

Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 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.

APRIL 20
2025

Easter

SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
AND HE IS GOING
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7





April 20, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ has Risen and he has appeared to Simon.

This day completes our joy as the dawn of new life is upon us. There are so many things in life that get us down, weigh us down, and tear us down. As we read this and I write it, each one of us can likely think of something right away in our life that qualifies. But today is a day to recall that our lives are not overtaken by clouds or a dark tunnel, but a day when God shines his light in our lives as he who dies for us rises to new life. We see this in the Pascal (Easter) Candle as it stands not only as the Light of Christ, but as a mighty victory torch for the entire world.

Jesus Christ's resurrection means that there is a hope for an end to all of our suffering, physical and emotional. That broken relationships, broken promises, our dashed hopes from our careers, politics, whatever it may be, are eclipsed by knowing God is more powerful than all of these things and that Eternal Life is his promise for us. As Saint Paul writes, "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." (cf. Phil 8:8) May this Easter Day and Easter Season, be a time when each of us is renewed in the love of our Heavenly Father who sent his Son to Redeem humanity, and who continues to pour out the Spirit upon us so that we may be strengthened in our faith and act boldly to pass along our faith and hope to others.

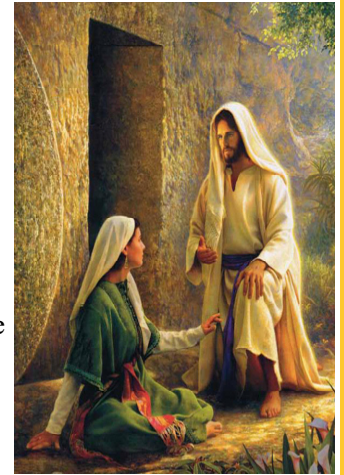
At next weekend's Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, we will have two of the seminarians in formation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Francisco visiting our parish. They will be speaking at the Masses about their vocations and encouraging us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You may read about them below.

As I mentioned last week, we have just changed our offertory envelope vendor, and you should have received your May set by now. If you normally receive envelopes, like your Pastor, and have not yet received them, please reach out to Carol in the parish office ASAP (carol@saintstephensf.org) and we will make sure you are on the next mailing list. Also, if you desire to receive envelopes, please reach out to Carol too.

A special word of gratitude to all our parishioners who make the Lent and the Easter Seasons such prayerful and reflective time for all of us. Though I may miss some groups, I want to thank our Liturgy Committee and sacristans who make our church environment reflective for our prayers, our musicians and choir for leading us in worship and song, our altar servers, various ministers, and ushers who help not only at Mass on Sundays, the other days of the week bringing God's Word and Sacrament to others, our dedicated parish staff for their hard work behind the scenes, and finally the parishioners who volunteer with the doughnuts and coffee on Sundays. May we always remain grateful for the sharing of time and talents of so many of our community.

Finally, inspired by our 75th Anniversary, one of our parishioners sent me a short story he wrote which brought a smile to my face. We are including it in the bulletin this weekend for your enjoyment as well. The title of the story is "O' Neill's Brick" by Timothy Halloran.

Father Schunk



Seminarians Visit St. Stephen's

On April 26 & 27, we have the pleasure of hosting two of the seminarians for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. They will be speaking at the Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.

Jeff Yanos

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Jeff discerned a call to the priesthood and entered Saint Patrick's Seminary in August 2020. His home parish is Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park. He is currently in what is known as Configuration Year 3.



Kyle Laluces

Kyle emigrated to the Bay Area in 2016 for work. His home parish is our neighbor of Our Lady of Mercy in Daly City. Kyle entered Saint Patrick's Seminary in 2021 and his current formation year is Configuration Year 1.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Apr 21

8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. **Fr. Dennis Recio**
(By: Alaina Kyra & Family)

Tuesday, Apr 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Elena Ledesma**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Wednesday, Apr 23

8:00 a.m.

† **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)

Thursday, Apr 24

8:00 a.m.

