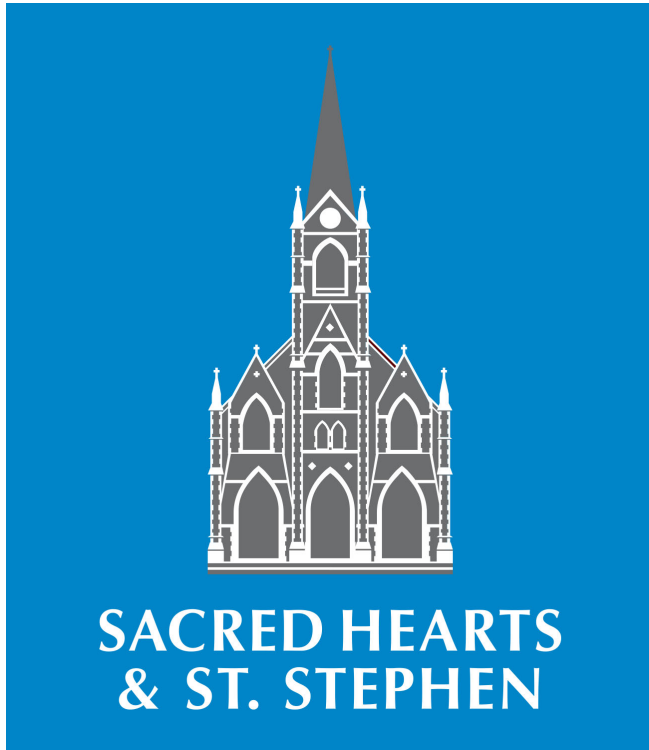

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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 6, 2020
 Noon Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia

TUE. APRIL 7, 2020
 8:30 RoseMarie & Frank Dellaporte &
 Jenny & Ciro Oliviero

WED APRIL 8, 2020
 8:30 James Smith

THURS. APRIL 9, 2020
 7:00 PM Solemn Celebration of
 The Lord's Last Supper

FRI. APRIL 10, 2020
 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Death of Christ

SAT. APRIL 11, 2020
 Easter Vigil

SUN APRIL 12 2020
 10:00 Easter Sunday

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/22	\$ 715.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,185.00
Total Sunday 3/22	\$ 2,897.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 11,338.00
***Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

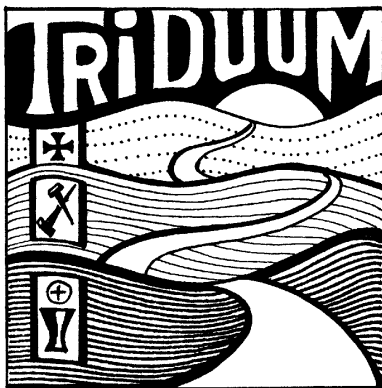
Financial Stewardship

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.



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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, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Louis Pepe |
| Michelle Laqueria | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
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| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Kristin Quail |
| Helene Rolla | |

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.

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.*

MORE UPDATES ON CHURCH SERVICES

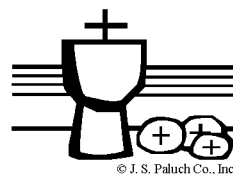
Please be aware of the following as it stands at this moment in time:

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Services and Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly in the parishes. Liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter will be celebrated and live streamed to you on our Facebook page and web site.

We will keep you abreast of situations as they are changing on a moment by moment basis.

Please stay safe during these difficult times and pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother to watch over all of us.



Bread & Wine for the week of April 5, 2020 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
JOHN EDWARDS
By: Mary Agosta

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Community,

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Today we begin Holy Week. We call this week “Holy” because we celebrate the events which redeemed the world. This redemption creates humanity, a new Christ. The Liturgies this week contain deeply theological and doctrinal passages, they are filled with awe, emotions, sorrow and joy. It is the week to celebrate our faith in Christ. It is the week to be renewed, uplifted and healed.

