

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, May 31, 2026

*The First Sunday after Pentecost —
Trinity Sunday*

WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD

THE WELCOME TABLE
A Christian spiritual gathering
for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies.

A SPECIAL PRIDE MONTH EDITION!

Saturday, June 6, 2026
5:00 pm in the Church

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24901 Orchard Village Rd. / Santa Clarita, CA 91355 / Tel / 661 259 7307 / st-stephens.org

Come join us for a **special Welcome Table on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 5PM** in the Church in honor of **Pride Month**. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you.



Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>

laundry love.

Wednesday, June 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm
Coin & Drop Off Laundry
24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall

Men's Group Breakfast
Saturday, June 6th
8:00am
Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway



Food Collection

Sat., June 6, from 9 — 11am
THANK YOU for reading this list
& for your generous donations!
CRITICAL NEEDS -Changes Monthly
Laundry & Dish Detergent
PB & Jelly (sm - med size)
Canned Fruits & Fruit Cups
Cereal & Nutrition Bars
Can'd Pasta Meals; Chunky Soups

**Tuna & Canned Chicken
Vienna Sausage & Spam**

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta
Pasta Sauce (NOT large)
Can'd Vegetables (NO Beans)
Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

Baby Diapers & Wipes
Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Recycle Day- Sat., June 6th

St. Stephen's Church Parking Lot

RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda AND food.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



The St. Stephen Striders & The Bar Method Santa Clarita Present

Barre for Brains

Saturday, June 6th
10:00am - 10:45am

The Bar Method
19375 Plum Canyon Rd
Ste D
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Questions?
618-292-7407
sarahrachel95@icloud.com

Donate to earn class credit:

tinyurl.com/cfkzd9dx

Book class:

tinyurl.com/5n8sv7dx

The St. Stephen Striders have partnered with The Bar Method Santa Clarita to host a fundraising barre class the morning of June 6th. The Bar Method in Santa Clarita provides a low-impact, full-body workout suitable for all fitness levels. The workout has elements of Yoga and Pilates, but no fitness or dance experience is required! All are welcome!

Please see the QR codes above to first "purchase" a donation to obtain a class credit and then reserve your spot in the class. **Proceeds will go towards our Walk to End Alzheimer's team.**

Sign ups for the class open the morning of May 23rd; signing up in advance is encouraged. Please arrive fifteen minutes early if it is your first class at this studio. Socks are required during class. Any questions can be directed to Sarah Simmons.



Intercultural MINISTRY

FROM WELCOME TO BELONGING

Join us as we delve into how the Spirit may be encouraging St. Stephen's to deepen its connection with the rich diversity of its community!



Saturday June 20th at St Stephen's
8:30 am to 3 pm; lunch to be served
led by Ms. Linda Allport, former Bloy House dean, and the Rev. Dr. Melissa Campbell-Langdell from All Saints/Todos los Santos, Oxnard

Join us on June 20th for this free workshop!
Sign up using the QR Code or via this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/57uewpm6>



BOOK STORE

Volunteers needed! To keep our bookstore open on Sundays, we're inviting parishioners to please offer their time for 30 - 45 minutes after either worship service (during coffee hour), just one Sunday a month.

It's quite simple — Be available to open the door, stay nearby to answer questions, handle the donations, and lock the door before you leave. We'll even provide some "basic training"! Most books are available for donation depending on their length, date, and condition and donations go directly to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. If you'd like to be a bookstore volunteer, please speak with Mary Jo Higginbotham or contact her via email at maryjohigg@gmail.com.



Congratulations to the winner and runners up in our chili cook-off last Sunday!

Our judges were Rev. Christopher, Dr. Josh Wentz, Caroline Morgan and Nick Vestuto.

Sheri Flay took first place in both the judges' and the congregation's vote.

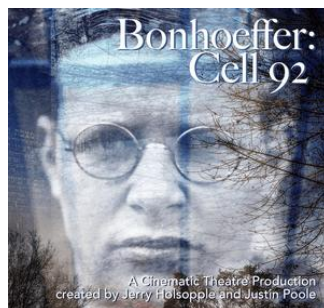
Joe Merkens and Cheryl Sena tied for 2nd place in the congregation vote, while Sally Drake placed second and Mary Mercogliano placed third in the judge's vote.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



Communications Committee Meeting

Want to get involved with the Communications Committee at St. Stephen's? It's as easy as jumping on Zoom! Meetings every 1st Monday of the Month at 3pm on Zoom. Use the QR code to join the meeting



Bonhoeffer: Cell 92 is a hybrid performance (cinema and live theatre) on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. It highlights his role in the opposition movement against Hitler, dramatizing the

complicated choices one must make when one's moral convictions are tested by a strong drive to act against violent oppression. The piece, based on letters, eyewitness accounts, and biographies, consists of a large cast of characters who only appear on film and one live actor, Justin Poole, who appears on stage and interacts with the filmed characters.

Since its premiere in January of 2022, *Bonhoeffer: Cell 92* has been performed over 30 times nationally and internationally in theatres, universities, and other venues in Virginia, Kansas, Ohio, and Canada. It was also presented in conjunction with the Austro-American Institute and the US Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

Where: Valencia Church (25718 McBean Parkway, Valencia, CA, 91355)

When: Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th at 7:00 PM

Length: 2 Hours

Ticket Information: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students and Seniors, \$5 Kids Under 12 (Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the following link)

<https://tinyurl.com/393b678h>



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[Best of 2026 | Santa Clarita Valley Signal](#)

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially in the U.S., Israel, Iran war, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly and husband, Nevelle, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Jerome, Moses, Joy and Dennis, Nancy, Don, Greg, Debbie, Terry, Hank, and their family, Ron, Rebecca, Jose Manuel, Peggy, Sandy H., Fred C., Carlos, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Rosemary, Ivy, Keith, Mary, Samantha and Nate, Amy, Marionette, Malcolm, Patsy, Mehar, Angie, Brook, Robert, B.J., Vickie, Rae, Susan, Flo, Judy, Claudia, Juniper, Shireen, Jennifer, Stephanie, Bob, Tom, **Susana, Clarence, Jerri, Jeff**

Rest in Peace:: Carlos Benitez, Alfredo Mendez, Nancy Atkins-Klein, Elena Grace Simley

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

St. Stephen's Week	May 31, 2026 to June 7, 2026
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 5/31	VPOD: Erick Castro-Gaeta
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS / Youth Room
MONDAY 6/1	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 6/2	
6:30pm	Crew 314 / Spurling Hall
WED. 6/3	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love / Coin-Op & Drop off Laundry, Newhall
6:00pm	EfM / Room 8
THURS. 6/4	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 6/5	
SAT. 6/6	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food & Recycling Event / Parking Lot
10:00am	Barre for Brains / The Bar Method
11:00am	4th of July Committee meeting / Lounge
5:00pm	The Welcome Table / Church
NEXT SUNDAY 6/7	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge