

St. 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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



October 6, 2024

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Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you to our 5th Graders and all who assisted with our 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. The Blessing of the Animals is an enjoyable tradition and a reminder of the special place our furry, hairy, feathery, scaly, or slimy friends have in our lives.

October is known as the month of the Rosary. We remember in a special way the power of our Blessed Mother as an intercessor for all of us. As we pray and meditate with the four mysteries of the Rosary, it is a special way to recall the poignant moments of salvation history and the way God works in our lives.

Many people have a special devotion to the prayer of the Rosary and some of our parishioners pray the Rosary every day after Mass. Some families pray the Rosary together on a regular basis. Some people like to take their Rosary beads along for a walk. Perhaps a goal for us is for every parishioner to pray the Rosary at least once during October.

Thank you to Mark Henry who presented last weekend on the theme of “finishing faithful” and our parishioners who were able to attend the presentation. It is not always easy to contemplate and think about the future, but the end of our lives is just as important as the beginning of our lives.

This week, I will be hosting in the rectory one of my priest classmate from the seminary, Father Jesse Burish. He is a pastor in the Diocese of La Crosse (Wisconsin), specifically in the city of Chippewa Falls. Beer fans may know Chippewa Falls is home of Leinenkugel’s Brewery. It is nice to have Father Burish take a few days off and come for a visit, and maybe bring some cheese curds!

As some of you know, priests who are named pastors are normally installed in the office. My installation as pastor will take place on Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Archbishop Cordileone is scheduled to come to our parish for Mass that day and so you may put the date in your calendar if you would like to attend the Mass. **Father Schunk**



OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK:

St. Denis

Feast day October 9

Research indicates that the title Saint Denis has been given to two people—one named Denis (or Denys or Dennis) and the other named Dionysius. The identities of these two people have merged even though they did not live at the same time.

Little is known about the saint named Denis. According to Gregory of Tours, the Italian-born Bishop Denis was sent with other bishops to preach the Good News of Jesus to the people of Gaul. Denis preached in a place that today is Paris. He also organized the Church there. During a persecution, he was beheaded. The people of France took him as their patron. An abbey was built over his burial place, and French kings were later buried there.

Even less is known about the life of Saint Dionysius, but the story of his conversion is in Acts of the Apostles 17:16–34. One day at a large meeting of Greek thinkers, Saint Paul preached about the “unknown god” who was the true God. During his preaching, Paul was ridiculed and sadly walked out. A few courageous Greeks, who had listened and to whom God had given the gift of faith, followed him. Dionysius was one of them. In the ninth century, Dionysius became identified with Denis and caused a revival of devotion to Denis. Modern scholars favor Denis of Paris as the saint for this feast day. Both men publicly declared loyalty to Christ in the face of ridicule and death.

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. —*St. Boniface*



Join the FUN!
TOMORROW!
Monday, October 7, 2024
Doors Open 12:30pm
50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!
Enjoy camaraderie, snacks,
Bingo games, Bridge, etc
For any questions/ concerns,
please call: Helga 415-731-8211

CHILDREN: THE UNEXPECTED GIFT

Every time a child enters the world, it is an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of an unexpected gift from God. When we embrace this call as parents, our extraordinary act of hope has the power to transform us through selfless love, tender care, profound joy, and refashioned dreams. Learn more and share the good news about marriage and family life at: www.radiatelove.info

St Stephen Church provides Online Giving -- a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy. Visit www.saintstephensf.org, click on Donation link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish.

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Our 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Event Center Donworth Hall is Available to Rent Shay at 415 681-2444x7
Or online at:
donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 7

8:00 a.m. † **Peter Gruely**
(By: PJ & Trudy McEvoy)

Tuesday, Oct 8

8:00 a.m. † **John V. Prete**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

Wednesday, Oct 9

8:00 a.m. † **Josie Fernandes**
(By: Joe Fernandes)

Thursday, Oct 10

8:00 a.m. † **Avelina Soliven**
(By: Mandy-Zaida Ysip)

Friday, Oct 11

8:00 a.m. † **Brian McMahon**
(By: Kathleen Jordan)

Saturday, Oct 12

8:00 a.m. **Gene Fitzgerald Sp. Int.**
(By: A Friend)
4:30 p.m. **St Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Oct 13

8:00 a.m. † **Albert Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)
10:30 a.m. † **Marie S. Remedios**
(By: Maria Xavier)
6:30 p.m. **Stephen Bautista Sp. Int.**
(By: Charlotte Bautista)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14



Today's Readings

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman'" (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: Saint Denis and Companions,
St. John Leonardi;
Friday: Saint John XXIII
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

To be astonished is one of the surest ways of
NOT growing old too quickly. SIDONIE-GABRIELLE COLETTE

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
September 29, 2024

\$ 3,927.30 1st Collection
\$ 823.00 2nd Collection (St Vincent De Paul)

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.

