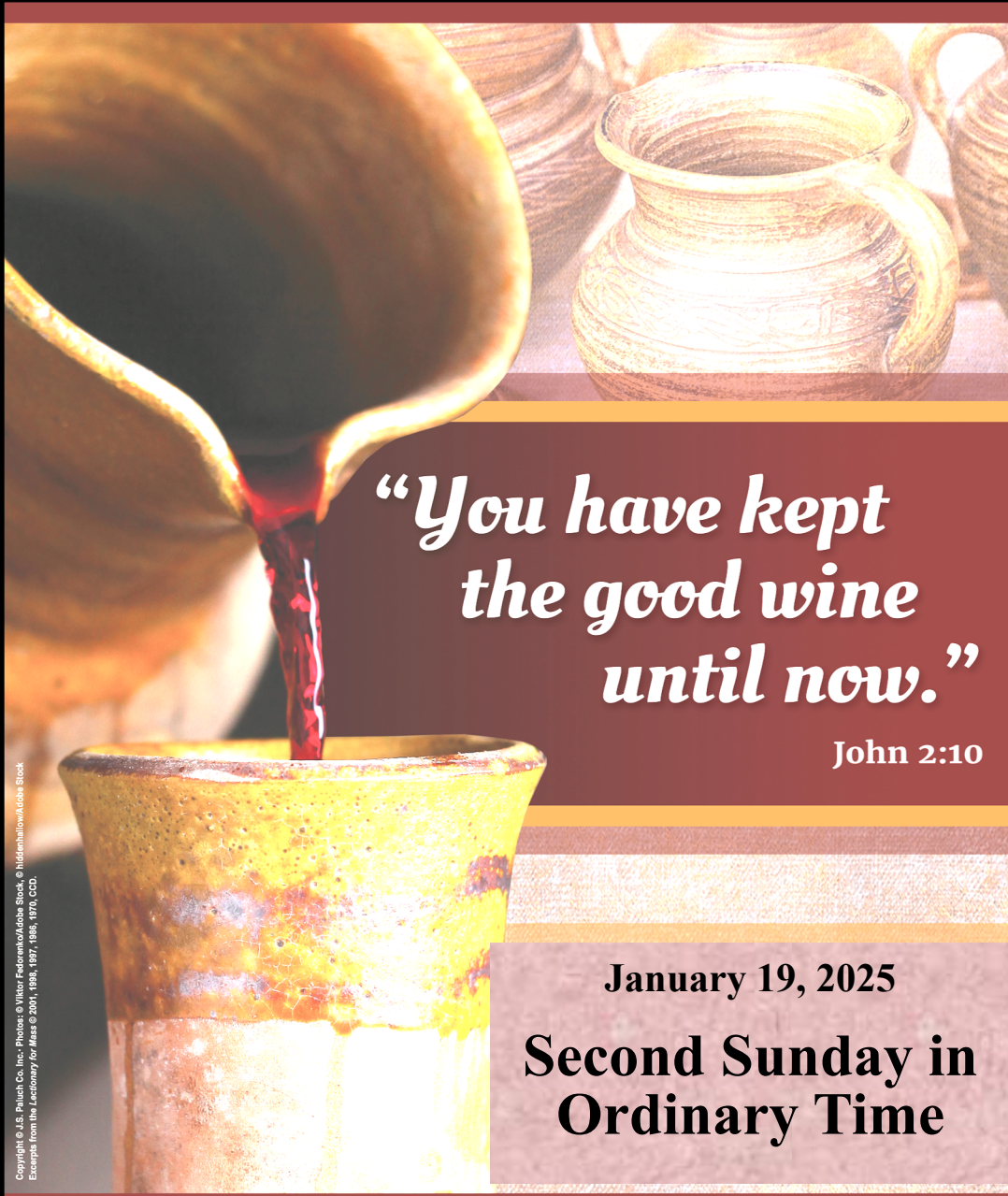


Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30—4:40 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.



*“You have kept
the good wine
until now.”*

John 2:10

January 19, 2025

**Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Join the FUN!

**Monday,
Feb. 3, 2025
in Donworth Hall**

**Doors Open
12:30pm**

***All Seniors are
invited!***

Today's Music

**Gathering: *All Hail the
Power of Jesus' Name*
#721**

**Offertory: *Songs of
Thankfulness and Praise*
#112**

**Communion: *Seed,
Scattered and Sown*
#344, *See Us, Lord,
About Your Altar* #377**

**Sending: *Christ, Be Our
Light* #518**

Our Mission Statement

We are a Catholic Community that is called by God to follow Jesus Christ. We believe that we are called to worship God together, to lead God's people along the path of hope laid down by Jesus, to share his message through preaching, through the education and formation of our people, young and old, and through caring service and sensitive outreach to those in need.

Rev. David Schunk, Pastor



January 19, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who stayed around to view some of the photos of our parish history as we kicked off our parish's anniversary year last weekend. Thank you in a special way to Father Michael Liliedahl who composed our anniversary prayer which we will be reciting at the conclusion of our Masses as a way to thank and ask for the Lord's blessings for our parish community.

A word of thanks to everyone who made donations for our parish Advent giving project benefiting the Healing WELL and our parish outreach to the needy. There were roughly 290 items collected along with \$3,700 in gift cards that were donated. Please refer to the more detailed thank you in the bulletin. I know this is a small example of the generosity of our parish community and those who are recipients of this generosity are very grateful.

On Monday, our nation remembers the important ministry and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One of the important points we should always recall about MLK is the first prefix of his name, "Reverend." Our shared Christian faith was at the forefront of his work for justice, which should always be something that inspires and challenges us.

Next week is Catholic School's Week and we kickoff the celebration with our monthly 10:30AM Family Mass. We are very grateful and blessed with such a wonderful parochial school.

Father Schunk

Our Saint of the Week
St. Vincent - January 23

Vincent was trained and ordained a deacon by Valerius, bishop of Saragossa, Spain, in the third century. The Roman emperors had made being a Christian punishable by death, so when Emperor Dacian discovered Bishop Valerius holding Christian services, he had him imprisoned. Vincent was soon caught visiting the bishop and was also imprisoned. The emperor refused them food. Both men were so cheerful and strong in suffering, however, that the emperor banished Bishop Valerius and had Vincent tortured on the rack. Vincent endured this suffering for love of Christ.

Dacian told Vincent he would spare his life if he would hand over the sacred books to be burned. Vincent refused, and in a fury, Dacian ordered that he be roasted on the gridiron. Again, Vincent suffered this patiently and survived. It is said that Dacian wept with rage and had Vincent thrown in a dungeon filled with broken pottery. Vincent was so calm and heroic that he converted the jailer. The emperor then had Vincent put in a regular prison. Friends came to console Vincent, cleanse his wounds, and pray with him. Vincent finally died there in a bed his friends had made for him.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan 20

8:00 a.m. † **Mary Kiac**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Tuesday, Jan 21

8:00 a.m. † **Kevin Mullaney**
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

Wednesday, Jan 22

8:00 a.m. † **Joaquin & Clotilde Xavier**
(By: Maria Xavier)

Thursday, Jan 23

8:00 a.m. † **Con & Bridget O'Callaghan**
(By: O'Callaghan Family)

Friday, Jan 24

8:00 a.m. † **Daniel Illenberger**
(By: Marilu Illenberger)

Saturday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. † **Arlene Norton**
(By: Terry & Mike Mullaney)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m. † **Bob Drucker**
(By: Diane Linehan)

10:30 a.m. † **Vera & Vin Greely**
(By: Joan Leehane)

6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Isaiah 62:1-5*

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10*

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading *John 2:1-11*

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **Sts. Fabian & Sebastian**
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday: **St. Agnes**
Wednesday: **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
Thursday: **Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope**
Friday: **St. Francis De Sales**
Saturday: **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - January 11-12, 2025

\$ 5,142.35 1st Collection
\$ 761.00 2nd Collection: Maintenance
\$ 966.00 Online Giving

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We thank all those households who have made their pledge/donations to the 2024 Appeal. Final results are pending.
-Fr Schunk

We continue to lift up in prayer all those affected by the fires in Los Angeles. You may refer to the website of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for ways to donate and support those in need.

<https://lacatholics.org>

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

— Isaiah 62:2



NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB

EVENTS

Events for young adults will begin again starting the week of Jan. 27.

Student-only Masses on Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Holy Hour with Adoration on Wed. evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Newman Night Socials on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Supper after Sunday 6:30 p.m. Mass in Rectory.

Bible Studies: ongoing, contact Fr. Michael for more info.



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.

Greg Iorio, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, George Farrales, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Al Vicente Jr, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.

