



Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends,

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which we profess to be "of, by, and for the people," has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population of the United States—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic Church.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those "benefits" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless this rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so), which is also unconscionable. The Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents and this generation's immigrants did not come to these shores to help build America's cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God-given rights.

In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less. For these reasons, I would ask two things of you. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend and ask you to visit www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration's decision.

Please join me in taking this action as soon as you can, indeed in the very near future. I pray God's blessings upon you, your families and your loved ones, even as we renew our pursuit of the God-given gifts of freedom that we always pursue.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath
Bishop of San Jose

FEBRUARY

EVENTS AT ST. SIMON PARISH

FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Please join us for fellowship after Masses *today*.



- 7:30 AM Mass - Coffee and Donuts
- 9:00 AM Mass - Coffee and Donuts
- 11:15 AM Mass - Sandwiches and Fruit

A very big thank you to the Welcome Committee for hosting our fellowships throughout the year! You are much appreciated!

Annie Morgan	Antoinette Buggle	Carole Freeland
Christine Kulle	Deana Blackburn	Dee McCarthy
Eileen Faria	Elle LaPussa	Grace DeLaRosa-Perez
Jackie Olson	JoAnn Hogins	Katie Jones
Kristina Luscher	Linda Wui	Lynn Smith
Maryann O'Brien	Pat Gfroerer	Penny Osorio
Priscinia Celis	Rema Batmani	Rose Lue
Sally Chan	Sonia Jacob	Susan Nell

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palms and place them in the baskets at the entrances of the church. They will be burned, blessed, and used for our ashes on Ash Wednesday. Deadline Monday morning, **February 20**.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Holy Family Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **February 7**, from 1:00-2:30pm. Bring knitting needles size 11 or 13, and 3 skeins of yarn. Crocheters should bring a size K hook. If you know of someone who is in need of being wrapped in a prayer and love shawl please contact Bonnie Gebhart for information at 650-387-9001 or email bonniegebhart@gmail.com.

YOUNG AT HEART

Please join us on Tuesday, **February 7** for our 11:30am Mass followed by a delicious luncheon. The presentation will be by Sr. William Eileen, Virginia Turner and Scott Johnson of Villa Siena who will share their experiences with us. Reservation not required. \$5.00 at the door if able. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

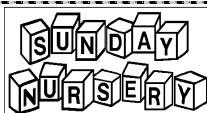


CANCER HEALING

Our faith in God brings us together to encourage one another's life journey focusing on mind, body and spiritual growth. This group is open to those newly diagnosed with cancer as well as long time cancer survivors. Our next meeting is **February 10** in the Convent from 10-12noon. Please contact Keeth Courpet at 408-733-1110 for further information.

VALENTINES' COUPLE'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 12, 1:30-4:30pm in Spooner Hall. Presenters: Bob & Olivia Gray (Marriage Prep. Facilitators at St. Joseph, Cupertino), also Sr. Rebecca and the 5 Love Languages. It will be an AWESOME mini-retreat, come and take the time just be with each other. Please RSVP to Sr. Rebecca at rebecca@stsimon.org or 650.967.8311 ext.13 or Katie Boennighausen at kt_ryan@yahoo.com.



NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Eighth grades and high school students required to fulfill their community service hours may volunteer at the ST. SIMON NURSERY to assist our adult childcare provider. Available every 9am Sunday Mass, except holidays.

FREE BABYSITTING SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE SUNDAY 9 AM MASS

Are you DISTRACTED? Are your children RESTLESS, NOISY, or CRYING during mass? Come drop your child off at the ST. SIMON NURSERY offered during the Sunday 9am Mass, except major holidays. Contact the nursery to obtain required gate code for entry, Pearl Scott 650-575-8881 Nursery@stsimon.org or Stephanie Brennan 206-390-3857 stephbrennan619@gmail.com for more information.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS



All mothers of children infant through kindergarten interested in deepening your spiritual life, please join us. The St. Simon MOPS group meets every second Tuesday of the month, our next meeting is **Feb. 14** from 9:15-11:15am in the Simon Room. Onsite childcare, coffee, friendship and fun provided. For additional information please contact Dori Bolivar or Christine Mahimainathan mops@stsimon.org.



