

Sunday, July 5, 2015
6th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 5 July	6th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am	Angela Nicolini
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	†Catalina Owen
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction
Mon. 6 July	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	Joseph & Alice Ternes
12:15 pm	Kay Allen
Tues. 7 July	SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors, III Class
7:00 am	†Darryl Tormanen
6:30 pm	Joseph & Lori Grace Magabo
Wed. 8 July	St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen & Widow, III Class
7:00 am	Arthur & Renee Burns & Family
12:15 pm	†Greg Nicholas
Thurs. 9 July	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	†Catalina Owen
6:30 pm	FSSP Priests
Fri. 10 July	Seven Holy Brothers, Martyrs and SS. Rufina & Secunda, Virgins & Martyrs, III Class
7:00 am	Chris & Amber Owen
12:15 pm	Evan Blanton
6:30 pm	Harder Family
Sat. 11 July	St. Pius I, Pope & Martyr, IV Class
7:00 am	Fr. Perry
9:00 am	†Bruce Perry
Sun. 12 July	7th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am	Greg Nicholas
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	†John Kasak and Family
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Norman Sayles, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, John Patrick Corr, Augustine Guzman, Patricia Becker, Dr. George Alexeeff, Luis Salazar, Marilyn Goyette

...In Memoriam

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry, †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas, †Jeannemarie Crabtree

Important Upcoming Dates

July 5—Chesterton Society Fundraiser
 July 6—Prayer for World Peace at 7pm
 July 13—Fatima Procession
 July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 July 16—Conference on the Holy Mass
 July 19—23—**Spiritual Exercises** - Annual Parish Retreat
 Aug. 2—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg

Communion, The Sacrament of Peace With God

Man, having sinned, felt an instinctive fear of God. Immediately after yielding to the tempter, he dared not answer the voice of His Creator but hid himself and fled from His visage.

This sensation of fear is so natural to us when we have done wrong that even a child, in spite of its mother's tenderness, hesitates to go near her when it has disobeyed her. The criminal fleeing from human justice is so possessed with fear that it is written in his face and may even reveal his guilt.

Fear before God is the same, and greater still. You think a certain sinner is hardened and continues in sin simply from pride? Ah no! He is afraid of God; and the greater his sin, the more afraid he is. He may sink to the very depths of iniquity, perpetrate crime after crime; he but gives further proof of his fear. What is despair but the false conviction that one will not be forgiven and is destined to fall into the hands of an inexorable Judge? People who refuse to come to church are afraid of our Lord. If on some occasion they are forced to come, they are embarrassed and nervous. The sinner is afraid of himself; he can not live with his own heart and conscience; he frightens himself! That is why he seeks distraction; he is fleeing from himself.

Sacred Scripture shows us this fear so dominant in mankind that even the holiest persons trembled if God appeared to them, or spoke to them in the form of an angel.

God took four thousand years to prepare the reconciliation of man, which was to be perfected only in the Eucharist. The Incarnation greatly advanced this work of regaining man's confidence, but it was not enough. For thirty-three years only, Jesus gave evidence to us of His goodness, and we may say that if He had deprived us of His presence after this short period of time, we should be as subject to fear as were the Jews before His advent. Could the Incarnation, work of salvation though it was and a sublime testimonial of the love and power of God, suffice to establish the confidence of friendship between the Creator and His creature? No; friendship demands constant personal intercourse.

Therefore, our Lord instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. By means of this Sacrament He is in our thought, in us, with us, beside us, continuing and perfecting His work of making us His intimates and friends. Hiding His glory, He comes to us in the incognito of friendship, just as if a king were to assume the guise of a poor man and, seating himself at his table, say to him: "I belong to your family; treat me as one of you." Yet no! Jesus Christ does even more; He comes to us under the appearance of bread. Who can be afraid of a grain of wheat? Could God find a better way to veil His Majesty? . . .

(Excerpt from *Holy Communion* by Saint Peter Julian Eymard - available in the St. Stephen Book Store.)

New E-Group for Priests Announcements

Please subscribe to a new e-group used only for official announcements from the priests of St. Stephens by sending an email request to join to the following address:
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If you have problems joining, call the parish office or send an e-mail to Stephenproto@yahoo.com



A Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Novena starts July 7th

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to assist me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)
 Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is July 16th. Father will enroll anyone who wishes, in the Brown Scapular after the 7:00 pm Mass. Scapulars are available in our parish bookstore.

Holy Water

This Catholic tradition is particularly beautiful and rich in meaning, and it's also of very early origin in the life of the Church. The primary meaning of this ancient custom is to signify the baptismal "washing of the soul" that takes place at baptism. As St. Paul explains: "He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

Each time a Catholic enters a church and dips his hand into the holy water font to bless himself with the sign of the cross, he is renewing his baptismal covenant with God. This grace-filled action recalls the words of St. Paul above, as well as reminds us of our baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

(Taken from *Why is That in Tradition?* By Patrick Madrid)

~ 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.

Confraternity of St. Peter 2015 Pilgrimage

Historic pilgrimage to Spain & the Rock of Gibraltar, in the quincentenary year of St. Teresa of Avila's birth!

Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP, Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter on September 14—September 24, 2015. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website www.syversentouring.com/confraternity.

Chesterton Society Fundraiser Today!!

Homemade Cornish pasties (beef pies), Skillfully made by the Roundtree Family, Shortbread cookies, and beverages will be served after all three Masses!

Proceeds will help pay for the live Chesterton event in October

~Around the Parish~

~ **Kyle Montgomery** was received into the Church here at St. Stephens on June 22nd. He was confirmed and made his First Holy Communion. Congratulations Kyle!

~ **Camp Sacred Heart** was a great success with 92 boys who had a great time and learned a lot about their Faith and having fun!

~ **The Explorers** will be at camp from July 6—15. We pray all goes well.

~ **Seminarian Darrell Rembert, FSSP**, will be with us through the month of July. He'll be helping with the Explorer Camp.

St. Peters Pence Collection

St. Peters Pence Collection, taken up last Sunday, netted \$1,007.60.

Rosary For World Peace

Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Stephen First Martyr
 Please join at <http://www.meetup.com/Rosary-For-World-Peace>.
 You don't have to come every Monday to join!

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)

Mother of Perpetual Help
Thank you for all the
Blessing of all our Family

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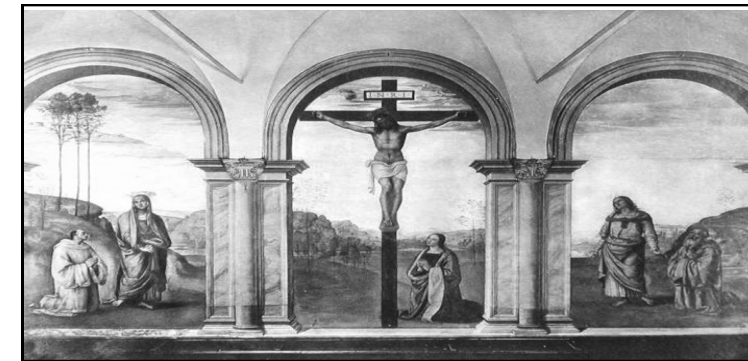
Parish Swap

View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of www.sacfssp.com. Contact Rose-Mary at ParishSwap@gmail.com if you have items to list!

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Mass Schedule
Traditional Roman Rite

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

Devotions

Rosary: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., and five minutes after many weekday Masses

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

Sick Calls

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. home-bound) 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.

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