† **Con & Nora Finucane**
(By: O'Callaghan Family)

Friday, Apr 25

8:00 am

† **Teofila Hermilo**
(By: Rodel & Edna Rodis)

Saturday, Apr 26

8:00 am

† **Baby Grace Villamater**
(By: Lola Baby)

4:30 pm

People of the Parish
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Apr 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Jose Ysip**
(By: Elvie Ysip)

10:30 a.m.

Campos-Hernandez Family
(By: Lupita Chase)

6:30 p.m.

† **Rose Castellano**
(By: Mendiola Family)

TOAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - April 12-13, 2025

\$ 5,360.50

Sunday Collection

\$ 1,062.75

Online Offering

Online Giving

Our new online giving system with OSV is up and running.

Thank you very much for your sacrificial giving to our parish community.

www.osvhub.com/saintstephensf/giving/funds



75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal \$250,0000

Total received to date \$20,643

We are looking to raise \$250K for our Anniversary Fund this year to help pay for critical maintenance issues. Flyers are in the vestibule with more info.

Households who donate at least \$1000 to the fund during the year will have the opportunity to engrave a leaf on our donation tree. For donations of \$10k or more during the year, the priests will cook you dinner!

No gift is too small as we hope everyone in the parish will participate to strengthen Saint Stephen's for another 75 years!

St. Stephen Parish

*Rooted in Faith
Growing with Love*



Sick Friends & Relatives

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.

Peggy Teshara, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Larry Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names

St. Stephen's Men's Club

Cougar Classic Golf Tournament Friday May 9, 2025 TPC Harding Park

11AM Check in | 12PM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format | Food | Drinks
Longest Drive | Closest to the Hole | Raffle
Prizes | Free Parking
\$300 per player
Benefitting the St. Stephen
Athletic Department
Register at
StStephenCougarClassic.com

Seeking Memories

If you have any photos from
events at St. Stephen's Church and
School we would love to see them.

Please email them to:

memories@SaintStephenSF.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY @ ST. STEPHEN NEWMAN NIGHTS

KARAOKE @ ROUND 1

Meet at Round 1 in Stonestown at 6:30 PM

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GIANTS GAME

Meet at St. Stephen's at 5:30 / Game start: 6:45 PM

END OF YEAR BARBECUE

6:30-8:00 PM / 601 Eucalyptus Dr. / Bring a treat to share!

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NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB AT SFSU

St. Stephen Catholic Church / 601 Eucalyptus Dr.



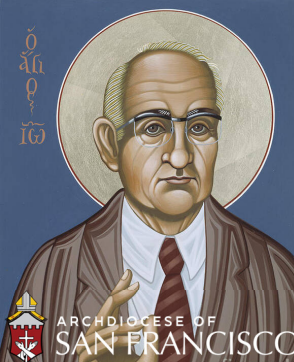
@newman_at_sfsu

get connected!

Kentucky Derby Day

Catholic Charities event on Saturday,
May 3, 1:30pm-4:30pm at St. Vincent's
School for Boys in San Rafael. This is a
fun, family friendly event benefitting
Catholic Charities programs.

www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org/DerbyDay



School of Pastoral Ministry
presents an online course
about

**Hans Urs von
Balthasar**

**with Dr. Matthew
Kuhner**

Learn about the Swiss Catholic theologian, priest and retreat-master, who is widely regarded as one of the most important theologians of the 20th century.

The classes are offered live on Zoom with opportunities to interact with the professor. If you are unable to join us live, the classes are also recorded and available to view on the classroom archive webpage later in the week.

Class Dates: five Tuesdays, April 29 through May 27,
7:00-8:30pm

To register go to:

www.sfarchdiocese.org/balthasar-course/

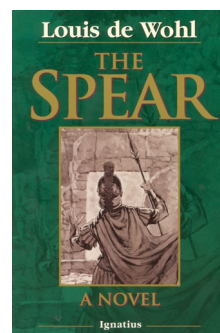
St. Stephen's Book & Movie Club

April's book: *The Spear* a novel

of the Crucifixion by Louis De Wohl, a distinguished and internationally respected Catholic author. A panoramic historical novel of the last days of Jesus Christ. It tells the full story of all the participants involved in the dramatic execution, including the seldom remembered Roman soldier who thrust his spear into Christ as he hung on the Cross.

