

Saint Stephen Parish

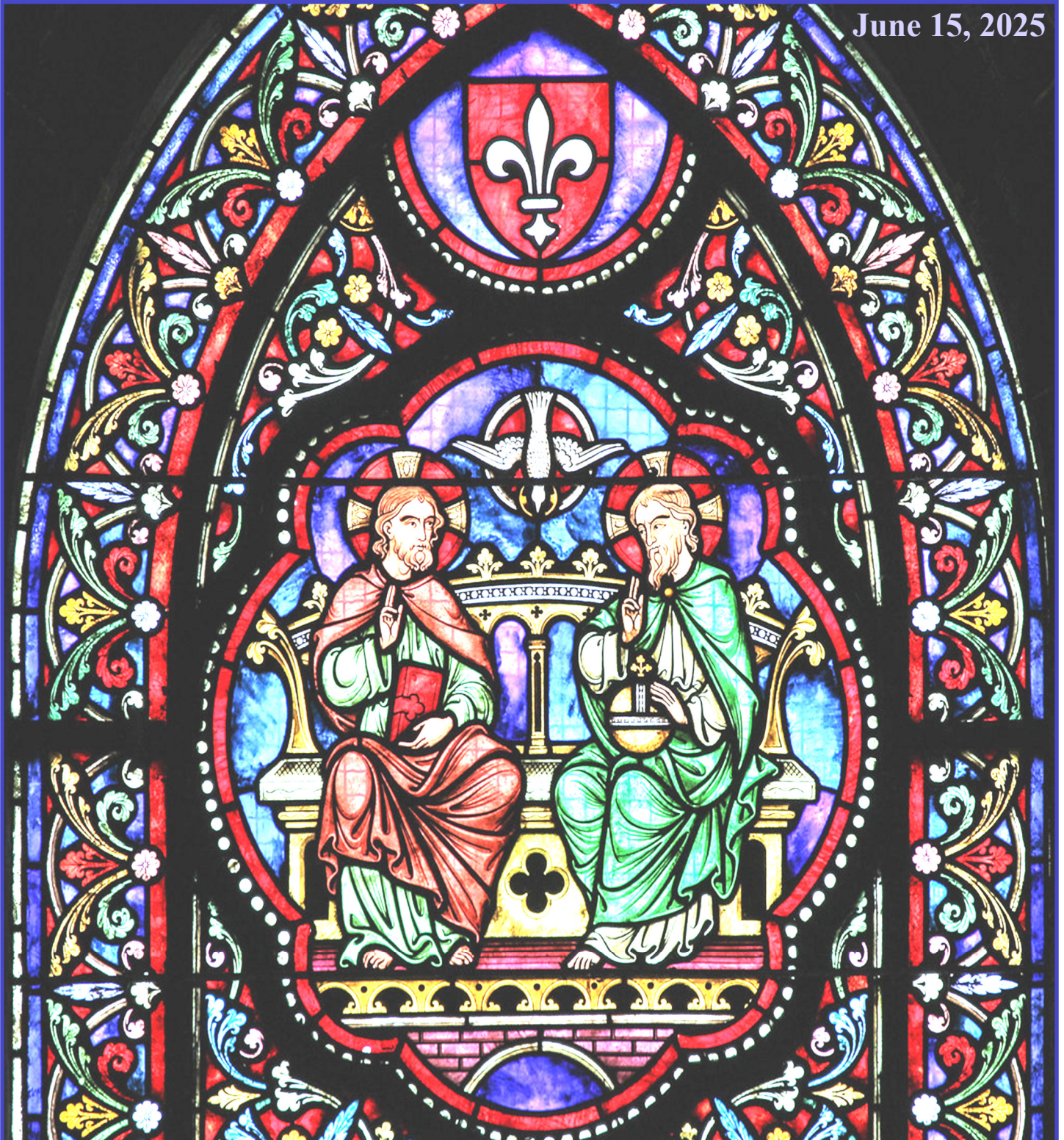
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.

June 15, 2025





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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we mark the civil observance of Father's Day. We remember in our prayers those men who are our fathers, grandfathers, mentors, coaches, and teachers who play a special role in our lives. We give thanks to God for the gift of their presence in our lives and we remember them before the Lord in a particular way at our Masses this weekend.

A few weeks ago, we had a wonderful gathering of our 50+ Club with a special celebration of the parish's 75th Anniversary. It is a blessing to have such a wonderful ministry that brings together seniors, not only from our own parish but the neighboring parishes for fun and fellowship. A huge thanks to the primary organizers of the 50+ Club: Helga D'Arcy, Betty Ganduglia, and Cecelia Quintanilla. Also, thanks to Connie D'Aura, Mary Molly Mullaney, and Shay Ingelfinger who regularly assist with the games of Bingo and Bridge.

