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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></p> <p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">St. Stephen the First Martyr is a personal parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. It is served by priests of the <b>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b></p> <p>Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ONLINE GIVING</b></p> <p>Available at the parish website.<br/>         www.sacfssp.com</p>   |
| <p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, unless you are giving online. Please pick them up in the Parish Office.</p>   |  |  |

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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|---------------|--------------|---|
| <b>4 Jun</b>  | <b>Sun</b>   | <b>Trinity Sunday, I</b><br>7 am + Fr Terrence Gordon<br>8:30 am Alyson Nacino<br>10 am Jevin Mattathil<br>11:30 am Justin Mattathil<br>1 pm <i>Pro populo</i><br>6 pm Bella Friend |
| <b>5 Jun</b>  | <b>Mon</b>   | <b>St. Boniface, III</b><br>7 am Dennis Scheurmann<br>12 pm Alexander Gonzales<br>6 pm Josephine Baccay   |
| <b>6 Jun</b>  | <b>Tues</b>  | <b>St. Norbert, III</b><br>7 am Gary Aranas<br>12 pm + Maria Hue Thi Nguyen<br>6 pm Juanita Torres  |
| <b>7 Jun</b>  | <b>Wed</b>   | <b>Feria, IV</b><br>7 am Nancy Butchy<br>12 pm + Timothy Edward Stone<br>6 pm + Fr Terrence Gordon  |
| <b>8 Jun</b>  | <b>Thurs</b> | <b>Corpus Christi, I</b><br>7 am Gabrielle Aranas<br>12 pm + Fran Hawk<br>6 pm Michael Thomas Schiele, Jr   |
| <b>9 Jun</b>  | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>Ss. Primus and Felician, IV</b><br>7 am Carrie Locks<br>12 pm DiGiovanni family<br>6 pm Zachary Bolen  |
| <b>10 Jun</b> | <b>Sat</b>   | <b>St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, III</b><br>7 am + Holy Souls<br>8:30 am Grant family<br>12 pm + Cathy Olamit  |

**PRAYER LIST**

Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Victoria Grimm, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, Arman Mazidi, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Jordan Aranas, JoAnn Mutterties

*Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers, as well as our adult catechumens and candidates.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Barbara Chu, Nellie Reyes, Albert Treskon, Violet Corr, Mary Hayes, Derald Goyette, Bonnie Williams, Frank Bowa, Ramon Daley, Eileen Morrison, Richard & Louise Szabo, Cesar Oliva, Joseph Damore, Ken Taylor, Joseph Menezes, Edgardo Mercado, Barbara Jeong, Jean Haun, Rene Iway, Richard Seifert, Fiona Silverio, John Dunlap, Jeff Long, David Tostenson, Eleanor Roberts, Robert Rose, Sharon Graves, Eda Granby, Gloria Garcia, Raymond Villalpando, Rogelio Mendoza, Linda White, William Cummings, Rick Perez, Gerald Foy, Joseph Murphy

**PARISH GROUPS**

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| <b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....           | <b>Keven Smith</b><br><i>Youth &amp; Adults, Sunday &amp; Thursday</i> ....ksmith_writer@yahoo.com    |
| <b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> ..... | <b>Mike Solton</b><br><i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday</i> ..... 916-832-2859                           |
| <b>Troops of Saint George (Scouting)</b> .....   | <b>James Campbell</b><br><i>Boys 6 – 18</i> .....Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org                            |
| <b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> ..... | <b>Amy Rutschow</b><br><i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782                        |
| <b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....                        | <b>Sue McGrath</b><br><i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-531-3946                          |
| <b>Little Flowers</b> .....                      | <b>Megan Gury</b><br><i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-207-0498                            |
| <b>Youth Group</b> .....                         | <b>Liz Hernandez</b><br><i>Ages 14 – 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062            |
| <b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....                          | <b>Inocencio Rangel</b><br><i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... 916-804-6359             |
| <b>CCM Co-op</b> .....                           | <b>Blanca Pimentel</b><br><i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday</i> ..... blancaerodria@yahoo.com                  |
| <b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....         | <b>AJ Alvarado</b><br><i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Thursday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com               |
| <b>Adult Catechism</b> .....                     | <b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b><br><i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com |
| <b>Chesterton Society</b> .....                  | <b>Spencer Roundtree</b><br><i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com              |
| <b>Knights of Columbus #16419</b> .....          | <b>William Giovannetti</b><br><i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> ..... 916-531-4730                    |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....                              | <b>Roger Soto</b><br><i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163                     |
| <b>Security</b> .....                            | <b>Patrick Clemons</b><br><i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-717-0244            |
| <b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....   | <b>Tomoko McDonough</b><br><i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail             |
| <b>Church Flowers</b> .....                      | <b>Greta Munsill</b><br><i>Friday or Saturday</i> ..... 916-425-7112                                  |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b> .....                     | <b>Eli Gonzalez</b><br><i>Wednesday</i> ..... 916-395-7408  |
| <b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....               | <b>Kelly Manstch</b><br><i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114                                |
| <b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....             | <b>Maureen Olguin</b><br><i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net                                     |
| <b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....                 | <b>Catarina Hinojos</b><br><i>On call</i> ..... 415-286-6228  |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Rev. Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP;  
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM**

*Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

TRANSFER OF FR. BRAUN

Just as I was beginning to think that we were going to make it through another year without a transfer (which probably would have been some kind of record for us), our provincial superior reached out to Fr. Braun and myself to see if it might be possible to send him to another apostolate that could benefit from the addition of an experienced priest. Fr. Braun consented to the transfer and will be departing from the parish towards the end of June (likely on June 26, but we are still working out the details).

