

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.

The kingdom of heaven

is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a
pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all
that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46

Today's Gospel:

Mathew 13/44

Jesus said to his disciples:
"The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried in
a field, which a person
finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and
buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of
great price, he goes and
sells all that he has and
buys it.

Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a net
thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of
every kind.

When it is full they haul
it ashore and sit down to
put what is good into
buckets. What is bad they
throw away. Thus it will
be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out
and separate the wicked
from the righteous
and throw them into the
fiery furnace, where there
will be wailing and grind-
ing of teeth.

"Do you understand all
these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who
has been instructed in the
kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a
household

who brings from his
storeroom both the new
and the old."

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 26, 2026

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July 26, 2026

Getting to Know St. Stephen Together: United in Prayer

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,
Peace and blessings to all of you!

As you read this bulletin article, I am away from the parish for a few days, leading a pilgrimage group to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. I will be away from July 24 to July 30, but please know that I carry all of you in my prayers in a special way.

A pilgrimage is not simply a vacation or a religious tour. It is a journey of faith. We leave behind our usual routine, not because we want to escape life, but because we want to encounter God more deeply. We go to a holy place, not because God is absent from where we are, but because sometimes our hearts need a sacred space to listen, to pray, to remember, and to be renewed.

In my case, as I go to Our Lady of Guadalupe, I will bring with me the prayers and intentions of our parish community here at St. Stephen. I will pray for our families, our children, our elderly, our sick, our homebound, our school community, our parish staff, our volunteers, and all those who quietly carry heavy burdens in their hearts.

This is one beautiful thing about being part of a parish family: even when we are not physically in the same place, we remain united in prayer.

Prayer is one of the deepest bonds of a Christian community. We may not know everyone's name. We may not know everyone's struggles. We may not know what each person is going through. But when we gather for Mass, when we pray for one another, when we remember each other before God, we become more than just people who attend the same church. We become brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I continue getting to know St. Stephen, I am reminded that a parish is built not only by meetings, schedules, programs, and ministries. A parish is first built on prayer. Before anything else, we are a community that worships God. We come together around the altar. We listen to the Word of God. We receive the Eucharist. We lift up our needs, our gratitude, our hopes, and even our worries to the Lord.

And so, while I am away, I ask you also to please pray for me and for all the pilgrims traveling to Guadalupe. Pray that this pilgrimage may be a time of grace, renewal, and deeper faith for all of us.

Let us also ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to watch over our parish community. May she lead us closer to her Son, Jesus. May she teach us to trust God more deeply. And may she help St. Stephen Parish continue to be a place where people feel welcomed, prayed for, and loved.

Even from Guadalupe, I will remember you.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvz

Parish Administrator



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jul 27

8:00 a.m. † **Jennifer Pickerrell**
(By: The Kirwan Family)

Tuesday, Jul 28

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

Wednesday, Jul 29

8:00 a.m. † **Cecelia Prete**
(By: Carol Cagalingan)

Thursday, Jul 30

8:00 a.m. † **Cecelia Prete**
(By: Julie O'Callaghan)

Friday, Jul 31

8:00 a.m. † **Cecelia Prete**
(By: Hrvatin Family)

Saturday, Aug 1

8:00 a.m. † **Joseph Ho Jr.**
(By: Viet & Connie (Mary) Ho)

4:30 p.m. † **Francis Dy**
(By: Dy Family)

Sunday, Aug 2

8:00 a.m. *B-Day* † **Rainier Amora**
(By: Roy Amora)

10:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

6:30 p.m. **Erwin Ysip**
(By: Ysip Family)

Today's Reading

First Reading *1 Kings 3:5,7-12*

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130*

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading *Romans 8:28-30*

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13:44-52* Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - July 19, 2026

\$4,759.00 Sunday Offertory
\$1,897.87 Online Giving

Missionary Appeal

August 1st & 2nd

Next weekend, we will be pleased to welcome Fr. Fortunatus Mugisha of the Diocese of Kabale, southwestern Uganda, who is currently serving as Associate Pastor in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York. Fr. Fortunatus will share with us about the missionary work of his diocese and invite us to support its ministries through the annual Missionary Appeal.

As is our parish practice, there will be only one collection at all Masses. If you wish to contribute to the Missionary Appeal, please place your missionary envelope together with your regular Sunday offering in the first collection. There will not be a separate second collection.

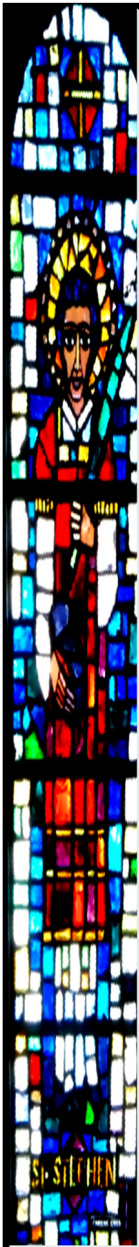
Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity in helping spread the Gospel and care for those in need.
May God bless you for your kindness.



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.

Jim Thompson, Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevie Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Tomas Arceo, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, 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, Mark Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson



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| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Patrick Kennedy |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Raphael Laizer |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • Religious Education | Mary Molly Mullaney
(Faith Formation, OCIA, Children's Liturgy) |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
| • Women's Guild | Vicky Kamahele & Jodi Farra |

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, by mailing it to the Parish Office, by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

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

I am interested in assisting the Parish in an organization or ministry as (Please encircle your choice/s):

Acolyte/ Altar Service, Altar Society, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Greeter/Usher, Hospitality/Donuts/
Special Events, Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound, Music/Choir, Lector &/or Holy Communion Ministers, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.