Background on today's Gospel Reading

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke.



Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity. Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

Seeking Memories of St. Stephen Parish

We need your stories, memories, and photos for our St. Stephen Jubilee Archive. Please submit information to memories@saintstephensf.org

Do you remember Fr. Joseph Donworth, whom the Hall was named after? Do you remember Fr. Joseph O'Reilly whom the parish office building is named after? We need stories about the people and happenings of the parish. We found photos of a parish variety show, did you ever attend a special event? Do you have memories of Bingo in the hall? Our parish is made up of amazing people like you and we need your stories to fill in the blanks of our parish archive.



SAN FRANCISCO

21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast

www.walkforlifewc.com

Join Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and thousands of others:

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

Walk for Life Prayer Vigil & Mass
at St. Dominic Parish 5:30pm Mass followed
by a Eucharistic Holy Hour
and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration for Life
at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
from 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

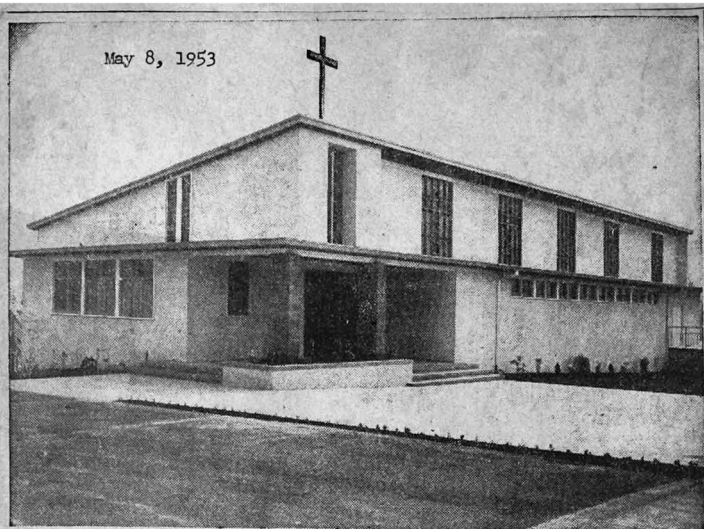
- 9:30am - Mass: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
- 11:00am - Info Faire: Civic Center Plaza
- 12:30pm - Rally: Civic Center Plaza
- 1:30pm - Walk: Along Market Street

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Our 75th Anniversary

The below article from the *Monitor* [Catholic San Francisco] announced the dedication of our first church facility on **May 8, 1953**. When our current church was completed, this building became Donworth Hall.



DEDICATION SUNDAY — St. Stephen's Church, San Francisco, will be dedicated Sunday along with the new elementary school. Monitor photo by Don Bosco.

Archbishop Will Dedicate St. Stephen's Church, School

The new St. Stephen's Church and elementary school, at 475 Eucalyptus drive on the palm-fringed north edge of Stone-town's shopping spread, will be dedicated Sunday by Archbishop Mitty. The dedication Mass, presided over by the Archbishop, begins at 11 a.m.

A matter of some 175 years ago Don Bruno Heceta, a Spanish explorer, led his expedition to a lake—named by the accompanying padres La Laguna de Nuestra Senora de la Merced in honor of Our Lady of Mercy. A matter of something less than three years ago a new parish, named in honor of the martyred St. Stephen, was established in the same locale.

MASS FACILITIES

Since that time the Church in that fast growing southwest corner of San Francisco has raced against the increasing population: Facilities for offering Mass were first arranged in the basement garage of a stucco home typical of the square two-story houses that are arrayed between 19th avenue and the beach.

Last fall a rambling new school, admitting five grades and taught by the Sisters of Mercy, opened to 170 children.

Today the pastor, Joseph A. Donworth, plans to give additional classrooms to

be opened as the grades grow. Formerly assigned to such inland areas as Cotati and Castro Valley, and to Burlingame's St. Catherine's, the tall pastor today walks among a mushrooming city congregation (550 families already) and a multiplying pupil enrollment.

IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL

"I wouldn't give the school for anything else around here," he says. And that's saying a lot: to the south east of the parish plant is the new neighborhood YMCA, fastly taking shape; to the west a field of fine sun-bathed homes, and two public schools within a matter of a few blocks, also racing against the community expansion clock.

To the north are row upon row of two story stucco homes. And to the south stretches the slab-like shop buildings, the sweeping drives, and the towering apartments of Stonestown.

