

Sunday, June 16, 2013
4th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 16 June, 4th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Noah Reali
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Jim Carlson

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 17 June, St. Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Justyne Wakely-Ranns
 12:15 pm Michael Szumowski

Tues. 18 June, St. Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Elizabeth Krieg
 6:30 pm Barbara Ryan

Wed. 19 June, St. Juliana of Falconieri, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am Elizabeth Krieg
 12:15 pm Jean Haun

Thurs. 20 June, St. Silverius, Pope & Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am FSSP
 6:30 pm Wynette Sills

Fri. 21 June, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Stephani Sullivan
 12:15 pm Fr. John Lyons
 6:30 pm Justyne Wakely-Ranns' Family

Sat. 22 June, Paulinus of Nola, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Edward Wedinsky
 9:00 am Gian Paolo Flores & Family

Sun. 16 June, 5th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Wynette Sills
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mary Anne Kaehler

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Sick Calls

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

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne, Charles Cantoni, Hayden Garcia, Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes, Dr. Gerald Foy,

...In Memoriam

†Ray Keller, †Elin Frances Terra, †Martha Robison, †Gabriel Vargas, †Olympia Gonzalez, †Forrest Long, †Jenna Telles, †Bernard Beronio, †Georgia Munsill, †Patricia Greco, †Draga Kozina, †Doug McNeely

Important Upcoming Dates

June 16—22—Camp Sacred Heart
 June 18—Chesterton Society Meeting
 June 29—Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul
 June 30—Peter Pence Collection
 July 8—12 Annual Parish Retreat (Preached by Fr. Goodwin)
 July 26—27—N.CA Home School Conference—St. Stephens
 Aug. 4—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

From The Eucharist to the Trinity

Jesus came to us from the bosom of the Father to bring us to the Trinity; this was the purpose of the Incarnation and it is also that of the Eucharist, which prolongs the mystery of the Incarnation in time. In the Eucharist Jesus continues to be the Mediator between the three divine Persons and ourselves, holding out His hand to lead us to Them. It is by coming to us in Holy Communion that He continually puts us in more direct contact with the Blessed Trinity; for He then comes in the integrity of His Person as God and Man, humanity and divinity; and as God, as the Word, He is always indissolubly united to the Father and to the Holy Spirit. Jesus can repeat from the consecrated Host what He once said while He was on earth: "He that sent Me is with Me, and He hath not left Me alone," and more explicitly: "I am in the Father and the Father in Me." Therefore, when He comes to us in Holy Communion, He does not come alone, but with Him come the Father and the Holy Spirit, because the three divine Persons although distinct one from another, are inseparable. The presence of the Trinity in our soul is not limited to the moments when Jesus is sacramentally present within us, for the three divine Persons dwell permanently in a soul that is in the state of grace. It is true, however, that the Trinity is present in a very special way in Christ, the Incarnate Word, the one Man personally united to the Trinity and in whom dwells all the fullness of the divinity. Hence, it is certain that wherever Christ is—and therefore in our soul at the time of Communion—there the Trinity is also present in a very special way.

The Blessed Trinity is never so fully present to our souls as in the few moments when we have the sacramental presence of Jesus within us. The three divine Persons are not only present there but are pleased to remain there. The Father takes pleasure in His beloved Son who dwells within us and whom He has given to us in the Eucharist; the Word takes delight in the sacred humanity of Jesus which is wholly and forever His; the Holy Spirit rejoices in Christ, His chosen temple and, because of Him, is pleased to dwell within us. The entire Trinity, finding Jesus in us, abides in our soul with joy, looks on us with special love, and each Person diffuses Himself into us more fully. Thus each Communion nourishes our life of union not only with Jesus, but also with the entire Trinity; each Communion increases our capacity to welcome the three divine Persons and to live in "company" with Them in an increasingly intimate and profound relationship. The prayer of Jesus; "As Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us. . . I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one," finds its most perfect realization in the precious moments when Jesus in the Eucharist is living within us. But even when His sacramental presence has gone, its effect remains; namely, this more intimate union with the Blessed Trinity.

Furthermore, we are never able to offer the Trinity a more worthy dwelling place than our soul during the moments when Jesus is sacramentally present within it; and not only a dwelling place, for we can also offer gifts, praises, supplications, and adoration worthy of God's infinite Majesty. In fact, we can offer Jesus present within us, because it is the Trinity, the three divine Persons Themselves, who have given Him to us, and He has given Himself to us with His whole substance; Jesus, the perfect praise of the Blessed Trinity, the beloved Son in whom the three divine Persons take all Their delight and complacency. Together with Him, we offer the love, the adoration, supplication, praise, and reparation of His Sacred Heart. How rich we are when we have Jesus within us! By Him and in Him we can fittingly honor, exalt, and glorify the Most Holy Trinity.

(*"Divine Intimacy"* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

King of Love

By Fr. Mateo Crawley

In our desire to sanctify ourselves we are only too apt to cling to some comfortable system of our own devising. We want to be saints, but in our own way. Let us resolutely choose the divine Way, Jesus Christ, who is also the Truth and the Life. We have thought at times to attain perfection through our own moods or fancies, which we imagine spiritual, and, of course, we failed. What is to be done? "Leave Me a free hand," Jesus replied to St. Margaret Mary; and to St. Teresa of Avila He said, "Thou shalt be holy in My way, not according to thy fancy." Examine your conscience, therefore, to see of what you must empty and dispossess yourselves in order to fill your soul with that Jesus whom you wish to make known and loved.