Today we proclaim Christ your King with shouts of Hosanna. Palm branches are a sign of victory. Notice that images and icons of martyrs show the particular martyr holding a palm branch. We bring palm to the graves of those we love because the Palm is a sign of Christ’s victory over death. Holy Thursday we contemplate the great love Christ has for us shown in humble service as we hear the gospel of the washing of the feet. Participate in the Liturgy of Holy Thursday as we remember in a profound way the institution of the Holy Eucharist. With great love Christ gave himself to us and for us. May we do the same for each other. Good Friday, follow the way of the Cross and listen with an open heart to the Passion of Christ according to Saint John. See in this solemn sorrowful and yet victorious passion, the triumph of Christ’s redemptive work. In the simple words uttered by Jesus from the cross: “it is finished.” Jesus completes his mission. We who are baptized enter into this great victory. On Holy Saturday evening, join us at the Easter Vigil. Reflect on the history of Salvation and celebrate the Victory of Christ over death.

The physical, emotional and spiritual sufferings of Christ seem to defy words. How could such inhumanity be committed against a good person? The question can be applied to the sufferings we see going on in the Middle East, in parts of Africa and the Far East. In the Eastern Catholic magazine, Sophia, I read an article on the Passion of Christ. I was moved by his description of the sufferings of Christ. He spoke of the savage scourging of Christ which flayed his flesh with hooks that removed pieces of flesh, the dislocation of the right arm of Christ and nailing of his hands to the Cross. This was an inhuman and cruel execution meant to cause untold suffering and humiliation to the victim. The Romans were a very cruel and unfeeling people. Many of us look at the Cross and never really see. We need to think of this suffering, we need to see the faithfulness of Christ and realize that our salvation came at a high cost. Jesus remains faithful to his mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. Jesus spoke of forgiveness and mercy and practiced the message he preached. According to a Hasidic tale, God is exiled from our world. Most of us want a God or a Jesus we like. We want God to act as we would. So, when God appears in our human flesh and presents us with the truth about God, which can challenge our preconceived notions of God, we reject it and exile God. All those who speak out in favor of the exiled God will suffer as God suffers. Jesus is rejected. Those who preach him, who urge us to forgive, urge us to expand our horizons, face the same fate as Jesus. Jesus is faithful to his message, to himself and to us. He is even faithful to those who reject him. Yet, there are many, even Catholics who will pass this Good Friday as another shopping day or as a day to jump start on the weekend. We must hold the death of Christ deep in our hearts. I feel that in our modern high tech world, fewer and fewer people are taking these days as days set aside to assist at the Liturgy, days to reflect and days to pray. I hope I am wrong in my estimation. Those who use these days for prayer and reflection, will find their souls and spirits renewed.

As I personally reflect on the scriptures for Lent, Holy Week, I am drawn to the great mystery of the Incarnation that is God becoming human in Christ Jesus. That the Word of God became flesh and taught us how to live, how to be merciful and how to forgive is for us a gift. That the Word of God became flesh, suffered and died taking on our infirmities and sins, this goes beyond words. What a mystery is God? What love must God have for us? What does one say or do in the presence of such a mystery? How does one respond to such love? How does one live one’s life when one is constantly becoming more aware of the great love of God? Perhaps one lives one’s life in adoration and thanksgiving by striving to follow and to imitate Christ Jesus in acts of mercy and love

**WE ADORE YOU OH CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD!**

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

PALM SUNDAY, ALSO KNOWN AS PASSION SUNDAY

Why do we have Palm Sunday?

We have Palm on Palm Sunday because the beginning of the Liturgy remembers the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm is a sign of victory. Those who carry the Palm are waving Christ on to the victory of the Messiah.

Why do we bring Palm to the cemetery?

We bring Palm to the cemetery because Palm is a sign of victory over death. Jesus wins this victory in his resurrection. Notice the statue of Saint Stephen and Saint Lucy in our church. Notice they are holding palm. They were martyrs. Their deaths are seen as a victory for the faith.

Why do we keep Palm in our homes?

We keep Palm in our homes to remind us always of the victory of Christ over death and sin.

Why is this week called Holy Week?

This week is called Holy Week because we will celebrate in word and sacrament, the recreation of a world redeemed in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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