
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

Adoration: Monday @ 11:00 AM

First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 P.M. as well as by appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific
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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. FEBRUARY 24, 2020**
 Noon **Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni**
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. FEBRUARY 25, 2020**
 8:30 **Rina Colombo**
 BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
- WED FEBRUARY 26, 2020 ASH WED.**
 7:30 **Prayer Service**
 8:30 **Louis Valentino, Jr.**
 Noon **Dr. Frank J. Zodda**
 BY: Carolyn & John
 3:45 **Prayer Service**
 6:45 **Prayer Service**
- THURS. FEBRUARY 27, 2020**
 8:30 **Deceased Members of Scotto Family**
 BY: Family
- FRI. FEBRUARY 28, 2020**
 8:30 **Danny & Carmella Pipitone**
 7:00 PM **Stations of The Cross**
- SAT. FEBRUARY 29, 2020**
 8:30 **For the People of the Parish**
 5:00 **Anastasia Piro**
 BY: Helen Wallach
- SUN MARCH 1, 2020**
 8:00 **Frank Spinelli**
 BY: Terry Scotto Spinelli
 10:00 **Rose & Basilio Lamaestra**
 Noon **Dominic De Stefano**
 BY: Angela DiCostanzo

40 DAYS OF CANS FOR
40 DAYS OF LENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:
 As we approach Lent 2020, please reflect on this: *Follow me, I will show you the way....*
 Once again, the Bishop Thomas V. Daily council #1700 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent. The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the **St. John's Bread & Life Program** food pantry. Donations of canned food will be collected at SHSS (125 Summit St.) beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church. **Please help us help others.** *Follow me I will show you the way.*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/16	\$ 2,617.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,045.00
Total Sunday 2/16	\$ 3,662.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,663.00
***Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, March 2nd @7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about WATCHING YOU by Lisa Jewell. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on April 6th. We will be discussing SARAH'S KEY by Tatiana de Rosnay.
 All are welcome.



The Sanctuary Lamp donation for the week of 2/16 was inadvertently omitted from the Bulletin last week. Our apologies

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of Feb 16th were donated
 In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH & FRANK LO PORTO
 BY: Children & Grandchildren



Bread & Wine for the week of February 23rd has been donated
 In Loving Memory of
LOUIS VALENTINO, JR.



SCHEDULE FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday, February 26th. Our schedule for Mass as well as the distribution of ashes is as follows:

Prayer Service	7:30 AM
Mass	8:30 AM
Mass	Noon
Prayer Service	3:45 PM
Prayer Service	6:45 PM

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 Laquercia | 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 | Louis D'Angelo |
| 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 | |

TAX LETTERS

Contribution tax letters for the fiscal year ended 12/31/2019 have been mailed to all parishioners and should have been received by now. We wish to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your generosity to our parish. It is through your faithful support that we are able to continue to build our Parish Family and the services provided to all of you. At this time, we also ask that you consider signing up for on line giving. It is simple and user friendly. Check it out at www.GiveCentral.Org.SHSS. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Rectory or e-mail info@saredhearts-ststephen.

TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

- Fast from judging others;
- Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences;
- Feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from apparent darkness;
- Feast on the reality of all light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness;
- Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute;
- Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent;
- Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger;
- Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism;
- Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry;
- Feast on God's providence.
- Fast from complaining;
- Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives;
- Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures;
- Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility;
- Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness;
- Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern;
- Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety;
- Feast on eternal truth.
- Fast from discouragement;
- Feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress;
- Feast on verities that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy;
- Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from suspicion;
- Feast on truth.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken;
- Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow;
- Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip;
- Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm;
- Feast on prayer that sustains.

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. The readings today prepare us for the coming season of Lent. In the first reading from the Book of Leviticus, the Israelites are told to be holy as God is holy. In the second reading from St. Paul's First letter to the Corinthians, we are told that God dwells in us. We are also told that the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of the world. In the Gospel, Jesus continues the great Sermon on the Mount. In this address, Jesus is giving his interpretation to the Law of Moses. There were many ways to view the Law of Moses. Rabbinical thinking of the time held many readings of the law. Today, Jesus the Rabbi, gives us his take on the Law.

