
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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**SACRED HEARTS
& ST. STEPHEN**

*St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882*

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific
details.**

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BAPTISMS:

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting. Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

SICK CALLS:

Please call and arrange for the sacrament of anointing whenever anyone is seriously ill.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months ahead for an appointment with a Priest.

WELCOME:

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) please call the rectory.

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00
Office closed Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

MON. DECEMBER 23, 2019
Noon Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia

TUE. DECEMBER 24 2019
8:30 Gertrude Zagarella
Birthday Remembrance (Dec'd)
BY: Daughter Gertrude
4:30 PM Family Christmas Mass
12:00 PM Midnight Christmas Mass

WED DECEMBER 25, 2019
11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

THURS. DECEMBER 26, 2019
8:30 John V. Verderame
BY: Mom & Dad

FRI. DECEMBER 27, 2019
8:30 Jimmy & Sophie Pennisi
BY Connie, Guy &
Mary Ann & Family

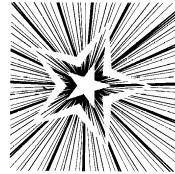
SAT. DECEMBER 28, 2019
8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
5:30 PM Rosemarie Dellaporte
BY Dom & Mary Pipitone

SUN DECEMBER 29, 2019
8:00 Michael Deacoménolas
10:00 Angie Amato
BY: Husband Sal & Family
Noon Mildred Sonnick
BY: Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/17	\$ 3,206.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 795.00
Total Sunday 11/17	\$ 4,001.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,324.00

***Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



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OUR SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

FAMILY MASS 4:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS MIDNIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 11:00 AM

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS ABOUT OUR CELEBRATIONS AND INVITE THEM TO JOIN US AT THESE MOST WONDERFUL CELEBRATIONS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN.

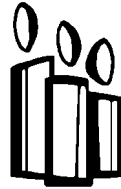
Sick Relatives & Friends

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

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| Jonelle Bernardo, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Louis Pepe |
| Michelle Laquerchia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Lucille Gaudino |
| Evan Pontz | |

BOOK CLUB

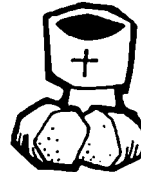
Please join us on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about THE CLOCKMAKER'S DAUGHTER by Kate Morton. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on February 3rd. We will be discussing THE INVISIBLE BRIDGE by Julie Orringer. All are welcome. We encourage to bring a friend.



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the Week of December 22nd have been donated

In Memory of
MICHAEL BOMBOLINO
BY: Mom & Dad



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Bread & Wine for the week of December 22nd has been donated

In Memory of
**JOSEPH, CONCETTA
& FRANK FOGLIA**

THE ADVENT VIRUS WARNING, WARNING, WARNING!

Be on the alert for symptoms of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this out to all of your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Advent/Christmas/Lent/Easter/Ordinary Time indeed the entire Church year celebrates, meditates, contemplates and proclaims the GREAT MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION OF GOD AMONG US. IN JESUS, GOD TAKES ON OUR HUMANITY, IN JESUS GOD TRULY MEETS HUMANITY AND HUMANITY MEETS GOD. IN JESUS GOD AND HUMANITY ARE UNITED, THUS WE CAN SAY BLESSED BE JESUS CHRIST TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN. THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY WHICH WORDS CANNOT TOTALLY CAPTURE NOR THEOLOGY FULLY EXPLAIN IS THE REASON FOR OUR CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS. IT IS THROUGH THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE WORD INCARNATE WHO IS JESUS THAT WE ARE REDEEMED. GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US.

It is difficult to believe that today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The season has moved quickly. In today's readings we meet King Ahaz who is not the most faithful of Israel's kings, yet he is given a sign from the Prophet Isaiah. The sign will be "as deep as the netherworld or as high as the sky." The sign will be "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel." This is truly a strange sign yet, we the Church see this sign most clearly realized in Mary. This sign is also the sign that the promise made to King David in 1 Samuel is to be fulfilled. Let us keep in mind the Incarnation of God among us in the Jesus takes place in a human and historical context. The Incarnation is not mystical or only spiritual, it is corporeal. The Incarnation can be seen and touched and experienced in the Christ Jesus who is God from God, Light from Light, who is begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father.

In the Gospel reading we hear the wonderful account of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus to St. Joseph. The Gospel of St. Matthew tells the story of Jesus in a marked Jewish manner. Matthew wishes to show that Jesus is clearly in the line of King David. It was from David's family that the expected messiah was to come. Therefore, Matthew shows that the parents of Jesus are descendants of King David. It will be in Jesus that God will ensure the Davidic dynasty and fulfill his promise to King David. This throne will not be one of power and might, rather it will be one of faith and redemption for the world. It will be Jesus the Son of David who will be the rightful heir of King David. It will be through Jesus that the faith of Israel will be brought to perfection and endure for all time. It will be through Jesus that the faith of Israel will expand even to the gentile world.

Mary, like David, Moses, the Prophets is awed by this experience and encounter with God. Just as David and Israel who were instruments through which the grace of God worked, Mary will be the great instrument through whom the Incarnation will happen. It will be through the instrument of the humanity of Jesus (the second person of the Blessed Trinity) that redemption will be accomplished. In Jesus, the faith of Israel, the faith and the teachings of the Prophets and the Law of Moses, will be brought to fulfillment and continue on for all the world.

In the second reading from Romans, St. Paul, like David and Mary is awe struck by the great things God has accomplished for us through Jesus. Therefore, Paul gives glory to God that we are called into sharing to the Life of God through Christ Jesus. Perhaps as we enter this last week of Advent, we too may focus our attention on the Great Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. Do we really appreciate all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus? Do we ever ask ourselves: Why is it that God who is all powerful, all glorious, above all creation, all transcendent, all knowing could deign to become limited, suffer the pains of humanity? Why does God love us? Are we entitled to such love or is this a pure unmerited gift? What is man that you should be mindful of him....? (ps8) Who are we that God should redeem us?

On behalf of the Parish Staff, I wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate JESUS WHO IS THE CAUSE OF JOY, WHO IS GOD AMONG US, WHO IS OUR WAY, OUR TRUTH AND OUR LIFE.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**SACRED HEARTS AND ST. STEPHEN
CHURCH CHRISTMAS**

DECORATING PARTY

**SPONSORED BY
THE ALTAR SERVERS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
FROM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM**

**Parishioners of all ages are invited to come and
help decorate our Church for the
Celebration of Christmas**

**Please RSVP to John or Maria Heyer at
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Email Family@ Sacred Hearts-StStephen.com**

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