

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.

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
Pastor

REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU
Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI

Prison Chaplain (In Residence)

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Deacon & Pastoral Associate

MR. EDWIN RIVERA

Deacon

MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY

Director of Faith Formation

ROSE MARIE FOGLIA

Business Manager

JAMES LAKE

Parish Organist

ANNIE FLOOD

Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

ROSEMARY POLITO

Parish Trustees and Advisors

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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- MON. MARCH 24, 2025**
8:30 Rose Meglio
BY: Her Friend, Anna Hamilton
- TUE. MARCH 25, 2025**
8:30 Concetta & Paolo Pustorino
100th Wedding Anniversary
BY: Paul Pustorino
6:00 PM Holy Hour
- WED MARCH 26, 2025**
8:30 AM Frances Lipari & Mimi Caserta
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- THURS. MARCH 27, 2025**
8:30 Rose & Pasquale Masotto
BY: Son Salvatore Masotto
- FRI. MARCH 28, 2025**
8:30 Michael Pacchia, Jr.
BY: Russomanno Family
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- SAT. MARCH 29, 2025**
8:30 Lucy & Tony Trani & Theresa Rendeiro
5:00 The People of the Parish
- SUN. MARCH 23, 2025**
8:30 People of the Parish
10:15 Pope Francis & All Clergy
Lucia Gambuzza

CALLING ALL NURSES OF SHSS

Are you interested in a special Nurses' Mass? If so, please meet fellow parish nurses, Sondra and Rosanna on Sunday at the back of the church after the 10:15 Mass. You can also reach out to us via email or text message/phone for more details.

Nursing students are welcome too!

We'd love to hear from you!

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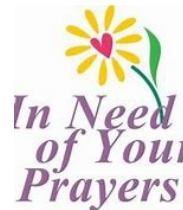
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/16	\$2,167.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,802.00
Total Sunday 3/16	\$4,969.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,356.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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



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 Kinzel, 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 3/15 & 3/16

5:00 PM	63
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	244

TOTAL: 358

189 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,

Today , the third Sunday of Lent, the Lenten message is loud and strong: “Repent and hear the Good News.” Repentance is for all of us. No one is exempt. The Pope, the Bishop, the Priest, the Religious, the Lay People are all called to repent. Repent means to convert to come to a deeper relationship with God. Repent means to realize that our final goal is God.

In the first reading from Exodus we have the story of the great theophany. God reveals God’s name to Moses. God has come down because he is concerned about the enslavement of his people, the Hebrews. What do we learn in this reading? Firstly we learn God’s name. God’s name is I AM. Imagine this God is being or existence. This God is a mystery. God is a person. God’s name tells us that no idol can be made of God. God is. While the word God speaks, it will eventually become incarnate and known as Jesus. God is a mystery who we need to experience in order to know. This journey of knowing God is a journey of soul. Everyone has his or her own land of oppression. Each has his or her land of Egypt which we need to leave in order to make things right. This journey leads us to true freedom which is the result of having a right relationship with God. While the Israelites will have their Exodus to the promised land, each one of us has his or her own exodus story. To know God is our life goal.

The second thing we learn is that God is concerned for the oppressed. Any form of oppression is wrong according to the mind of God. True freedom comes from a deep relationship with God. It was the oppression of the Israelites that caused God to come down. If God comes down to us, we go up to God. It is not a surprise that this was a favorite book of Black Slaves in our own country. Oppression comes in many ways. There is physical oppression, mental oppression, emotional oppression, spiritual oppression. There are many forms of slavery. There is moral slavery seen when one is tethered to behaviors which rob one’s dignity while using other people. We see this in addictions, pornography, the sex trade, the drug trade. There is the oppression of hatred and self hate. There is the oppression of idolatry, superstitions, the making of money, power, influence, our life goals. The God revealed to Moses is one of true freedom found in a deep relationship with God.

In the Gospel reading we are told we have a limited amount of time to set the relationship with God right. Jesus addresses a topic unexpected death due to accident or earthquakes. Why these things happen Jesus does not mention but he does say we need to be prepared to meet God at any time. The parable of the fig tree addresses our timeline. The tree is given time to produce fruit. If after it has been cared for by the gardener, it still refuses to produce fruit, it was to be taken down. So we are the tree. The Word of God, the sacraments, the love of those around us addresses us and directs us for our own good. If we cannot listen, we too will run out of time.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie