

**Sunday, July 30, 2017
8th Sunday After Pentecost**



Sun. 30 July	8th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
8:00 am	Erlinda Baccay
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Christine Pope
6:00 pm	Linda Bardet
Mon. 31 July	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	Thank you St. Stephen parishioners
12:15 pm	Carol Hays
Tues. 1 Aug.	St. Peter in Chains, III Class
7:00 am	Jim Greenwell
6:30 pm	† Donald Jackson
Wed. 2 Aug.	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	† Steve Weaver
12:15 pm	† Michael McGrath
Thurs. 3 Aug	Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen, I Class
7:00 am	† Mary Ann Iacometti
6:30 pm	St. Monica Sodality
Fri. 4 Aug	St. Dominic, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	† Richard Corbin
12:15 pm	† Fern Schiele
6:30 pm	† Demetrio Dulay
Sat. 5 Aug	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, III Class
7:00 am	† Mike McGrath
9:00 am	† Sharon Runyon Baierlein
Sun. 6 Aug	Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class
8:00 am	† George & † Edward Haun
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	† Demetrio Dulay

...In Memoriam

† Maria Lopresti, † George Klopff, † Nell Keim, † John Reyes,
 † Margaret Melusky, † Robert O'Kane, † Savino Salierno,
 † Beverly Longtin, † Donald Strahota, † Ursula Uclaray,
 † Marina Servande, † Rizal Robancho, † Mike McGrath,
 † Sarah Vierra, † Mary Daley, † James Greenwell,
 † Josef Schuchmann, † Paulette Brady

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 2 - 4—Chant Camp
 Aug. 6—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance
NO 6 pm Mass today, will resume Aug. 13th
 Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Sept. 2—Girls groups meet
 Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin
 Sept. 16—Altar Guild resumes
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of FSSP

The Motive for Hope

If we had to base our hope on our own merits and on the amount of grace we possess, it would be very insecure, because we cannot be certain that we are in the state of grace, nor can we be certain about our good works which are always so full of defects. But our hope is *sure* because it is founded, not on ourselves, but on God, on His infinite goodness, on His salvific will which desires “all men to be saved”, and on His sanctifying will that wants us not only to be saved, but also to be saints: “This is the will of God, your sanctification”. God wishes the certitude of our hope to rest upon Him alone. Although He demands our cooperation and our good works, He does not want us to base our confidence on them; in fact, after having urged us to do all that is in our power, Jesus added: “When you shall have done all these things that are commanded you, say : we are unprofitable servants”. Souls who are accustomed to depend on their own strength and who delude themselves, thinking they can enter more deeply into the spiritual life by their own personal resources, find this lesson hard to understand. That is why when the Lord wills them to progress, He makes them go through painful states of powerlessness, permitting them to feel the rebellion and repugnance of nature that they may be convinced of the vanity of placing their confidence in themselves. There is here a delicate point: to know how to accept this experience without falling into discouragement. If in the past, we have relied upon ourselves, and now, in certain difficulties and trials of our interior life, we see our strength reduced to nothing, let us thank God. In this way He is detaching us from the too great confidence we had in ourselves, and is forcing us to practice a purer, more supernatural hope, one stripped of every human element and support. If, however we cannot place our hope in ourselves, this is reason for despair; rather, it should impel us to place our hope in God alone and force us to throw ourselves upon Him with full confidence like a child who takes refuge in it mother’s arms with more trust, the weaker and more powerless it feels itself to be.

The certitude of our hope is derived from the certitude of our faith. “For I know whom I have believed ,” says St. Paul, “and I am certain that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day”, that is, unto life eternal. This certitude is not of the intellect, but rather of the will and the heart; it is the certitude which gives us full confidence in Someone who we know loves us. And who loves us more than God? Who has given us more proof of His love than God.
 (*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

From the Pastor

The following was written by a grateful parishioner who was helped through the St. Bernadette Fund*:

Dear fellow parishioners,
 I have been a St. Stephen’s parishioner for many years. Due to health issues, the priests of St. Stephen’s have often had to bring me the sacraments. These same health issues have prevented me from working; hence, I’ve had difficulty meeting some of my basic needs. In some dark moments during the last several years, the St. Bernadette Fund has helped my family and me to survive. I realize that it’s due to your generosity, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. I want to assure you that your contributions (large or small) do make a difference in people’s lives. Please be assured of my prayers.
 A Grateful Parishioner

* The St. Bernadette Fund was created here at St. Stephen’s to especially help parishioners in need. If you would like to make a contribution to the St. Bernadette Fund you can do so either on-line or by placing it in an envelope marked “St. Bernadette Fund” and placing it in the collection basket, or dropping it off in the office or book store. 100% of all donations go to those in need.

Announcement

There will be no 6 pm Mass on Sunday, August 6, due to the parish pig roast. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The 6 pm Mass will resume the following Sunday.

**Chesterton Society Meeting:
August 8th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss the seventh and eighth chapters of *The Ballad of the White Horse*.
 All are welcome!

**Jacob Kasak’s Pipe Organ Concert
Friday, August 11, 2017 at 7:30pm
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

Jacob has been a long-time parishioner and started playing the organ at St. Stephen’s in 2011. He recently graduated “with distinction” from the Eastman School of Music, in Rochester, NY. Jacob has sung at Carnegie Hall in New York City and played organ for a Sunday Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City. Jacob has been accepted to Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE.

**Confraternity of St. Peter 2017 Pilgrimage to
Italy & Slovenia**

With Fr. James Fryar, FSSP—CSP Chaplain
 Sept. 9-18, 2017
 For more info—brochures available in the bookstore
 or call 800-334-5425

Chant Camp!

SAVE THE DATE: The second annual St. Stephen’s Chant Camp will take place Wednesday, August 2 thru Friday, August 4. The program will be for boys and girls ages 8-18, running in the morning hours on each day and culminating with the participants singing a High Mass at 12:15 on Friday, August 4.

Registration forms available in the bookstore.

**Patronal Feast Day Schedule:
Sunday, August 6th**

- 1:30 pm Sung Mass : External Solemnity of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen
- 3:30 pm Sung Vespers & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:45 pm Welcome & announcements
- 5:00 pm Begin food service
- 8:30 pm Clean up

Registration for Confirmation Classes

Registration is now open for children aged 12 by June 1, 2018. Confirmation class will begin on September 10th. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore.

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society, for girls age 9—13, will be accepting applications for the 2017-2018 session. Sign-up fee will be \$20.00. Registration deadline is July 30th. Should you have any question regarding RMGS, please contact Sue McGrath, **916-531-3946** or sosuesews@yahoo.com.

Little Flower Registration

For girls 5-8: Little Flower registration forms are available in the bookstore, or contact Katy Scarry 530-945-6947 or faithfilledfam@yahoo.com. Please try to register ASAP to allow adequate time to order materials.

~ 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 visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath,
 Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino,
 Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret
 Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenburg,
 Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family,
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MASS SCHEDULE
TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
 10:30 a.m. High Mass
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

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. and 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

DEVOTIONS

Rosary:

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

Holy Face Novena: 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

St. Monica Novena: First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

Fatima Procession: 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

Men's Holy League: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

CONFESSION

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

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
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. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

First Friday: Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

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

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.

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