

Saint Stephen Parish

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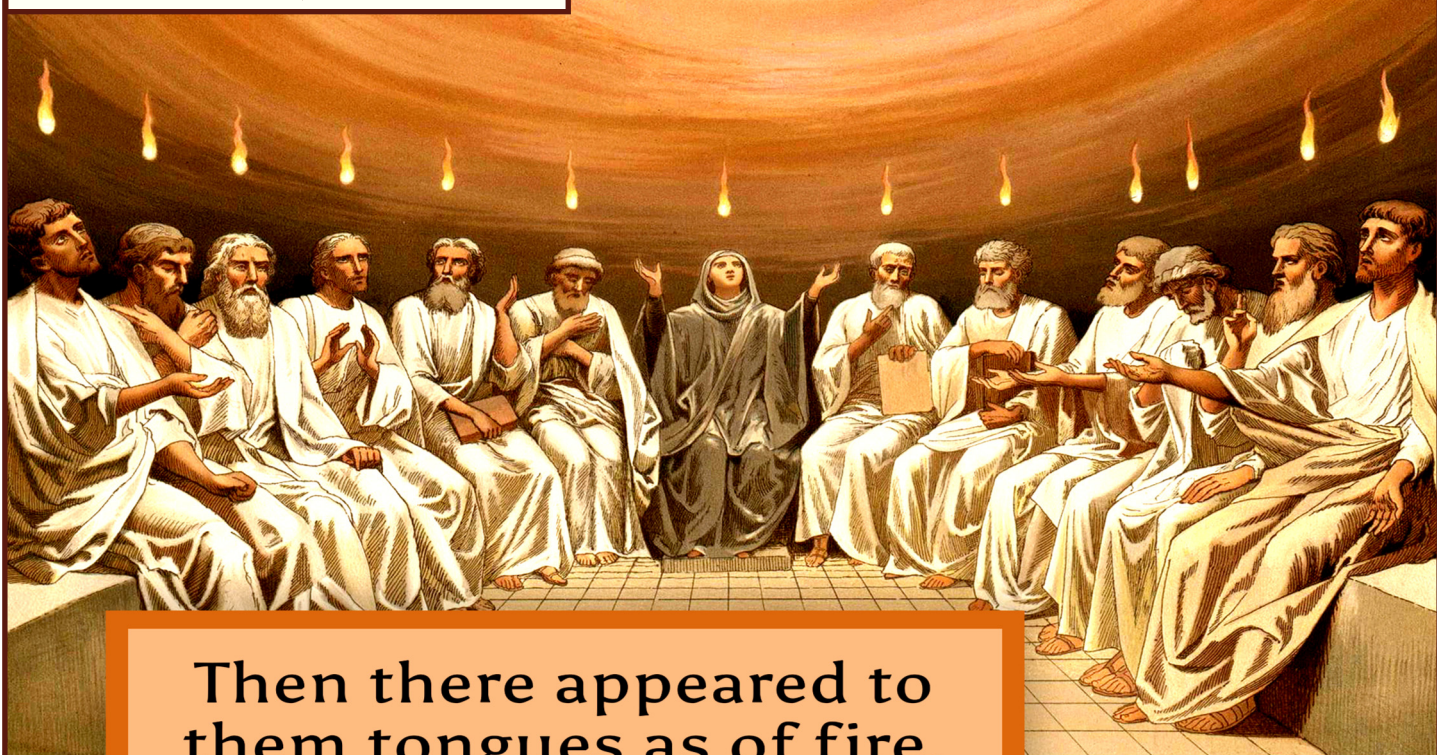
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.

June 8, 2025



Then there appeared to
them tongues as of fire,
which parted and
came to rest on
each one of them.

Acts 2:3

Pentecost

SUNDAY



June 8, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Church. Sometimes we like to refer to this day as the birthday of the Church. This day also concludes the Easter season and the Easter mysteries. We believe God the Holy Spirit continues to come down upon us to accompany and help guide us as we look to be missionary disciples of the Gospel.

I want to give a brief update on our progress for both the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and the 75th Anniversary Fund. We began publicizing the AAA just over a month ago and I am grateful for all our households who have already contributed. So far, \$23,280 has been donated by 89 households. As I said when we began the AAA, our goal was 100% participation from every household of our parish and we are well on our way to achieving our goal. For those who have donated already I thank you.