DINNER AT PLUTO'S, Tues. **Feb. 21** at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MASS, Tues. **Feb. 28** at 7:30pm, The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for Mass in the Chapel. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the Mass, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com. For more info, see our website www.YoungAdultCircle.org.

SUNNY VIEW OPEN HOUSE

Sunny View Retirement Community at 22445 Cupertino Rd. & Foothill Expressway invite you to "An Affair to Remember" featuring Tibor, Hungarian violinist & Yelena, Russian pianist **Feb. 14**, 2:30-4:00pm. RSVP to Vivian 408.454.5624.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 ST. SIMON SCHOOL YEAR



Applications are now being accepted for *New* Students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings in all grades—Preschool through 8th grade. Application packets can be found on the St. Simon website at www.stimon.org or in the Admissions Office. Questions, please contact Sally Prout Admissions Director at 650-968-9952 ext. 43.

LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL

Little Saints Preschool also has open enrollment for the 2012—2013 school year. The Pre-K program welcomes 3 years to 5 years in Pre-K to join in the adventures of preschool. The program focuses on the spiritual, physical, cognitive, and social development of each of the children. If interested in enrolling your child, please contact the Director Rema Batmani at rbatmani@stsimon.org.



HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Jan. 29–Feb. 5!

VOCATION SPOT RELIGIOUS LIFE DISCERNMENT RETREATS

The Dominican Sisters of MSJ have monthly Discernment Days for single, Catholic women 18-40 who want to learn about Religious Life and reflect on their vocation. Contact Sr. Frances Mary Pierson at vocations@msjdominicans.org or 510-933-6335 with questions and to request a list of dates.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST?

SERRA CLUB

Working and praying for vocations. We meet at St. Simon on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. For details call John Fleming at 650-968-3285 or serraclub@stsimon.org.

VOCATION VIEW

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Day for Consecrated Life
Christ raises up, from among our midst, those called to the Consecrated Life so that they might be unique signs of the Kingdom and "to be all things to all people. (1 Cor 9:22)" We pray for those who have left everything to follow Him.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit email us at vocations@dsj.org.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for joining us at Mass today. We invite you to become a registered member of the St. Simon Parish Community. Registration forms can be found in the main vestibule or can be downloaded at www.stsimon.org For more information regarding registration, or St. Simon Parish's ministries and organizations contact Brenda Moceyunas at Bmoceyunas@stsimon.org or the Parish Office at (650) 967-8311.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL: _____



ST. SIMON PARISH

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETINGS

Please note the change in the schedule for the First Eucharist Parent Meeting #1

March 1 (Thursday) at 7pm in Church

Parents are expected to attend this meeting. The make-up session will be on Friday, **March 2** at 8:30 a.m. in the Cry Room.

March 15 (Thursday) at 7pm in Church

First Eucharist Parent Meeting #2

Parents are expected to attend this meeting. The make-up session will be on Friday, **March 16** at 8:30 a.m. in the Cry Room.

FIRST EUCHARIST REHEARSALS:

May 1 at 5:00/6:00/7:00 in Church

Parents are expected attend this meeting **with their First Eucharist Candidate**. There is **NO make-up session** for this rehearsal. If you are unable to attend, please send a family member with the First Eucharist Candidate.

TIMES ARE:

- **5:00 pm**
if your child is assigned to the 5:00 pm Mass on May 5
- **6:00 pm**
if your child is assigned to the 9:00 am Mass on May 6
- **7:00 pm**
if your child is assigned to the 12:15 pm Mass on May 6

FIRST COMMUNION:

Saturday, May 5 @ 5:00 p.m. and

Sunday, May 6 @ 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the Church

Please contact Sr. Kathleen Hanley with questions
khanley@stsimon.org or 650.967.8311 ext. 32.



CONFIRMATION:



Yesterday our Candidates spent the day in Retreat, and then took part in the 5pm *Mass of Enrollment*.

March 4 at 3:00pm Candidate & Sponsor Workshop in the Parish Center. Followed at 5pm with the *Mass of Candidacy*.

April 2 at 3:30pm OR 7:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service in the Church, for all Candidates.