I take my theme today from the opening lines of the first reading: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God is holy." As we come to Lent, let us look at this quote. How does one become holy? What does holy mean? Can I become like God? What does holiness require? The three readings will direct us to the way to holiness.

From the Leviticus reading we see that holiness is bound up with relationship to and with God and with others. God is holy. Holiness means being totally other. God is not us and we are not God. Holiness of God makes God separate from us. Yet, this Holy God has a relationship with us. The Book of Leviticus tells the Israelites how to live in holiness. They were to worship God and follow the commandments and they were to care for each other. They were to avoid hatred, taking vengeance and bearing a grudge. They were to take responsibility for the well being of their neighbor who also belongs to God. So, from this reading, if you want to be like God, worship God, care for the other and bear no hatred.

In the Gospel reading which is a great commentary on this first reading, we have Jesus giving a deeper and more internalization of the way to be holy. Jesus states the law and then gives his interpretation of the Law. Notice that Jesus is interested in an internalization of the Law. He looks to the conversion of one's heart and he expands the directive of Leviticus to include others outside the Jewish community. Jesus quotes the law, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." While this law sounds barbaric, it is actually an improvement over the former law which sought sevenfold vengeance. Jesus ignores this law and goes beyond getting even and says there should be no retaliation rather we are told to respond to insults without violence. This is good advice. Can we talk out our differences without losing our heads? Jesus goes on to say that while Leviticus tells the Israelite to love his fellow Israelite, Jesus says to pray for your enemies. God cares for all even those who do not obey him thus the holy person is to be universal in his/her attitude to the other. So, do we pray for those who we do not like or find obnoxious, or annoying or rude? Sometimes we need to be patient with each other as people may be patient with us.

In the second reading from 1Corinthians, we are told that the wisdom of God is different from the thinking of the world. I think the Gospel clearly illustrates this point. In a world where justice is seen as getting even rather than restoring the right relationships or where disagreements escalate into personal vendettas, or where getting even is the goal rather than understanding and reconciliation, today's gospel is clearly other worldly. However, this gospel and these readings show us the way to holiness. So, being holy means being God like. Those who are holy do not know they are. Only God who sees what no one sees, knows who is holy. The way to be holy is to be most human for the glory of God. Imitate God's attitude towards people. Allow God's attitude to work through you for others. Therefore, be a person of compassion, a person of prayer, a person of attentiveness to the Divine Word, a person of forgiveness, a person of mercy. Above all, be a person of self forgetfulness. Never look back at the good God accomplishes through you. Remember, it is God working through you who can accomplish great things. We come to Lent for the first time again.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of fasting and abstaining from meat for all who are 14 years of age to 59 years of age. Fasting means two light meals, one main meal. Abstaining from meat means meatless meals. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both meatless and fast days.

FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE MEATLESS Fridays are special days. Friday recalls the day Jesus died. To mark the memory of the Passion and Death of Christ, we are asked to make this small sacrifice in our diets.

LENTEN THOUGHTS:

Lent is a time to reflect, to repent, to reconcile, to renew and to experience resurrection. Lent is a journey from where we are in our life in the Spirit to where God is leading us. As on any journey, we need to be prepared. We must be open to God's Grace. The goal of Lent is Resurrection. While the Cross is central to Lent, we must always focus on the Resurrection. It is through the victory of the Risen Christ and the Gifts of The Holy Spirit that we have the courage and strength to seek change in our lives. We begin Lent by asking the Lord to accomplish in us his work for his glory, our good and the welfare of the church.

The guide for our Lenten journey is our Baptismal Promises. The way is through Prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving). Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are all called to holiness. Through prayer, fasting and acts of charity, we move from conversation with the Lord to self denial and to compassion for others. The Baptismal Promises we are asked to consider for the next six weeks are:

- Do you reject sin?
- Do you reject the glamour of evil?
- Do you reject Satan, the prince of darkness and father of lies?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, died and was buried and rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the living and the dead?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come?

By reflecting on our Baptismal Promises, we can come to realize how we have sinned, the compromises we have made and the rationalizations we may have made to avoid facing the truth about ourselves. By freely affirming the faith, we have the opportunity to make the faith in Christ Jesus our own by seeking to live in witness to Christ Jesus.

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