As we have many newer parishioners in our community, I should caution that every year it is more likely than not that we will experience a transfer of one of our priests. The Fraternity likes to place young priests in two different parishes in their first five years of priesthood, to give them a broader experience of parish life than might be achieved by staying in a single location. In addition to this, Sacramento tends to be one of the parishes that receives newly ordained priests, on account of the size of the parish and our relatively large number of groups and activities, as well as the presence of five major hospitals within a ten-minute drive. These considerations being kept in mind, we usually anticipate keeping a parochial vicar for a period of two or three years.

Transfers of priests are generally not a good thing for a community and, all things being equal, it would be far better to have stability. It is not an easy thing to lose a priestly father, nor is it at all easy on the priest himself, who loses all at once all of the relationships he has developed over the period of years. I commend Fr. Braun, therefore, for his generosity and courage in once more striking out to a new home, for the sake of the greater good of the Fraternity and the Church at large. I ask that you please keep him in your prayers during and after his move.

On a more personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Braun for his dedication and diligence over the past two years. Our parish demands a lot of its priests, and Fr. Braun rose to that challenge without fail. Parishioners will be familiar with many of his contributions to the parish in terms of the administration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and a constant presence at parish events. There are things that can only be visible to his fellow priests, however, such as the many hours spent preparing sermons or lessons, the prompt and generous response to emergency calls for the Sacraments, or the shouldering of responsibilities of the other priests at need. One of the most intelligent priests I have ever met, during his time here I have sent innumerable moral, canonical, or theological inquiries his way, always confident that I would receive a well reasoned, well researched, and precise response. Probably he is looking forward to escaping my incessant questions; sadly for him, I will still have his cell phone number.

In short, I congratulate Fr. Braun on a job well done, and on behalf of the entire parish community, I extend to him our heartfelt gratitude and good will. Our prayers will accompany him, and we will look forward with hope to his company in that eternal home, prepared for us by Our Lord.

*Note: It is not possible yet to announce where Fr. Braun is going, nor will I yet announce his replacement. Those announcements will be forthcoming once the canonical appointments have been made. In the meantime, I would like to invite everyone to a Solemn Mass on Saturday, June 24 at 12 pm noon, and to a potluck picnic to follow.*

*Also, Fr. Braun will be saying a Mass today at one of the California missions for the pilgrimage enjoyed by some parishioners. As it is a three-hour drive away, he will be gone for much of this Sunday. For those wanting to express their gratitude to Father in person, he will be available the following three Sundays, as well as at the picnic mentioned above.*

IMPORTANT DATES

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Jun 11-17 | Camp Sacred Heart                     |
| Jun 13    | Fatima Procession after the 6 pm Mass |
| Jun 17-23 | Camp Immaculate Heart                 |
| Jun 24    | Solemn Mass                           |
| July 30   | Summer Retreat (until Aug 3)          |
| Aug 5     | Pig Roast                             |
| Aug 9-11  | Chant Camp                            |
| Oct 14    | Chesterton Event                      |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second Collection** for the Building Fund.

In addition to **Mr. Rodrigo Torres, FSSP**, this week we welcome **Mr. Anthony Ike, FSSP** and **Mr. Sean Sontz, FSSP** to the parish. They are here to assist with the camp.

**External Solemnity of Corpus Christ.** Next Sunday at 1 pm.

**Sancta Maria Classical Academy** will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at the Rodda home on Saturday, July 8. It will include a dinner and dancing (for parents), with a silent auction. Tickets will be sold after Masses this Sun, Jun 4.

**Summer Retreat - 2023.** "The Transcendent Joy of the Mass of the Ages." Silent retreat; Father Jacob Hsieh, O.Praem., July 30 - Aug 3. \$750 / person. Private room & bath, all meals included. Christ the King Retreat Center. Register: 916-407-7930, or inquire at St. Stephen's office or bookstore.

**Pig Roast.** Please mark your calendars for Sat, Aug 5! More announcements will be forthcoming. Those looking to volunteer could please reach out to Gloria Santana at 916-832-2811.

*St. Stephen Bookstore is accepting book orders for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Just send your lists to: ststephenbookgift@gmail.com or bring your list to the store. Please make sure to include your family name and contact information.*

**Sunday Coffee.** Join us in classroom 1 following the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses for fresh coffee & the opportunity to build community with fellow parishioners.

**Volunteers** needed for Sunday Coffee. Please see the link for more information (or e-mail [jmjhensons@icloud.com](mailto:jmjhensons@icloud.com)):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2CA7F4C16-Sunday>



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