May 12 at 9:30-10:15am Confirmation Practice in the Church for Candidates and Sponsors.

May 12 at 5:00pm **Confirmation Ceremony** celebrated by the Bishop.

Please contact Jeanette Scholz, Confirmation Coordinator, with any questions jeanette@envoyconsulting.com or 650.868.9392.



CRAB FEED – Deadline Today!

Crab Feed is Next Friday, **February 10** - Tickets are for sale on the www.stsimon.org website, come by OR call the parish office. Tickets are \$45, babysitting available at KID FEED \$15, and discounted tables of 8 (including 20 free raffle tickets) cost \$320. Full reserved tables will be available for decorating at 3pm (SSS pick-up) for the contest.



For complete reservation, please turn payment into the Rector's office by February.

Teens need service hours? Google docs will be going up for you to volunteer.

ONE WARM COAT – Thank you to all for your terrific support for this project – Many homeless and families in need will benefit from the clothing & coats.

EDGE for 6th, 7th & 8th grades -

Sunday, **Feb 5** Trinity Session 5

Friday, **Feb 10** **SERVICE Opportunity – CRAB FEED Sign**

up on the Google Docs form being sent to all EDGE & Parents.

Sunday, **Feb 12** Trinity Session 6

LIFE TEEN meets each Sunday at 6PM after the LIFE TEEN

Mass – ARE you signed up for LIFE TEEN? You must be in High School or first year after Graduation.

Sunday, **Feb 5** Gospel of Matthew – The Kingdom is at Hand

Sunday, **Feb 12** Gospel of Matthew – “Who Will Enter the Kingdom”

Sunday, **Feb 19** - Mall Scavenger Hunt – Come to LIFE Nite to find out more.

Sunday, **Feb 26** The Living Way – What part are you going to play?

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of Silicon Valley will sponsor the building of an All Faiths House in Cupertino this Winter. **GOOGLE DOC SIGN UP IS ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED at <http://parish.stsimon.org/habitat-for-humanity>. The First Work Day will be Feb 25th. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH HABITAT PLEASE SEND ME YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO. I WILL SEND YOU THE SIGN UP GOOGLE DOC LINK. vl Liberty@stsimon.org** No construction experience is needed – other needs will be preparing & serving meals, checking in workers, cleanup – Jobs for everyone ! This will be a great opportunity for our **TEENS 16 YEARS OLD** and above to work with volunteer parents - Teens will not only be doing service to the community but leaning lifelong skills.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING Scholarship FUNDRAISER –NEW ITEMS. Now accepting working laptops, notebook computers with batteries, MP3 Players, iPods & digital and point & shoot cameras, video games, eBooks, GPS devices, radar devices, PS3, Xbox 360, Wii, iPads & tablets. Money received from phone recycle goes right into our Scholarship Fund. **Cell Phone Box is now in Spooner Hall next to the Spirituality Library.**

FACEBOOK LIFETEEN & EDGE Visit our Website at www.stsimon.org and click on Children & Youth Ministry / Youth Ministry for EDGE & LIFETEEN youth ministry information. Friend us on Facebook stsimon LIFE TEEN.

QUESTIONS: Call Val Liberty-Director of LIFE TEEN at 650-967-8311 ext. 31: Cell 650-465-4170, vl Liberty@stsimon.org or parish.stsimon.org/ff-youth.

Adult Formation ... WITH SR. REBECCA!

SOUL SISTERS—Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, February 8 from 10:00—11:00am in the Convent Chapel with refreshments following in the dining room. We will continue our journey with the *Seven Sacred Pauses* by Macrina Wiederkehr. Please know that there is no catch up, each session is new and fresh. For more information Sr. Rebecca at rebecca@stsimon.org.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY—meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of every month from 7:30-8:30 am in the Rectory Conference Room. Our upcoming meetings will be February 18. For further information email Dave Lipscomb at cowboy.lipscomb@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY—Calling women of all ages. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 7:30-8:30am and do Lectio Divina on the upcoming Sunday reading. Upcoming meeting will be held February 11 in the Rectory Conference Room. For more information, contact Rose Lue at roselue@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday Bible Sharing meets from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Simon Room. Please join us as we look at the Passion Narrative according to John. Joan Winkler 650 967 8398


THURSDAY FAITH SHARING

We meet in the Simon Room from 7:00-8:15am. For more information contact Jean Rousseau at 650-964-0374. We go over the Scriptures for the next Sunday at our meeting.

