

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:

8:30 AM 10:15 AM

5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Mon through Sat. 8:30 AM

Adoration: 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 details.

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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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BAPTISMS:

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting.

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month

@1:30 PM . Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

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 2:00 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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
Sunday Collection 3/9	\$1,811.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,217.00
Total Sunday 3/29	\$5,028.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,297.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



MON. MARCH 17, 2025
8:30 Elizabeth DeMeglio
BY: Loving Family

TUE. MARCH 18, 2025
8:30 Lucia Borrometi
BY: Conti Family
6:00 PM Holy Hour

WED MARCH 19, 2025
8:30 AM In Honor of St. Joseph for the
Parish
Pietro Reca
BY: Family

THURS. MARCH 20, 2025
8:30 Salvatore "Buddy" Scotto
BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli

FRI. MARCH 21, 2025
8:30 Nicky Ingravallo
BY: Zia Anna Deliso
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SAT. MARCH 22, 2025
8:30 Angela Pezzullo
5:00 The People of the Parish

SUN. MARCH 23, 2025
8:30 People of the Parish
10:15 Living & Deceased Members of
Zanzonico & Platania Families

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially: Jonelle Bernardo, Sarina Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laqueria, Irene Balen, Santina


*In Need
of Your
Prayers*
Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Tilocca, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy DeMarino, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Celeste Internicola, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Dominick Aiello, Jr., Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan Hannan, Evan Marra, Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo, Edna Lamboy, Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Joseph Pugliese, Jr. Jami Domanoski & unborn infant

MASS COUNT FOR 3/8 & 3/9

5:00 PM	51
8:30 AM	53
10:15 AM	176

TOTAL: 280
184 watched On Line



Please join us on Tues. 4/1 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will discuss the book Long Island by Colm Toibin. We hope to see you there. All are welcome.

**From the
Pastor**

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Dear Parish Family,
FROM TRANSFIGURATION TO DISFIGURATION TO GLORIFICATION

Today, the Second Sunday in Lent, the readings invite us to consider the topics of trust and faith. Do we trust in the glory that is now hidden from our eyes? Can we trust God? It is reasonable to believe? In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we meet Abraham. Abraham as you remember is called our father in faith because God revealed himself to him and he believed. In the Book of Genesis we learn that God promised to make Abraham a great nation. When God called Abraham, Abraham was already old. God promised that even in his old age he would have a son. Abraham believed God. The promise of a son takes a long while to fulfill, but it does happen. God made good on his promise. Isaac was born even though Abraham's wife Sarah was elderly. Isaac understandably is Abraham's pride and joy. Isaac was the sign that Abraham had a future. He has a son who would be his heir.

In today's reading, the unthinkable happens. God puts Abraham to a test. God requests that Abraham sacrifice his only son. Imagine, just imagine the reaction of Abraham. How can this be? God promised that I would have a son? God promised that my descendants would be a great nation? How can God allow this to happen? Was there something greater at stake here which Abraham did not yet see?

In the Gospel we read about the Transfiguration. This is a mysterious revelation. Peter, James and John witness an event in the life of Jesus in which the curtain between our world and the divine seems to open for a brief moment. The disciples see the glory of Christ. The event has Paschal overtones. They realize that Jesus is one to whom the law, represented by Moses and the prophets, represented by Elijah, are awaiting. These are the very same apostles who will see the disfiguration of Jesus in his Passion and Death. Imagine their confusion, their questions and their disillusionment. How can the glory of the Transfiguration become the horror of the disfigured on the cross? How can this happen? Why did this happen? Why would God allow such a thing to happen? This Jesus is the one who they believed, who they loved, who made promises of everlasting life to them. What happened? Was there something that the apostles were missing?

How often have you heard the story? How often have you experienced a moment when all seems lost? How often may you have felt disappointed in God? Do these questions sound familiar? This man was so good to everyone and yet he came down with cancer. My son was so young and he dies. Why? Why not me, not him? We did everything right, we followed the rules, we were honest, we attended Mass, said our prayers, we prayed for protection and what happened? We feel that God is not on our side. Have we missed something?

Abraham, the apostles and we also do miss something. We miss the hidden glory. Abraham was put to the test. God knew Abraham's faith, but did Abraham know his faith? Could he trust? The apostles on the Friday Jesus died, had their faith tested. They could not see beyond the cross to the redemption the cross accomplished. We too when faced with setback, disappointments, innocent suffering need to keep in mind that somehow God is accomplishing our redemption. We need to remind ourselves and each other that for every cross there is resurrection. We come to Mass to celebrate the Eucharist, to be reminded that it is only through the Cross that we come to Resurrection and Glorification of God. The life of Christ is a map for our own lives as he did, so will we. For every Cross there is a Resurrection. Do we believe this simple truth?

Msgr. Guy A. Massir