Meeting: Friday, April 25 @ 4pm in parish office.

Movie: Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life and legacy of the soon-to-be saint and how he navigated the modern world. Only in theatres April 27-29. Contact Mary Molly if you want to carpool to movie Sunday, April 27 @ 4pm.



From the Archive:

O'Neill's Brick

An Irish brick is not red, but rather stone grey, such that when used to build, the structure takes on a rock like hue of granite. Now once there was small poor parish on the outskirts of western Ireland. The parish priest, Father Brendan was left with a dilapidated structure that needed much repair. In fact, while in deep prayer one night, Father fell asleep and had a vision that a new church arose on the flat terrace directly next to the old church, which dated its construction back to the late 1700's. Inspired by this dream he spoke about it at his Homily the next Sunday in hope of some inspiration, for his parishioners, but alas it fell upon deaf ears.

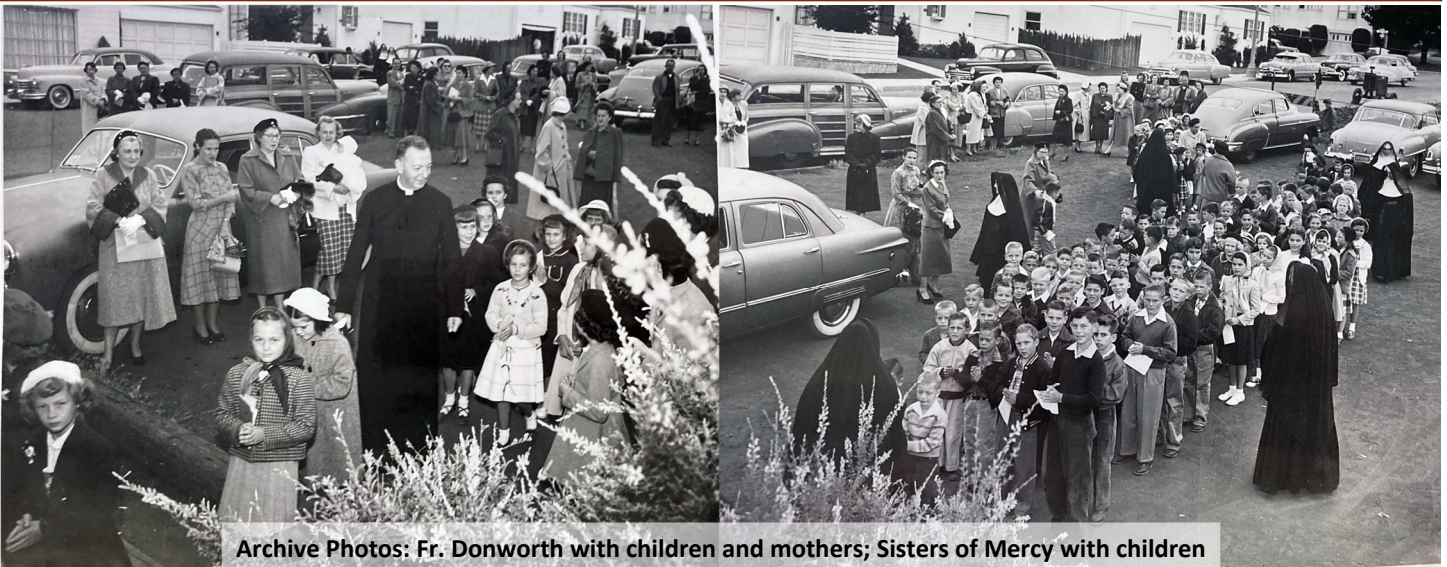
Sitting in row eleven, was Shelia O'Neill, her ears were not deaf, and she returned home to share Father Brendan's homily to her husband Billy O'Neill, who though born a Catholic, had as they say, fallen off the faith a bit and was a Christmas/Easter man. "Billy," Shelia intoned, "we need to help, and you know bricks." He, of course, being out of work at the time, was a brick layer. "For what can I do?" he spoke in a plea to his wife, "me with no work and no way to pay for a thing for our own children." Unnerved he left their humble stone home to head to Gallagher's pub for a thoughtful Guinness. Walking home later that evening after a few more thoughtful Guinnesses than he intended, Billy tripped and fell flat on his stomach and upon reaching back to see the culprit of his fall found a single grey brick. He picked it up and the next morning showed it to Shelia." It is a sign Billy," she said "go to father now and show him." Whereupon Billy did so with brick in hand, went to Father Brendan and though his head and stomach still hurt from the prior evening's affair knocked on the rectory door.