THE CHINESE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We meet on the first and third Friday of each month in the rectory from 10:00 - 11:30pm. If anyone is interested in joining our Chinese Bible Study Group, they can call John Yu at 650-625-8816.

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

 Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), un-baptized adults and baptized Christians of other denominations are welcomed into the Catholic Church. We also invite present baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacraments. Please know you are welcome to come into the process any time of the year! Please email Sr. Rebecca at rebecca@stsimon.org or phone the parish office at 650-967-8311 for more information.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you respond to Jesus healing your heart?
God's blessing, your Sr. Rebecca

Thank You

Following is the budgeted and actual money received from Sunday and Holy Day collections:

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2012

YTD BUDGETED**	\$ 612,143.00
YTD COLLECTED	\$ 613,475.00
YTD VARIANCE	\$ 1,332.00

The Children's Collection was \$2.00 with 4 good deeds.

**Our 2012 Budget, because of the economy, reflects an anticipated loss of -\$30,185. Therefore, a positive variance in the actual collection helps to offset this loss for the year. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 4-5

Sat.	8:30	*PPI	Fr. Warwick
		(Mass in the Church)	
	5:00	Jim Pierce	Fr. Warwick
Sun.	7:30	Rudy Uribe	Fr. Warwick
	9:00	Bischeri & Galli Family	Fr. Mark
(Forum)	10:30	For St. Simon Parishioners	Fr. Warwick
	11:15	Melinda Melendez	Fr. Mark
	5:00	John Tomac	Fr. Warwick
Mon.	6:30	Sp. Int. Susan Mackey	Msgr. Mike
	8:30	Rose Gros de Mange	Fr. Warwick
Tues.	6:30	Jeffrey Johnson	Fr. Mark
	8:30	Paul & Genevive Sullentrop	Fr. Mark
Wed.	6:30	Wladyslaw Nowak & Family	Fr. Warwick
	8:30	Renata Pappalettera	Fr. Warwick
		(Students Present)	
Thur.	6:30	*PPI	Fr. Warwick
	8:30	Jim Pierce	Fr. Mark
Fri.	6:30	Jaramiah Bell	Fr. Mark
	8:30	Jim Pierce	Fr. Mark
Sat.	8:30	Genevieve O. Sukys	Fr. Mark
	5:00	Cecilia Cyrier	T.B.D.
Sun.	7:30	The DeMartini Family	Fr. Mark
	9:00	For St. Simon Parishioners	Fr. Mark
(Forum)	10:30	* PPI	Fr. Joe
	11:15	The Lou Fontana Family	Fr. Mark
	5:00	Chuck Nixon	Fr. Mark

Please pray for the repose of the souls who died this week. Especially pray for John Tomac and Ethel Culcasi.

*PPI means priest's personal intention

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Please pray for our sick, homebound and those with special prayer needs and all the sick of our parish.

Remember that names will appear in this section of our bulletin for three weeks only. If you wish to have your name left on or included on the list please call 650-967-8311.

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| Mary Allamandola | John Fox | Jackie Oswald |
| Mike Arva | Gina Giagiari | Ingrid Quirk |
| Richard Baker | Connie Hall | Margaret Riley |
| Nancy Bettini | Lori Hanel | Maria Paula Riofrio |
| Catherine Bruck | Virginia Jean | Tom Rollins |
| Fr. Mike Burns | Sam Lemon | Jennifer Hanel Samuels |
| Ainsley Carmichael | Jenni Lima | Joe Schram |
| Betty Clarke | Susan Mackey | Janet Shaffer |
| Marlo Corman | Joanna Malvino | L. K. Tai |
| Sally Dalton | Dione McCarthy | Donna Thompson |
| Joe Dore | Jim McCarthy | Mary Thompson |
| Louise Dougherty | Muncie McCarthy | Laura Toby |
| Ron Essary | The Napoli Family | Glenn Warren |
| David Fladlien | Fr. Anthony Nguyen | |