

Sunday, September 6, 2015
15th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 6 Sept. 15th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Brendan McDonough

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 7 Sept. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Joseph Greco Bogaczyk
 12:15 pm Jacklynn Roberts

Tues. 8 Sept. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am †Frank John Petzold
 6:30 pm Bob & Ida Perez

Wed. 9 Sept. St. Peter Claver, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Perez Family
 12:15 pm Mary Heney

Thurs. 10 Sept. St. Nicholas of Tolentiono, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Carolina Ferazza Dichoso
 6:30 pm Fernandez Family

Fri. 11 Sept. SS. Protus & Hyacinth, Martyrs, IV Class

7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 12:15 pm Mary Adelina Flores
 6:30 pm Bertha Taresh

Sat. 12 Sept. Most Holy Name of Mary, III Class

7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 9:00 am Cummings Family

Sun. 13 Sept. 16th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Megan Eckerman

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,
 †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas,
 †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeeff

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 10—Children's Music Classes begin
 Sept. 11—High School Youth Group
 Sept. 13—12:30 Confirmation Class
 Sept. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Sept. 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Sept. 15—Chesterton Society Meeting
 Sept. 17—Conference on the Holy Mass
 Sept. 19—St. Stephen Altar Guild & Ladies Altar Society
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 March 13—Confirmation

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The liturgy enthusiastically celebrates Mary's Nativity and makes it one of the most appealing feasts of Marian devotion. We sing in today's Office: "Thy Nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, brings joy to the whole world, because from you came forth the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God." Mary's birth is a prelude to the birth of Jesus because it is the initial point of the realization of the great mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God for the salvation of mankind. How could the birthday of the Mother of the Redeemer pass unnoticed in the hearts of the redeemed? The Mother proclaims the Son, making it known that He is about to come, that the divine promises, made centuries before, are to be fulfilled. The birth of Mary is the dawn of our redemption; her appearance projects a new light over all the human race: a light of innocence, of purity, of grace, a resplendent presage of the great light which will inundate the world when Christ, the Light of the World, appears. Mary, preserved from sin in anticipation of Christ's merits, not only announces that the Redemption is at hand, but she bears the first fruits of it within herself; she is the first one redeemed by her divine Son. Through her, all-pure and full of grace, the Blessed Trinity at last fixes on earth a look of complacency, finding in her alone a creature in whom the infinite beauty of the Godhead can be reflected.

The birth of Jesus excepted, no other was so important in God's eyes or so fruitful for the good of humanity, as was the birth of Mary. Yet it has remained in complete obscurity. There is no mention of it in Sacred Scriptures and when we look for the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel, we find only what refers to Joseph; we find nothing explicit about Mary's ancestry except the allusion to her descent from David. Our Lady's origin is wrapped in silence, as was her whole life. Thus, her birth speaks to us of humility. The more we desire to grow in God's eyes, the more we should hide ourselves from the eyes of creatures. The more we wish to do great things for God, the more we should labor in silence and obscurity.

(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

If your home has not yet been enthroned to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we urge you to have it done. The enthronement obtains for the family (or, individual) special protection and numerous other graces. Just contact the office, or speak with any one of the priests if you would like to know how to go about doing this. We will be happy to help you. What a great grace it would be if every home in our parish were enthroned to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary! If your home has already been enthroned, you are encouraged to renew the enthronement by praying the enthronement prayers at least yearly – preferably on the day the home was first enthroned.

High School Youth Group

Beginning Friday, September 11, our High School Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meetings begin with the 6:30 pm Mass followed by a dinner, theological talk and group discussion, and games. Service projects and other social events will be included. Parents will be needed as volunteers. Contact Fr. Akers for more information.

Confraternity of St. Peter Ceremony

All members who have joined the Confraternity of St. Peter this past year are invited to a special ceremony on Sunday October 18th after the 10:30 am Mass. New members will recite the Confraternity prayer and receive a blessing at the Communion rail. All other members are encouraged to come and recite the prayer with the new members.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes begin Sunday, September 13th, at 12:30 pm. All children aged 12 by June 1, 2016 may be enrolled. Please pick up enrollment forms in parish office or bookstore. All forms, **along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate** must be turned in prior to the first class.

Adults who wish to be Confirmed should speak to one of the priests or leave their contact information in the office or bookstore and one of the priests will contact them.

Confirmation will take place on March 13, 2016.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Marilyn Goyette, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, Joseph Michael Jaeger

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations** to Joe & Pati Obi on the birth of their 2nd child, Emma Laura. Emma was baptized on September 5th.

~ **Thank you** for supporting the Chesterton Society pastie sale last Sunday! More than \$1,600.00 was made toward their Fall event.

Self—Defense Class

Mr. Frank Mudd is offering a class in self-defense on Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The class is held in the parish gym. All boys from the 7th to the 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information call Mrs. Liz Hernandez at 916-362-5285

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting: September 15 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*
 Read Chapters 13 & 14

Also: Fr. Brown: "The Song of the Flying Fish"

Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.

(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)
 (based on a prayer recited by the parents of Lu Monferrato, Italy)

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Mass Schedule
Traditional Roman Rite

- Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:30 a.m. High Mass
1:00 p.m. Low Mass
3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction
- Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

Confessions

One half hour before all Masses, and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Exposition and Benediction of the
Most Blessed Sacrament**

- Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Friday:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Saturday:** after 7:00 a.m. Mass to 8:45 a.m.—Holy Hour for Vocations
- First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

Sick Calls

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

Devotions

- Rosary:** Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., and five minutes after many weekday Masses
Monday at 7:00 pm Rosary for World Peace
- Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday
- St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, after 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday
- Fatima Procession:** 13th of the month May to October

New to St. Stephen's?

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

Envelopes and On-Line Giving

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, please pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

For **on-line giving** go to the parish website:
www.sacfssp.com

St. Bernadette Fund—to aid parishioners in need!
Donations may be made on-line.

Parish Swap

Do you have items you no longer need? List them by contacting Rose-Mary at ParishSwap@gmail.com
View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of www.sacfssp.com