
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.** April 27, 2020
Noon Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Children
 BY: Grandchildren
- TUE.** APRIL 28, 2020
8:30 In Thanksgiving for the intercession of
 St. Louis De Monfort
 BY: Louis Pepe
- WED** APRIL 29, 2020
8:30 Concetta, Vincenzo, Ignazia &
 Giovanni Di Rosa
 BY: Francesco Di Rosa
- THURS.** APRIL 30, 2020
8:30 Rose Austi, Mario Austi,
 Mary Maniscalco &
 Angelina Samperisi
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- FRI.** MAY 1, 2020
8:30 Rocco Massie
- SAT.** MAY 2, 2020
8:30 For the People of The Parish
5:00 Donna A. Ketelsen
 BY: Edwin & Sondra Rivera
- SUN** MAY 3, 2020
8:00 Violet Massie
10:00 Joseph & Josephine Patti
 BY: Loving Family
Noon Leona Zagami
 BY: Catherine

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 4/19	\$ 664.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 3,880.00
Total Sunday 4/19	\$ 4,544.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,781.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

Financial Stewardship

For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.

Parish Religious Education & Catholic Schools

Regular parish CCD classes held on Sundays and Wednesdays are postponed for the time being. Likewise, all activities related to our children's faith-formation program such as the Sunday 7th grade seminar, Stations of the Cross practices, Confirmation mentoring sessions, and Child Lures training are also postponed for the time being.

The health of all the faithful of the parish is of utmost concern, so let us continue to pray to the Lord who is a healer to protect us and bring about quickly an end to this present crisis through the intercession of His Mother Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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, | Helena Rolla |
| 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 | Kristin Quail |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | |

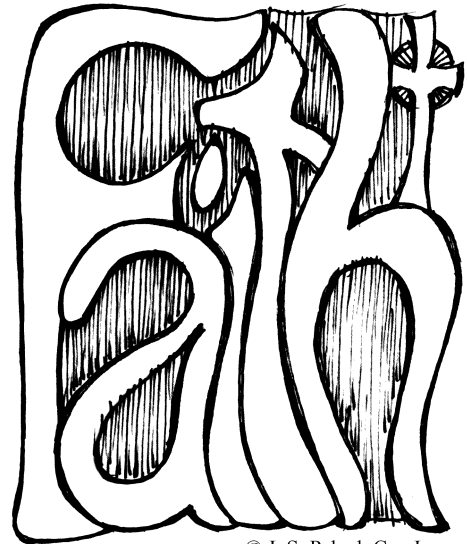
REACH OUT

During this difficult time, please take a moment to check on your neighbor, the elderly and the shut in to see how they are doing. Perhaps they may need an item from the grocery store, or someone to pick up their prescriptions, anything we are able to do for them would be appreciated. Sometimes all they need is conversation and that simply requires a phone call. These are unprecedented times and we are all in this together. Take some of the free time you may have to sit in prayer for all the world.



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Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On line giving at www.Givecentral.org/SHSS. The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot. We are so very grateful for all you do for our great parish.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season which will continue until Pentecost which this year is May 31st. Today's readings are inspiring and uplifting. Today we shall focus on the gospel and relate the other readings to this great gospel message.

In today's Gospel we meet two dejected, sad, mournful and disillusioned disciples. The two are leaving Jerusalem. They are discussing all that happened to Jesus as they were walking. In the midst of their discussion Jesus approaches but he is not recognized by the sad disciples. He inquires as to the topic of their discussion. The two, while they are surprised that he does not know about all that happened to Jesus fill him in. At this point, Jesus addresses some questions to the disciples. Ascertaining their answers, he begins to teach them. Jesus explains the scriptures to them regarding the messiah. They reach an inn and they invite Jesus to stay. He does stay and while they were eating, he takes bread, blesses it and gives it to them. With this gesture, they recognize who the stranger is where upon Jesus vanishes.

There are many lessons we take from this story. First, the disciples perhaps had a narrow understanding of the term messiah. Jesus explains the role of the messiah as being redemptive. Jesus uses the sacred text to reveal his identity. Is this not the first part of the liturgy in the Catholic Church? We read the Word. We seek to understand the text so that we may find meaning in our own lives here and now. Jesus draws near as they are discussing. When we study the sacred text or preach on the text, Jesus is present in the Sacred Word. In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, Peter is also explaining the sacred text to his own people. It is most important that we understand the scripture. Understanding the text helps our faith to grow. Secondly, after we study and preach on the Word, we move the celebration of the Eucharist. It is during the celebration of the Eucharist that Jesus of the text becomes visibly present under the appearances of bread and wine. We as Catholics believe that Jesus is really present not symbolically present in the Eucharist we celebrate, receive and adore. In the Eucharist we encounter the Risen Christ. So when the two recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, it emphasizes the real presence of Christ in this sacrament. The Risen Christ is met in the Sacraments, in the Word, in the gathering of the people and most especially in the Eucharist.

The Emmaus Gospel gives us two prayers. The first is said by the disciples who think that their traveling companion is going on further. They say "Stay with us." We can say the same prayer when evening approaches, when some darkness is surrounding us, when we are confused, when we are sad. These words inspired the Italian hymn, "Resta Con Noi." Secondly the Gospel teaches us to be open to the lessons of the scripture. The disciples confess that their hearts were burning in them. When we are moved by the sacred text, we know it. This happens when the text seems to speak directly to you. Lastly, when the disciples recognized Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus vanishes from their sight. While they may not see him, he vanished into them. They are on fire with the Good News of the Resurrection. This is a big change. When we met them, they were running away. Now they are running to Jerusalem to share the Good News. When was the last time your faith made you excited enough to share it? In the end one never knows who one will meet on our life journey. Some we meet can fill our lives with joy and hope. Some we meet can teach us how to attain that joy and hope. Perhaps one day we will meet the one who is joy and hope.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

TO ALL

The Jewish People and the Passion narratives present us with a need for a pastoral note. The Passion Narratives in no way justifies anti-Semitism nor any persecution of the Jews of our day or any other day. Keeping with the Teachings of the Catholic Church as explained at Vatican II in the document *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time), I remind you that writing of the Passion is not story of trial as we would know it. The Passion is a theological and Catechaitcal document. These events were written after the Passion and reflect a time period which was not contemporary with the Passion but with later history when The Jewish Community of Jerusalem was dividing between those who accepted Jesus and those who did not. This divide caused families and friendships to split apart. I ask you to be mindful of the quote below from Vatican II. As we hear and meditate on the Passion/Death and Resurrection of Christ during the next few weeks, I ask all to keep in mind that these events are the founding events of our faith. Please remember the following:

Even though the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ, neither all Jews indiscriminate at that time, nor Jews today can be charged with the crimes committed during his passion. It is true that the Church is the new people of God, yet the Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accused as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. Consequently, all must take care lest in catechizing or preaching the Word of God, they teach anything which is not in accord with the truth of the Gospel message or the spirit of Christ. Indeed the Church proves every form of persecution against whomever it may be directed. Remembering then her common heritage with the Jews and moved not by any political consideration, but solely by religious motivation of Christian clarity, she (the Church) deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism leveled at anytime or from any source against the Jews. The Church always held and continues to hold that Christ out of love freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all men, so that all might attain salvation. It is the duty of the Church, therefore, in her preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as a sign of God's universal love and source of all grace. (*Nostra Aetate* 28 October 1965 Vatican II Document)

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