Monday, we are scheduled to begin our roofing work on the parish office. As you recall, this is one of the important projects we identified for the 75th Anniversary Fund. When I arrived at the parish last July, it was one of the first things the staff pointed out to me and when I went up on the roof I could see why. There were spots where there were no longer shingles but only the bare plywood skin of the building! We worked with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Real Property Support Corporation to put the project out to bid and for which we received three bids. The parish Finance Council reviewed the bids, and we selected Lawson Roofing Company of San Francisco, which was the low bid for the project. The hard cost of the project is \$81,873 with an additional 10% set aside as a contingency, so the total amount we have set aside in a construction account is \$90,060.30. It is the longstanding custom in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to use union labor for projects such as this as we are proud to support our brothers and sisters with living wages and in return, receive their trained craftsmanship. While I realize some people see the high cost and ask if we should rather partner with non-union labor which may cost less, this type of financial sacrifice on our parish's part is a real, tangible way we put our Catholic faith social justice tradition into action through our solidarity with those who labor. It is also a timely reminder to recall that one of the reasons our current Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, chose his name was to be in line with his 19th century predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, whose social encyclical *Rerum Novarum* set the stage for how the Church would understand human labor to this day. I am hoping the roofing project will conclude this coming week so next weekend you will be able to look up and see the new roof on the parish office building.

Father Schunk

Stories from the AAA *Your gifts to the 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 **Archdiocesan Communications**, particularly enabling us to communicate in the digital realm. Digital communications have become increasingly important; they were imperative during the pandemic and continue to be. Livestreamed Masses, mass communications via text, and our social media channels have been important connections to the faith, and they've also proven to be a very successful way to reach the unchurched.

Our saint of the week: Saint Alban

St. Alban, the first English martyr, was executed during an imperial persecution sometime in the mid-third century. A prominent Roman citizen of the ancient city of Verulamium, he was beheaded on a lovely hill thirty miles north of London. There his namesake church now stands, surrounded by the town of St. Albans. Alban, while he was still a pagan, hid in his house a certain priest, who was running from the persecutors. He observed his guest engaged in continual prayer and keeping vigil day and night. And prompted by a sudden infusion of divine light, he began to imitate the priest's example of faith and piety. Gradually instructed by his wholesome admonitions, Alban cast off the darkness of idolatry, and became a sincerely committed Christian. The wicked prince heard that the holy confessor of Christ was concealed at Alban's house. So he sent some soldiers to make a strict search for him. When they came to the martyr's house, St. Alban, dressed in the priest's long coat, immediately presented himself instead of his guest and master, and was led bound before the judge. Enraged that Alban had substituted himself for the priest, the judge ordered him to profess his faith in the Roman gods. Alban stoutly refused.

Being led to execution, Alban came to a rapidly surging river which ran between the wall of the town and the arena where he was to be martyred. There a multitude had so obstructed the bridge that he would not be able to cross that evening.

St. Alban, eager for his martyrdom, approached the stream. And as he lifted his eyes to heaven, the channel immediately dried up, and he saw that the water had departed and made way for him to pass. The executioner observed this and, moved by divine inspiration, he hastened to meet Alban at the place of execution. Casting down the sword which he had carried ready drawn, he fell at Alban's feet, and prayed that he might suffer with the martyr or, if possible, instead of him. Alban walked up a hill near the arena. To make it clear to all that his prayer had dried the river, then he and his new Christian companion were beheaded. A beautiful church was built on the site of Alban's death, where centuries later Bede said, "sick folk are healed and frequent miracles take place to this day."



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jun 16

8:00 a.m. † **Atmosfera Laya Santiago**
(By: Alice Grimes)

Tuesday, Jun 17

8:00 a.m. † **Beatrice Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Wednesday, Jun 18

8:00 a.m. † **Carlota Plondaya**
(By: Lerma Sagala)

Thursday, Jun 19

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* † **John & Marilyn Lee**
(65th Wed. Anniv. by Marilyn Lee)

Friday, Jun 20

8:00 a.m. † **Arturo Boquiren**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Saturday, Jun 21

8:00 a.m. † **Guido Salomone**
(By: Fr. Schunk & Staff)
4:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Jun 22

8:00 a.m. † **Christopher Anthony Flack**
(By: Josie Flack)
10:30 a.m. † **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)
6:30 p.m. † **Teodora Falcon**
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

TOAY'S READINGS June 15, 2025

First Reading *Proverbs 8:22-31*
Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 8:4-9*
O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-5*
We boast of our afflictions.

Gospel Reading *John 16:12-15*
Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Eleventh week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Saint Lutgarde of Aywières

Thursday: Saint Romuald

Friday: Saint Alban

Saturday: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections June 7-8, 2025

\$ 5,023.50 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,725.65 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: \$47,768

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Stephen Parish's

2025 Assessment: \$ 80,916.00

Collected as of June 3: \$ 26,330.00

(32.5% of Goal)

Balance to be Raised: \$ 54,586.00

Please refer to Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for Donor Names.



