
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 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. March 9, 2020
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family
1:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing-Parish House
7:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House

TUE. MARCH 10, 2020
8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero
 BY: The Reca Family
1:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House
7:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House

WED MARCH 11,2020
8:30 Michael Conlandrea
 BY: Melania Lubrano

THURS. MARCH 12, 2020
8:30 RoseMarie & Frank Dellaporte &
 Jenny & Ciro Oliviero

FRI. MARCH 13, 2020
8:30 Caterina Deserio
 BY: Her Sister Anna
7:00 PM Stations of The Cross

SAT. MARCH 14, 2020
8:30 Sr. Barbara Leonardo &
 Rev. Msgr. Anthony S. Danna
 BY: Friends Louis Pepe & Joe Cerato
4:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House
5:00 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
 BY: Loving Family

SUN MARCH 15, 2020
8:00 For The People of the Parish
10:00 Natalie Schlaifer
Noon Anna Maria Marino
 BY: Rosetta LaVena

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/01	\$ 2,973.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,415.00
Total Sunday 3/01	\$ 4,388.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,937.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Bread & Wine for the week of
 March 8th has been donated
 In Loving Memory of
UNCLE JOHNNY
**BY: Doreena, Dan, Brianna
 & Kylie**

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.*

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus of our O L of Loretto Council invites you to a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 25th @ 7:00 PM in Cabrini Hall. Advance tickets are \$15.00, \$20.00 at the door. Ticket includes food and beverages and a cash bar. This event will support The Feast of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Loretto Council. Flyers will be in the back of the church for more information.

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:

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.

LENT

FEBRUARY 26-APRIL 4

Recitation of the
Stations of the Cross
Every Friday @ 7:00 PM

**Children's Re-enactment of
The Passion of Jesus**
Friday April 3 @ 7:00 PM

**Contemporary Adoration &
Reflection Service**
With John Heyer II
Music by Alverlis
Friday, March 27 @ 7:00 PM
Fellowship to Follow

SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING

(In Parish House
108 Carroll St.)

Mondays @ 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
With Msgr. Guy Massie

Tuesdays @ 1-2:30 PM
& 7-8:30 PM
With Nancy Arkin
(except 3/10)

Saturdays @ 4:00 PM
With Edwin Rivera
(except 3/28)

From the Pastor

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“ This is my beloved Son, LISTEN to him.”

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the second Sunday in Lent. The theme of today's readings is change. The gospel tells us about the Transfiguration of the Lord. This important event is the summation of our Easter Faith. The Transfiguration proclaims Jesus to be the fulfillment of the hopes and expectations of the Hebrew Prophets, represented by the figure of Elijah. The Transfiguration also proclaims that Jesus is the Way to God. Therefore, Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of the hope of the Torah represented by the figure of Moses. In this event, the disciples get a glimpse into the presence of the Divine nature of Jesus shining through his humanity. In the first reading from Genesis we hear about Abram who is told by God to leave all that is familiar to him and go to a place he does not know. Abram is invited to change. He places his trust in the Mystery we call God and he leaves to embrace new life. In the second reading, Paul addresses Timothy saying that he must accept the sufferings that come because of the Gospel. It will be God who will strengthen him in his sufferings.

In the Gospel notice that the appearance of Jesus is changed and Peter, James and John are overwhelmed by the event. On Good Friday, Jesus' appearance will change and the disciples will again be overwhelmed. In the suffering and death of Jesus, the divinity of Jesus seems to be eclipsed. Yet, the divinity and humanity of Jesus remains forever united even when it is difficult to see. The Cross is the disfiguration of Christ. The Cross speaks to us about the disfiguration of our humanity caused by sin. The Transfiguration speaks to us about humanities call to be the divine image in the world. The call to us is to transcend our sinfulness each day and be transfigured into the glory of God. To sin is not human, it is inhuman because we are made to reflect the Divine Image. The more we listen to the Gospel and follow Christ, the clearer the Image of God will be in us.

The Transfiguration and Us

Listening is a key element in today's Liturgy. The more we listen to the Gospel and reflect upon it, the more we can be transfigured into the image of Christ. Listening is more than hearing. To listen means hearing the message, being open to the message and acting upon the message. Listening is part of prayer. In fact, the Transfiguration may be a prayer experience for Jesus. Jesus as a man listened to the scripture represented by Moses and Elijah. Prayer can change us. It can lead us to reflect more deeply on our lives in light of the Word of God. While the Transfiguration is a Christ Event, it is also an event which involves the body of Christ. We the church are the body of Christ. Baptism immerses us into Christ. Through the Eucharist we more perfectly become the Body of Christ. Growing in our appreciation for the Eucharist as well as the Word of God can change us for the better. We as disciples are both human and spiritual. While we are redeemed through Christ, we are in a constant process of conversion. At times, we suffer physically and spiritually because of our human fragility. Sometimes it is even difficult to see our deeply spiritual side.

The Church is both human and divine. At times it is faithful and at times, due to human fragility, it is sinful and weak. At times the divine life, the Church, is obscured from view. There are events in our past history and in our present moments of the church which illustrate the sinfulness of the Church. Scandals, corruption, the unfaithfulness of some of the clergy, religious and laity are signs of our collective sinfulness of the church of Christ. At other times, the clergy, people and bishops have been outstandingly faithful, some even dying for the faith. There are times when the Church universally has been a strong witness to the Gospel, to preservation of life and a staunch defender of the dignity of all people. When the church is faithful to the Gospel, the image of Christ is more easily seen.

The Transfiguration tells us that Christ will shine forth from us and in the church, if not completely now, then in the future. The Transfiguration is our ideal and goal. Through our cooperation with the Holy Spirit, we who struggle with our sinfulness, our bad habits and our faults, will one day triumph. Christ will rise in us and in the body of the Church. The road to Transfiguration is listening to the Word of God, continuous conversation with Christ, giving up all that works against Christ, taking up the cross to change and lifting all up to the mercy of God.

You are My Beloved

In the Gospel the Voice from Heaven says of Jesus; “You are my Beloved Son, listen to him....” This is meant for Jesus and for all who are baptized into Jesus. It is meant for all the Church and us as individuals. You are a beloved daughter or son of God because you share in and participate in the redemption accomplished by Christ. If we are the children of God then we must listen to the Word and live according to the Word. Do we listen? Are we too busy to listen? Do we resist listening? Do we simply hear and not listen? Listening to the Gospel can perfect the image of Christ in us. It can help us to see this divine image in others, even those we consider sinners. So, like Abram we are invited to leave the land of bad habits which enslave us, poor prayer habits which really are non reflective and trust that the grace of God can change us for the better.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

IDEAS FOR LENT

Take your showers a little colder than you like

Allow time for silence (no music in the car)

Practice good posture/don't cross your legs

Choose the least comfortable chair in the room

Replace thoughts of worry with a short prayer ("Jesus I trust in you")

Send a thoughtful text once a day

Take extra care during grace before meals

Read five minutes of the Gospel before you allow yourself coffee or tea in the mornings

Eat a little more of what you don't like and a little less of what you do like at a meal

Skip seconds

Skip the salt

Pick a phrase to say throughout the day when you feel tired or overwhelmed (Jesus, I love you)

Never say "I'm tired" or "I'm so busy"

Say "I love you" to family members five times a day

Take time to be interested in others and listen attentively

Put down the phone for a consecutive hour each day

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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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