You're invited!

14th Annual St John Vianney Luncheon

Honoring ADSF Retired Priests

Rev ANTHONY P. LA TORRE & Rev Paul Rossi

Friday, October 11, 2024 @ noon

Cathedral of St Mary the Assumption

Patrons Hall, 1111 Gough St SF

For more info and tickets,

visit: <https://sfarch.org/prflunch>

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS



Student Only Masses on Monday and
Thursday at 12:30

Holy Hour with Adoration on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

Newman Night Socials on Thursday evenings at 6:30.

Sunday Supper after Sunday 6:30 Mass.

Bible Studies: ongoing, contact for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Weekend Retreat, Oct. 11-13; contact Fr. Michael for more info

2025 Mass Intentions

Our 2025 Mass Intention Calendar is open for the months January thru June. In order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, we ask you to limit your request to 3 masses during this period. Stop by our parish office to set up dates and times.

Sick Relatives & 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.

Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun,
Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, George Farrales,
Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison,
Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes,
Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya,
Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente,
Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya,
Robert Liam, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa,
Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbriere, Carol Dominguez,
Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh,
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL : \$ 84,637.00

Total Amount Received : \$ 35,308.00

Week No. 30 (as of 10/2/2024) (147 household)

Outstanding Balance : \$ 49,329.00

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of October 2, 2024, we have reached about 41.7% of our goal. For the next 4 months, we pray that the balance of \$49,329 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings. Fr Schunk

Anonymous	M/M Joseph D'Aura	Ms. Cynthia G. Kelly	M/M Freddy Ramos
M/M David Alcock	Ms Alicia De Jesus	Mr Ronald J Lang	Dr & Mrs Mariano Rayos
M/M Dale Allen Jr	Mr Arsenio Del Rosario	Mr. Paul Laveroni	Edward J Reidy
M/M Kevin Allen	Ms. Joanne Desmond	Mrs. Karen Leach	M/M Christopher Rillo
M/M Carlos Altamirano	M/M Glenn Dudro	M/M Daniel Leehane	M/M John Ritchie
M/M Allan Ayson	M/M John & Marie Duggan	M/M John Lie	Ms Maria Ronquillo-Archini
M/M John Azevedo	M/M David Dulany	Rev Michael D Lilledahl	M/M Daniel Salvemini
Mr Charles Barca	M/M James Dyer Jr	Ms Diane Linehan	M/M Henry Sanchez
M/M Moises Bautista Jr	M/M Kenneth Fambrini	M/M Anthony Lou	Ms Olivia Santiago
Ms. Constance E Benas	Christian Fernandez	Ms Lesley Ann Luistro-Sy	Mr Emmanuel Santos
Anne Berry & Paul Schrage	& Leah Luistro	M/M Damien Madden	M/M Emil Sayada
M/M John Bird	M/M Gerard Fernandez	Ms Pamela Mapson	Donovan Schneider
Mr. Clemence Blondo	M/M Michael Fesko	M/m Rodrigo Marquez	& Deborah Lobo
Mrs. Felisa Boquiren	M/< Kevin Fitzpatrick	Ms Doris Martin	Rev David Schunk
M/M Gregory Breslin	Mrs Sandra Frieztsche	Ms Eliza Martinez	Ms. Lutzie Sotto
Ms Anne Burgoyne	M/M Lawrence Gallagher	M/M Lawrence Mazzola	Mrs Virginia Stefanelli
M/M Serafin Cabatic	M/M Darius Garcia	Ms Joanne McGrail	Ms Dominic Suarez
Mrs Zenaída Cajilig	M/M Gavin Garzee	Sean McGrillen & Sarah Barca	M/M William Taylor
Ms Maria Caoile	M/M Ryan Gille	Ms Belinda Mistica	Ms. Peggy Teshara
Mr Daniel Caracciolo	Ms. Diane Gragnani	Mrs Gayle Montalbano	Ms Avril Tierney
Mrs. Philomena Cardozo	M/M William Green Jr	Ms Jessica Montgomery	M/M Gary Torres
M/M Gerald Carrillo	M/M James Hargarten	Mr Timothy Mueller	M/M Thomas Tuohy
Mr Tom Carroll	M/M Lawrence Hayes	Ms. Mary Molly Mullaney	Mrs Milagros Ubungen
Mr. Frank Cassinelli	Ms Joanne Hayes-White	Mr Thomas A Mullaney Jr	Mr Gregory Von Holt
Ms Adelaida Caunan	Ms Nathalia Hizon	Ms Maria Nacagilevu	Jason Wong & Joji Quimbo
M/M Yu-Lang Chen	M/M Viet Ho	M/M Remidius Ojong	Mrs. Maria Xavier
M/M Thomas Cleary	Mrs Claudio Hrvatin	Mr Peter S Ong	M/M Reynaldo Ysip
M/M Sean Conlon	Mrs Barbara Isip	Ms. Myrna Orais	
Ms Buena Cuevo	M/M Alan Jacobs	Ms Giulia O'Sullivan	
M/M Jacob Danfoura	Ms Sheila Kelleher	M/M Michael Patricio	