Bridge Players Wanted

50 Plus Club

Next meeting is Aug. 11 in Donworth Hall (473 Eucalyptus Dr., in hall beneath the gym). We gather at 12:30pm for social time before starting at 1:00pm.

Sick Friends & Relatives

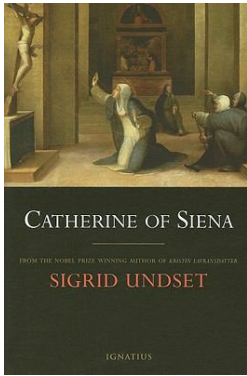
Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

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.

St. Stephen's Book Club

Book for June & July:

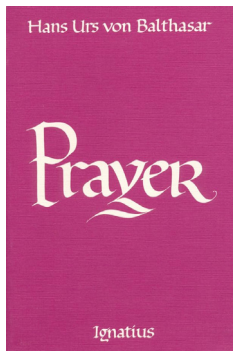
***Catherine of Siena* by Sigrid Undset**



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 in the parish office if you want to learn more about our programs.

*OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Mary Molly Mullaney - Ph: (415) 681-2444, x4
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The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 5:5b



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.



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Seeking Memories for our Parish Archive

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!

From the Archive: The History of Donworth Event Center - Part 2



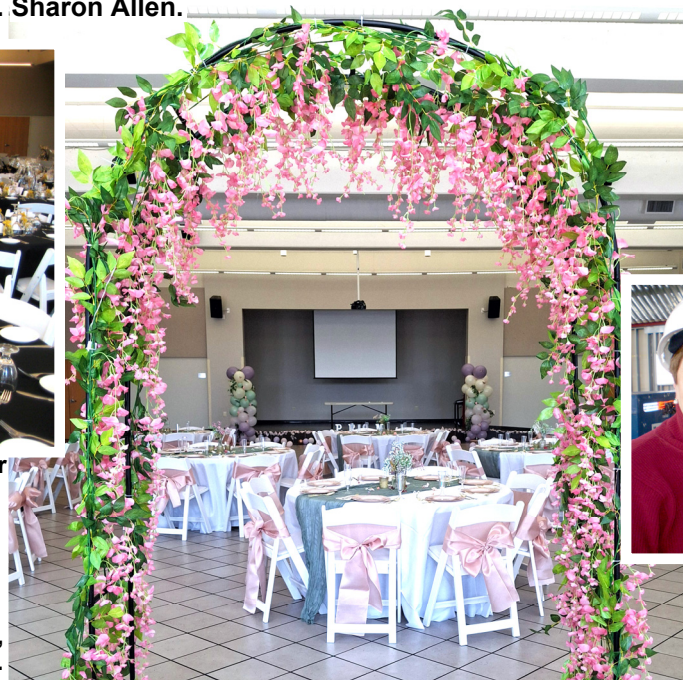
Opening dedication ceremony December 6, 2009, with Pastor Fr. Joe Walsh, altar servers, Bishop William Justice, Deacon Gary West, and Principal Mrs. Sharon Allen.

The new Donworth Event Center was opened at the end of 2009 with Bishop William Justice presiding at the dedication ceremony along with pastor Father Joe Walsh, Deacon Gary West and Principal Mrs. Sharon Allen. The new event center and gym quickly became an incredible asset to the community as a focal point for many activities and gatherings. The gym is active year round with sports activities, and the event center hosts diverse events for the school, parish and private rentals, such as the Spaghetti Bingo, Lenten Soup Suppers, birthday parties, fundraisers for non-profits and schools, and dances for the Newman Club, middle

school or high school proms. May our parish continue to experience blessings with the Donworth Event Center for many years to come.



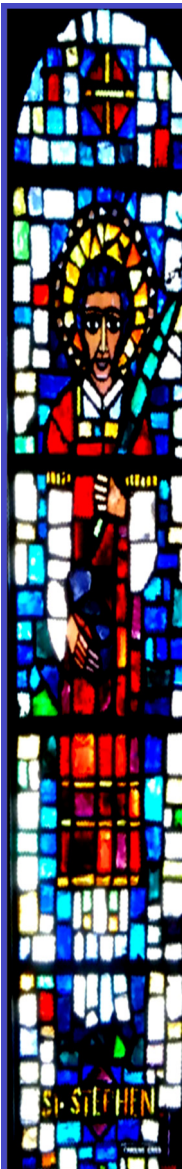
Donworth Hall Opening Celebration Dinner December 2009.



SF Academy High School Prom, May 3, 2025.



Parishioners Giovanna Hrvatin and Louise Fambrini visiting the construction site, June 2009.



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| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
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| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
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| • 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.



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With our new

DSV Service

**Our 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is
Available to Rent**

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