But make this examination simply, without that exaggerated fear which often comes from self-love, without any uneasy feelings. Humility in self-knowledge yields as its fruit much peace, which in its turn gives us a better knowledge of ourselves, a greater light.

Say to Jesus, quite simply, as a little child would to its mother; "Jesus, look! Here is a stain, and here is another, and another still. Thou knowest all my shortcomings better than I, and Thou canst best correct them." This loving King will at once reply to you as He did to St. Margaret Mary, when her superior bade her ask for a cure as a proof of the mission He was entrusting to her: "Now thou art confided to My care, it is My will to return thee perfectly cured to her who committed thee into My hands." This is exactly what will happen to you. You are now entirely committed to His care. You have come to Him ailing, but fear not, He will heal you, if you give Him a free hand. Do not forget this indispensable condition. He will perform the divine work, not you, and He asks of you only docility. Let Him empty and amend you, and afterwards fill the chalice of your hearts to the brim, that you, in your turn, may give of your abundance.

Since an apostle must necessarily be a teacher, you must acquire a great wisdom, that of God and His Saints. And if, in His mercy, the Lord has enriched you with intellectual gifts and talents, praise Him for this and use these gifts to His glory. But place not your trust in that human culture. Seek first and above everything the divine wisdom, that science to which St. Paul referred when he said, "For I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ and him crucified." This is the only true and profitable knowledge: *To know Jesus Christ.*

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers

Registration is now open for Rosa Mystica (ages 9-14) & Little Flowers (ages 5—8). Forms are available at the Parish Office, bookstore, or by e-mail. The **deadline** for registration is July 31st and **space is limited**.

Registration forms are also available for the Sodality of Our Lady, (ages 14 & up)

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers & all Ladies of the Parish!

Do you have skills you would like to share with the young ladies of the parish? Homemaking skills of any kind; sewing, knitting, embroidery, crochet, proper table setting, being a good hostess, flower arranging, etc. We need you!

The Rosa Mystica Girls Society meets the 1st Saturday of the month during the school year and is looking for women who would enjoy sharing their time and talent with our young ladies.

For more information please call Jean Gomez 530- 672-2076

New to St. Stephen's?

Please stop by the office or bookstore and pick up a registration form. It is very helpful for us to have contact information for your family, even if you cannot come to St. Stephen's every week.

If you do not have envelopes and would like them you can pick up a box in the bookstore. The use of envelopes is very helpful for our bookkeeping system.

Start Saving!!

Start saving white elephant prizes gently used or new for the *Fatima's Bazaar Booth* at the Pig Roast.

Help will be needed as well. For more information call Fatima 916-451-9752. Prizes may be left at the parish office.

Confraternity of St. Peter FSSP Anniversary Pilgrimage 25 Years

Travel to Rome, Italy to attend a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the Fraternity of St. Peter's Rome Parish on the 25th anniversary of the order's founding. See the most important religious sites of the Eternal City and then travel south to visit the shrines of Pompei, Nettuno, Materdomini, Naples & Amalfi.

Highlights: General Audience with Pope Francis, Four Major Churches of Rome, Catacombs, Holy Staircase (Scalla Santa), Shrines of St. Gerard Majella, St. Maria Goretti & St. Philomena.; Rosary Basilica of Pompei (tomb of Bl. Bartolo Longo); home of St. Guiseppe Moscati; tomb of St. Andrew the Apostle.

For more information call 916-223-3112 or visit the website @ www.syversentouring.com/confraternity

Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen Annual Feast Day Celebration August 4, 2013

The Finding or Transferal of the Relics of St. Stephen is our biggest event of the year at St. Stephen's. Because it is our patronal feast, everyone should be involved in making it a special celebration. Please look at the list of possible committees below and see how you might help. Please let us know either at the parish office or bookstore.

- ◆ Advertising/Tickets
- ◆ Booths
 - * Snow Cone
 - * Games
 - * Raffle
 - * Fatima's Bazaar
- ◆ Set-up/Decoration
- ◆ Clean-up
- ◆ Food
 - * Pig Roast / Meat
 - * Side Dishes
 - * Dessert
 - * Drinks
- ◆ Entertainment
 - * Square Dance
 - * Music (Bag pipe, banjo etc.)

Sacramento Catholic Forum

Paul O'Reilly, Vice President, Thomas Aquinas College will speak on *The New Evangelization in an Atheistic Age* : Red Lion Hotel, June 21, 2013, 11:30 am. Cost: \$30.00 in advance, \$40.00 at the door. For reservations or more info: www.sacatholicforum.org

"Holy Mass - Gate to Heaven" 2013 Annual Retreat—July 8—12

Retreat is full—waiting list available.

Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP will be preaching our retreat this year. It will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. This is a silent retreat, each retreatant will have a private room/bath. If you would like to hold a space call the parish office or stop in the bookstore. Space is limited. For more information call 916-455-5114.

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of strangers in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.