Thank You !!

St. Stephen School News

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the August 2025-2026 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office @ (415) 664-8331, if you are interested in obtaining an application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2025 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program.

St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies,

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors/Readers Schedule is online

View and sign up at: www.bit.ly/LitMinSchedule

We are temporarily using Sign-up Genius website for scheduling Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors/Readers.

Please review the schedule and sign up when you are available. Contact Mary Molly if you have issues with the schedule or using the webpage.

Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. *Loyola Press*



Mission Month

As we begin the month of October, we enter a special period of reflection and action for our Church's missionary efforts worldwide. **World Mission Sunday**, which will be celebrated on October 20th, is a vital time for all Catholics to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is "*Go and invite everyone to the banquet*," emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message to all corners of the world.

The contributions collected on **World Mission Sunday** are crucial for sustaining the Church's mission in over 1,150 territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Historically, the Church in the United States was once a beneficiary of these missionary efforts, and now we have the opportunity to give back and support our brother and sisters around the globe. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to fully engage in this mission throughout the month.



Faith Formation

Religious education classes
for Children in grades 1st thru 8th
who attend public schools
begin Monday, September 16th
@ 4:15pm in Church.

Register online: bit.ly/StStephenFF



Register online for Faith Formation
www.bit.ly/StStephenFF
or scan this QR Code:



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or would like to become a Catholic. We also welcome baptized Catholics who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information, contact Mary Molly,
@ 415.681.2444 x4 or email:
FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

St. Stephen's Book Club



October Book: *My Name Is Tani and I Believe in Miracles: the Amazing True Story of One Boy's Journey From Refugee to Chess Champion* by Tani Adewumi

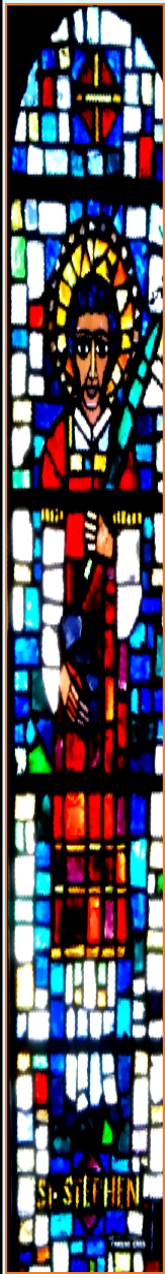
Sat, Oct 26 @ 10:00 a.m.

November – NO MEETING



Nov/Dec Book: *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* by Marcus J. Borg

- Sat, Dec 7 @ 10:00 a.m.



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Today's Music

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Come Holy Ghost #457

Preparation: Create In Me #784

Communion: O Sacrament Most Holy 346,
Seed Scattered and Sown #345

Sending: Companions On The Journey #590

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

- Altar Servers Giovanna Hrvatin
- Altar Society Joan Leehane
- Bridge Group Virginia Stefanelli
- Caritas Nellie Hizon
- Eucharistic Lay Ministry (Word & Eucharist) Mary Molly Mullaney
- Fifty Plus Club Helga D'Arcy
- 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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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, or by mailing it to the Parish Office, or by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____

Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

_____ City/ZIP _____

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

You will receive in the mail within a week, a Parish Registration Form to complete the registration process. Or just get the paper Parish Registration in the vestibule. Thank you!