Ground was broken for the new parish plant on February 10, 1952. W. A. Moroney was assigned the building job, Blanchard and Mayer were the architects chosen. The parishioners leapt into the drive with an enthusiasm mar-

rest of a far-sighted and community-minded neighborhood.

"All groups did their part," Father Donworth recalls, and he singles out the Holy Name society, the Men's club, the St. Stephen's Women's guild for special mention.

Thematic features of the new parish plant are its broad, modern lines and panoramic use of window-lighting; both the church and school have the low-slung look, and make maximum use of glass to capture daylight.

Landscaping for the church was completed this week with the sowing of lawn around the holly trees in the north yard.

The interior of St. Stephen's Church is crowned with an impressive altar. The altar facade is of a green-streaked Swedish marble, the baldachin is of dark oak, panelled with walnut plaques depicting the 12 apostles in carved emblems. The crucifix is also of oak.

Carved wood stations, and statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph were imported from Italy.

AFTER TWO YEARS

The robust statue of the young St. Stephen, in the church vestibule, is also an Italian work.

For two years and two months after the establishing of the parish, St. Stephen's parishioners heard Mass in a basement garage in the midst of overhead pipes and water and heating units. Then they moved into the empty school rooms.

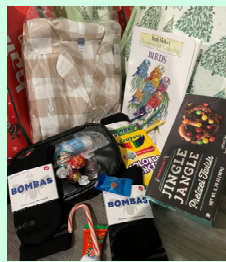
Sunday they will be officially out of the catacombs. The dedication will mark a milestone in community growth.

Joseph Meagher, chairman, and cochairman Joseph Tinney, George Rotenkolber, Roger Murray and Rudolph Rough headed the building committee.

Thank You for Donating to the Giving Tree

St. Stephen Parish collected gifts of pajamas, art supplies, candy, and gift cards for the Healing WELL, and gifts cards for those in need. The Healing WELL had a party for their participants when they were able to give gifts to 150 people. Some of the gift cards remain in the parish for when someone approaches the office in a time of need. The following is a letter from one of the participants of the Healing WELL:

*Dear St. Stephens Parishioners,
Thank you for your thoughtful donations! We had a lovely holiday celebration. The Healing WELL seeks to reduce suffering in the Tenderloin through wellness programs and services, and sometimes that means spreading a little joy! For a lot of us, The Healing WELL is our family, so this was our one and only holiday gathering. We are so very grateful. All the gifts (and the food and the sweets) remind us of the child-like wonder that is the spirit of this season. So thank you!
Your support has made this possible.
Sincerely,
Kristi, a participant leader on behalf of The Healing WELL*



Winter Shelter Dinner

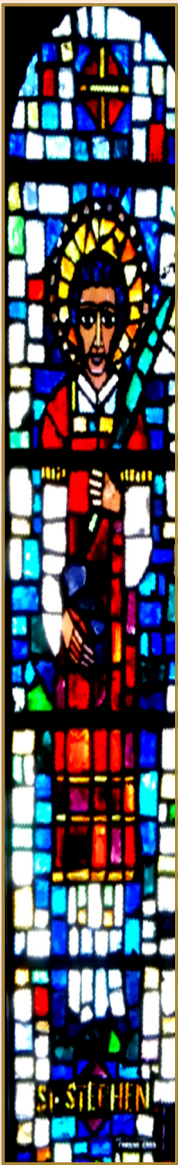
Our parish has signed up to provide and serve dinner for the SF Interfaith Winter Shelter again.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

With your generosity we hope to feed 54 guests at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Friday, February 7th, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

We need people to sign up to provide food (delivered to the parish), and others to help serve the dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Contact Mary Molly in the parish office for any questions.



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Saint Stephen 75th Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks
for 75 years of faith, love, and service
at Saint Stephen Parish.

Bless all those who came before us
who built this community
through their faith,
devotion, and sacrifice.

May Saint Stephen continue to be a place
where your people gather
to celebrate the Eucharist,
encounter your love,
and be given the grace
to be true missionary disciples,
bringing your love to the world.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry (Word & Eucharist) | 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 |
| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | John Gartland |
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| • Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen |

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

We invite you to become a registered parishioner.* If
you prefer a paper form or need to update your
information you may complete this form & place it in
the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office, or
call us at 415-681-2444 or visit www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____

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