Father Brendan opened his door, with a bit of a surprised look and he greeted Billy, "Good morning to you Billy, it is nice to see you here, and to what do I owe this pleasure?" "Father, I know you're looking to build a new church and Shelia, says to me this," and at that he extended his hand with the brick, "came out of nowhere to catch my foot and down I went last night and it is yours to use for it has done me no good." "Well, well," says Father Brendan, it is a blessing that you thought of me and your Parish here. Let's have a cup of tea and bring the brick in." Whereupon the brick and the two of them at the table discussed the building of the new St. Paul's Church.

That day on the terrace Father and Billy took string and stakes and outlined the perimeter of the church, and Billy and Father placed the brick on one corner. Father blessed the brick, and Billy went on his way. The next Sunday to everyone's surprise Father Brendan's homily was focused upon the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians, that we, like the parts of our body serve the whole, each serve Christ in our own way and Billy O'Neill and his brick were serving Christ in a noble way. As Father intended, that day Billy and his brick became quite a celebrity. No sooner was the Mass over, when everyone went to see Billy's brick, and of course people, being as they are, there much mumbling occurred in the discourse that the brick was "not so special" and who was Billy O'Neill to show up the hero, as they could do better. Two days later the Morrison twins showed up at Father's with 14 bricks. Then the O' Tooles, not to be outdone, arrived with 120 bricks. So swift and before Father could say "Irish Hare running" the rectory was overflowing with bricks. Even the Reverend at the Church of Ireland hearing of the bricks multiplying like the loaves and fish in front of the Catholic rectory, had Mr. Lynch's foundry deposit a load.

With his chest out proudly, Billy and a crew of masons from Dingle placed the last brick in early April, and before the rain came a roof was installed. On the ground where Billy's brick was lodged was a small plaque done by Father, it said simply, "It takes one brick to build a house of God, if we but follow."

Timothy Halloran



Archive Photos: Fr. Donworth with children and mothers; Sisters of Mercy with children



Easter Flowers

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

<i>Aaron Denise</i>	<i>Thelma Ramos</i>
<i>Beatrice & Freddy Abraham</i>	<i>Nilo & Angionia Seghetti</i>
<i>Agrifina Cercado</i>	<i>Leonard Stefanelli</i>
<i>Chang-Ha Family</i>	<i>Lee & Florence Stone</i>
<i>Jerry & Julia Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Yun Chan Tam</i>
<i>Peter Ganduglia</i>	<i>Loon Fun Tam</i>
<i>Albert Gragnani</i>	<i>John Tam</i>
<i>Michael Gragnani</i>	<i>Anna Macalino Thompson</i>
<i>Olivia Gragnani</i>	<i>Jacqueline Macalino Thompson</i>
<i>Liz Porter Gragnani & Child</i>	<i>Henry & Teresa Thron</i>
<i>Claudio Hrvatin</i>	<i>Mary & Rocco Yiu</i>
<i>Ignacio & Giuseppina Hrvatin</i>	
<i>Javier-Agoo Family</i>	
<i>Rosa & JP Lopez</i>	
<i>Alfonso & Albina Manlucu</i>	
<i>Leo T McCarthy</i>	
<i>Joseph Montalbano</i>	
<i>Pat & Betty Moriarty</i>	
<i>Tom & Vivian Mullaney</i>	

IN HONOR OF:

Zenaida J. Agoo
Rev. Bill Brady
Rev. Tony LaTorre
McGloin-Chase Families