

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 & 12 NOON

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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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.

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. SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**
8:30 Dolly & Nicole Vergona
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**
8:30 Leonard Bik
BY: Sal
- WED. SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**
8:30 Rita Heyer
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**
8:30 Joseph Foglia
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**
8:30 Michael Bombolino
BY: Mom & Dad
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**
8:30 Francis D'Amico, Jr.
BY: The Trani Family
5:00 PM Maria Torres
BY: The Delgado Family
- SUN. OCTOBER 1, 2023**
8:30AM Annette & Jackie Martino
BY: Family
10:15AM St. Michael Society**
BY: The Society
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

**The St. Michael Society will use Cabrini Hall after the 10:15 AM Mass for a social.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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| Sunday Collection 9/17 | \$2,210.00 |
| *Envelopes & cash | |
| On Line Donations | \$3,190.00 |
| Total Sunday 9/17 | \$5,400.00 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference: | \$ 8,925.00 |

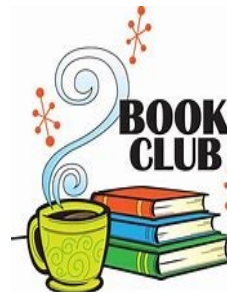
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially: Jonelle



In Need of Your Prayers

Bernardo, Sarina Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laquercia, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Carol DeMairo, 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, Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo



BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday, 10/3/23 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House.

We will be discussing *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts.

For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be 11/7. We will be discussing *The Winter Soldier* by Diane Mason.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

As we read the parable let us remember God wills the salvation of all. Let us all remember that the disciple is called to make Christ and his Gospel his way of life. Paul tells us that for him Life is Christ. This is also our call. Notice the responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”

What was your feeling when you heard the Gospel today? Were you annoyed with the landowners? Did the workers who worked all day have a point? What were your answers to the questions which the landowner posed to the workers? Did they not agree to the usual daily wages? Was the landowner not allowed to use his money as he wished? Were the workers envious because he was generous?

To examine this text, let's go to the first reading. Notice this line: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways says the Lord.” If we look at the parable from the perspective of baptism and the kingdom of God (meaning what are God's ways), then we may be open to the lesson of the parable. Firstly, God's ways are different from our ways. The parable illustrates this point. In the business world one would not pay the same wages for the late-comer as does the landowner in the parable. In the parable the landowner represents God. Secondly, the times of day in the parable represent the time and season of our lives. Some come to the vineyard early in life, others late. What does God want? God wants people in his vineyard regardless of what time in their lives they get to the vineyard. The wages upon which the worker and the owner agree represents our baptismal promises. God will make good on the promise even if we are late to do so ourselves. Thirdly, the wealth of the landowner represents grace. God is rich in mercy and grace and can give mercy and grace to whom he wishes. We do not earn God's love or mercy. Fourthly, the envious workers are those who think they can put God in their debt. These are the people who are called early and work diligently all their lives. They resent the latecomer who also receives the reward they think they deserve.

Where did the first called go wrong? They went wrong when they put God in their debt. The first called, as well as all followers of Christ, should have at heart what God wishes for the world and for each person. Their call is to conduct themselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ always. God wants our salvation. The disciple must strive to have the heart of Jesus which rejoices when someone who had been away finally returns, or when someone who never really believed finds the faith. The first called would have been happy because those who were distant finally return home.

So, where does this reading leave you? Are you glad to see people returning to the faith? What is your attitude towards those who come to Mass only for holidays? Are you glad they are here? Are you put out because you lost your seat to someone who comes only on holidays? Are you happy they are here? If welcomed, do you hope they stay and come back? Do you believe God owes you anything besides what God promised you at baptismal promises? Do you want what Christ wants for all people?

Msg. Guy A. Massie