Regarding the 75th Anniversary Fund, so far we have raised \$45,489. I am very edified by the response of our parishioners, not only because of the generosity, but because of the motivation of the gifts. It is an inspiration to see the love people have for our parish community as they make their gift. As we announced when we began this fundraiser, for the first 250 households who donate \$1000 or more during the course of the year, you will be able to have a leaf engraved on our donation tree in the back of the church. We will contact those households towards the end of the year with that information. And for households who donate \$10k or more, then Father Michael and I will cook you dinner, and it will not be hotdogs from Costco.

Starting June 16, you will see these funds at work as we are scheduled to begin the roofing work on our parish office building (former convent). I will write more about the project in next week's bulletin.

This week I will be away visiting my goddaughter and her family in Atlanta. For all of us godparents, we have a sacred duty to pray for our godchildren, and not only send them money and gifts, though I am realizing that is an important part of being a godparent. I will just be away during the week and so I will see you next weekend.

Father Schunk

Stories from the AAA

Your gifts to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. Here is one example:

Your generosity supports the **Ongoing Education for our Priests**. In the words of one Pastor, "Our world is a challenging place to live in and to minister in. As priests we are called to be ministers of God's Word in the world that we find ourselves...and that world is very different from what it was when we went to seminary, whether it was five years ago or 50 years ago. Continuing education for priests is important to understand the world and how to best minister in it. And we wouldn't be able to engage in this continuing education if not for the support of the Annual Appeal."

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday concludes the Easter Season, and on that day, the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. It is the celebration of the Father's sending of the Holy Spirit, and not of the Holy Spirit himself. Just as the Church does not have a feast of God the Father or God the Son, neither does she have a feast of God the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost needs to be seen in light of the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

So, on Pentecost, we hear in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles about what happened on Pentecost day itself and how *the Spirit descended upon the disciples and how they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*. Another reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians speaks of there being *different gifts, but the same Spirit* and of how *all were baptized into one body and how all were given to drink of one Spirit*. Another reading speaks of *the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*. Then, the gospel, which in all three cycles is from the gospel of John, speaks of various dimensions of the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, the preface for the Mass of Pentecost speaks of how it is right to give thanks to God for *bringing the Paschal mystery to completion, for bestowing the Holy Spirit, and for uniting his adopted children with the Only Begotten Son*.



Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA www.liftupyourhearts.church

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jun 9

8:00 a.m. † **John & Malvina Farrell**
(By: Malvina Farrell)

Tuesday, Jun 10

8:00 a.m. † **Alex Mistica**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

Wednesday, Jun 11

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. **Deasy Dimayanti**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Thursday, Jun 12

8:00 a.m. † **Carmino Sagala**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Friday, Jun 13

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. **Nilo Antonio Plondaya**
(By: Beng & Baby)

Saturday, Jun 14

8:00 a.m. † **Carlota Plondaya**
(By: Grandchildren)
4:30 p.m. **All Fathers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Jun 15

8:00 a.m. **All Fathers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)
10:30 a.m. **All Fathers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)
6:30 p.m. **All Fathers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

TOAY'S READINGS June 8, 2025

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Pentecost Sunday**
Monday: **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**
Tuesday: **St. Ephrem**
Wednesday: **St. Barnabas**
Friday: **St. Anthony of Padua**
Saturday: **Flag Day**



Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections May 24-25, 2025

\$ 5,079.27 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,334.69 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: \$45,489

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Stephen Parish's

2025 Assessment: \$ 80,916.00

Collected as of June 3: \$ 23,280.00

(28.77% of Goal)

Balance to be Raised: \$ 57,636.00

Bridge Players Wanted

50 Plus Club



Join our group – next meeting is Aug. 11.

We gather at 12:30pm for social time before starting at 1:00pm.

The 50+ Club usually meets on the first Monday of the Month in Donworth Hall (473 Eucalyptus Dr., in hall beneath the gym)

Contact parish office for more info: (415) 681-2444

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.

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

Seeking Memories

If you have any photos or stories of events at St. Stephen's Church or School we would love for you to share them.

Please email stories or photos to:

memories@SaintStephenSF.org

St. Stephen School

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications can be found under the admissions tab on the school website and are available in the school office.

Please contact Mrs. Mullen directly at: 415-664-8331 with any questions. Thank you!

The School of Pastoral Ministry
Presents an online course:

The Dead Sea Scrolls with Dr. John Bergsma

This course provides a brief introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls: what they are, how they were found, what they contain, and their relevance to Judaism and Christianity.

All sessions are pre-recorded and released weekly, available for viewing anytime after the scheduled release. Recordings released on six Tuesdays, June 3 through July 8.

Course Information & Registration Page:

www.sfarch.org/dead-sea-scrolls-course/

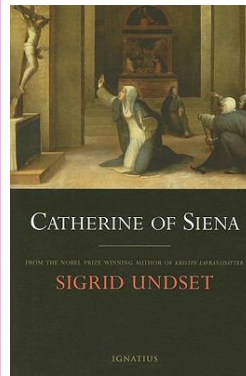
The Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of ancient Jewish manuscripts discovered between 1946 and 1956 in caves near Qumran, by the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a treasure trove that deepen our understanding of the Bible, Judaism, and the origins of Christianity. They bridge the gap between the Old and New Testaments and bring the world of the Bible to life in extraordinary detail.



St. Stephen's Book Club

Book for June & July:

Catherine of Siena by Sigrid Undset

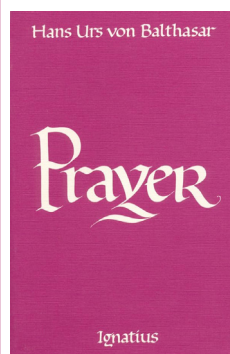


Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena was critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.

Known for her historical fiction, Undset based this factual work on primary sources about Catherine of Siena, her own experiences living in Italy, and her profound understanding of the human heart.

Book for September:

Prayer by Hans Urs von Balthasar



This is perhaps the best and most comprehensive book on prayer ever written. From the persons of the Trinity through the Incarnation to the Church and the very structure of the human person, this book is a powerful synthesis of what prayer is and how to pray. The testament of a great theologian on something which is most personal and interior, contemplative prayer.

*Book Club Meets: Friday, July 18 @ 4pm
in parish office conference room.*

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

Faith Formation for Children and Adults

Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program and for Adults in our OCIA* Program.

- Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

- Adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, or wish to be Baptized and join the Catholic Faith, are invited to join our OCIA classes on Wednesday evenings, in preparation for the Easter Vigil.

Please reach out to Mary Molly, the Faith Formation Director, in the parish office if you want to learn more about our programs. (We are in the process of transferring to a new online registration form, which will be available later this summer)

*OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

From the Archive: **The History of The Parish Event Center, Donworth Hall**



Original Donworth Hall right before demolition.



Mrs. Sharon Allen, school principal, with Pastor Fr. Joe Walsh during hall demolition

In 1964, when the new (current) church was opened, at 601 Eucalyptus Drive, the old church became the parish hall and gym, named Donworth Hall, in honor of former pastor, Father Joseph A. Donworth (Pastor 1951-1972).

Over time, Donworth Hall required more and more repairs as the building aged. In 2004 with more repairs being required for the original building, discussions began to look at replacing Donworth Hall with a completely new, multi-use building. A new space would provide the means to create a sense of belonging and shared experiences be they sports, receptions, school and parish events, and the regular Bingo fundraising games that were being held at the time.

In 2006 the campaign to raise funds to build the new Donworth Hall commenced. In 2008 the demolition of the old hall began, with construction of the new building following. The new multipurpose building would have the gym upstairs and the event center downstairs. A

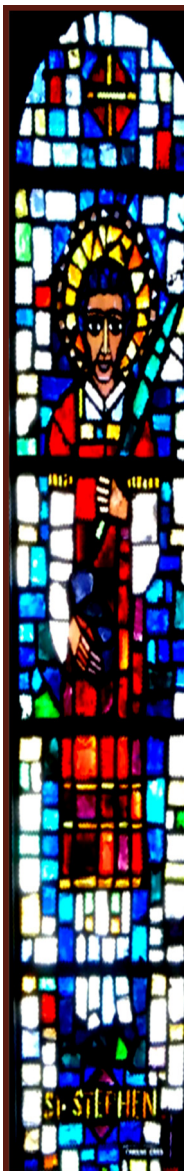
temporary building was needed to house the activities and events while construction was underway as things did not stop for the parish and school. To be continued...



Temporary Building in parking lot used as meeting space during construction.

Construction of the new Donworth Event Center.





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to come together and spend some
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www.bit.ly/a-grand-day

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry
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| • 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 |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Michael Lilledahl |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • Religious Education
(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
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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.