

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.

Easter

April 5
2026

SUNDAY

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

Matthew 28:7

April 5, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon! (Lk 24:34)

Jesus Christ, who was dead, is now alive and through his rising from the dead has opened to us the gates of heaven. We know now that even when we die, that death is no longer the end. It does not have the final word; the final word belongs to the victory of Jesus Christ!

In our world today, there is a lot that can get us down or feel like our world is defeated. Yet we believe in Jesus Christ's victory, and we are called to live the victory of Jesus Christ every day in our own lives. In our interactions with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and strangers, they should all see there is something different in our lives. That we may walk around not with a look of defeat, but ultimately with the knowledge that God's power in us may conquer the difficulties, pain, and death of the world. This is the Good News, and we do not need to be ashamed of it.

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 people, I want to thank our Liturgy Committee and sacristans who make our church environment reflective for all our liturgies, our musicians and choir for leading us in worship and song, our altar servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers. They of course help not just at this weekend of year but throughout the year bringing God's Word and Sacrament to others. Also thank you to our dedicated parish staff and office volunteers 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.

At the beginning of March, we kicked off the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As I said then, though we have a monetary goal for the year, our true goal is 100% participation of all our households. As our first month concludes, we have had 73 households participate by making a donation or pledge to AAA. Thank you to all those households who have responded generously, whether in small or large ways. It is a hopeful sign to see people responding to the needs of ministries that are beyond parish community and serve a wider good.

Father Schunk

Background on our Gospel Reading

Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

Sick Family & 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.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevie Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Apr 6

8:00 a.m. † **Alberto Esteva**
(By: Betty Esteva)

Tuesday, Apr 7

8:00 a.m. † **Jerome Amora Opena B-Day**
(By: Zeny Amora Opena)

Wednesday, Apr 8

8:00 a.m. † **Eliza Dinero -Thanksgiving**
(By: Eliza Dinero)

Thursday, Apr 9

8:00 a.m. † **Gerry Dillon**
(By: McAtamney Family)

Friday, Apr 10

8:00 a.m. † **Phillip Malolos**
(By: UP Prep '62)

Saturday, Apr 11

8:00 a.m. † **Delia McManus**
(By: Lupita Chase)

4:30 p.m. † **Leonard Stefanelli**
(By: Virginia Stefanelli)

Sunday, Apr 12

8:00 a.m. † **Scott Featherstone**
(By Margarita Solis-Tucker)

10:30 a.m. † **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m. † **People of the Parish**

Alleluia! He is Risen. He is Risen indeed! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Happy Easter to one and all. May your family celebration of this great Pascal Feast bring you and your loved ones deep peace and joy.



TODAY'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 - March 29, 2026
\$4,728.90 **Sunday Offertory**
\$1,691.01 **Online Giving**

Easter Means

We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus: The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. "Peace be with you!" was Jesus' salutation to his disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.



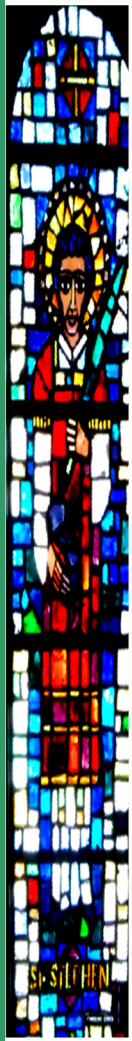
We are to be transparent Christians: We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.

We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus: Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us *control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior*. This salutary thought inspires us *to honor our bodies, keeping them holy*, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors, and in all those with whom we come in-to contact, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection.

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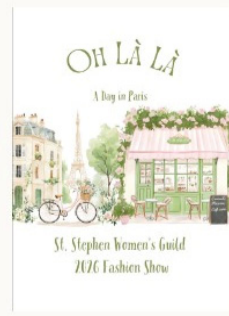
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St. Stephen Women's Guild Fashion Show
Sunday, April 19th · The Olympic Club

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April 13

April 15

April 17

St. Stephen Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1 – TPC Park

11:00 AM Registration

12:00 PM Shotgun

Start

Follow the QR Code for
additional information
& Purchase your Ticket!



COME & JOIN THE FUN!

**ST. STEPHEN
PRESCHOOL**

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

**ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL
DONWORTH HALL**

3:00PM - 6:00PM

Scan to RSVP



50+ Club
Monday, April 13, 2026
12:30 PM in
Donworth Hall

Join us on for a welcoming gathering of our St. Stephen seniors. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, tasty snacks, and great company.