
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 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM
Tues. 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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Choir Director Emerita

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Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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Parish Trustees and Advisors

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. JANUARY 18, 2021**
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JANUARY 19, 2021**
 8:30 For Healing & Peace
 in our Country
 BY: The Eng Family
- WED JANUARY 20, 2021**
 8:30 The Biden Family
 BY: Hoban Family
- THURS. JANUARY 21, 2021**
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings
 Received through the Intercession
 of O L of Mt. Carmel
 BY: Angie Conenna
- FRI. JANUARY 22, 2021**
 8:30 Mary Daniel
 BY: Mary Ann Morale
- SAT. JANUARY 23, 2021**
 8:30 Antoinette Trimarchi
 BY: Her Sister Amelia Marino
 5:00 PM Philip & Santa Castro
 BY: Andrew & Carolyn Schiano-Moriello
 and Family
- SUN JANUARY 24, 2021**
 8:30 For The Intentions of
 Ann (Babe) Iacono
 BY: Rose, Evelyn & Dana
 10:00 Anita Lubrano
 BY: Her Family
 Noon Fr. Paul Fv
 BY: Bridgette Renaud

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/10	\$ 2,409.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,333.00
Total Sunday 1/10	\$ 4,742.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,583.00

**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.

CRIME PREVENTION FOR SENIORS

Basic Safety Tips

- ◇ While walking, try to do so in groups and in well lit areas. Try to stay on main streets with other pedestrians around you.
- ◇ When walking, if someone attempts to snatch your pocketbook, let go of it. It can be replaced.
- ◇ When you are driven home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside your residence.
- ◇ If someone bumps into you while shopping or walking in a crowd, be aware that this action might be related to a pickpocket.
- ◇ Have your keys in hand as you approach your home. This will allow you to unlock the door without delay.
- ◇ Always carry identification and have a list of your medication with doctor's contact information with you at all times. Also carry a list of medications and food that you are allergic to.

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 | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |



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**Bread & Wine for the
week of
January 17, 2021
has been donated**

**In Loving Memory of
NATALINA SCALA
Requested by:
The Conti Family**

HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2021

2020 has been a challenge to our mental, physical and spiritual health. I personally miss seeing everyone and chatting with you about various things including your health! To keep our connection and to spread awareness, we are embarking on a monthly health focus.

As we begin the New Year 2021, our first health focus is to self-evaluate how we feel mentally, physically and spiritually and to take actions, big or small!

Mentally:

◇ Take 5 minutes (or more) and just “Be still...”sit, breathe and pray.

◇ Feel anxious? Stop, free your hands and take a deep breath. Repeat!

◇ Listen to music, sing and dance!

◇ Check in with a friend, reach out for help and get a mental check-up!

◇ **Hotline: call 1-888-692-9355 Text: Well to #65173**

Physically:

◇ Go for a walk around your home, on your stoop or around the block

◇ Stand up, sit down, stretch your arms and legs, DANCE!

◇ Go to bed when you are tired and take a nap!

◇ Check in with your healthcare provider and get a physical check up!

Spiritually:

◇ Pray, read the bible, join us for the daily and weekly Rosary

◇ Receive the Eucharist

◇ Watch SHSS morning prayer, daily mass any time of the day and night

◇ Come to Mass (when you can) or just come and sit and “Be still...”

◇ Check in with God and your SHSS parish family for a spiritual check-up!

Let us all practice smart choices by:

Wearing a mask, washing our hands, Be 6ft safe.

**Be well, Stay Safe, Spread Kindness and
God Bless one and all!**

**Peace,
Sondra**

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we enter the new year, the gospel and the first reading speak to us of the call to discipleship. We are all called to be disciples of Christ. This call was issued to us at our baptism. A disciple is one who learns from the master teacher. In this case Christ is the master teacher. The disciple is open to the words of Christ and seeks to see and follow Christ. In the gospel today Jesus invites the two disciples of John the Baptist to come and see. The disciple wishes not only to know about Christ, but know the mind and heart of Christ. For the disciple, Christ is alive, active and a dynamic force in the disciple's life. The disciple finds his or her joy in following Christ. Discipleship is a way of life. One is always in the process of becoming a disciple.

How does one come to know Christ? There are many who know about Christ. There are many who write books about Christ. There are many who even preach about Christ. Yet, none of these categories is a guaranty that one knows Christ in one's heart. We come to know Christ by reading, studying and praying the sacred scriptures especially the Gospels and the letters of the New Testament. We come to know the mind and heart of Christ by following and knowing the teachings of the Catholic Church, the writings of the Church Fathers and the writings of the saints. These texts need to be read and more importantly prayed. We pray the texts by quietly reflecting upon them with questions such as: What in this reading stands out for me? Using our imagination, you might ask yourself such questions as, where am I in the text? Am I the person in the text to whom Jesus is speaking? Am I the one in the text who needs a healing? Am I the on-looker in the text? Am I the person in the text who is trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he passes through the crowd? Am I a Pharisee? Sit with your questions as you speak with the reading in your heart.

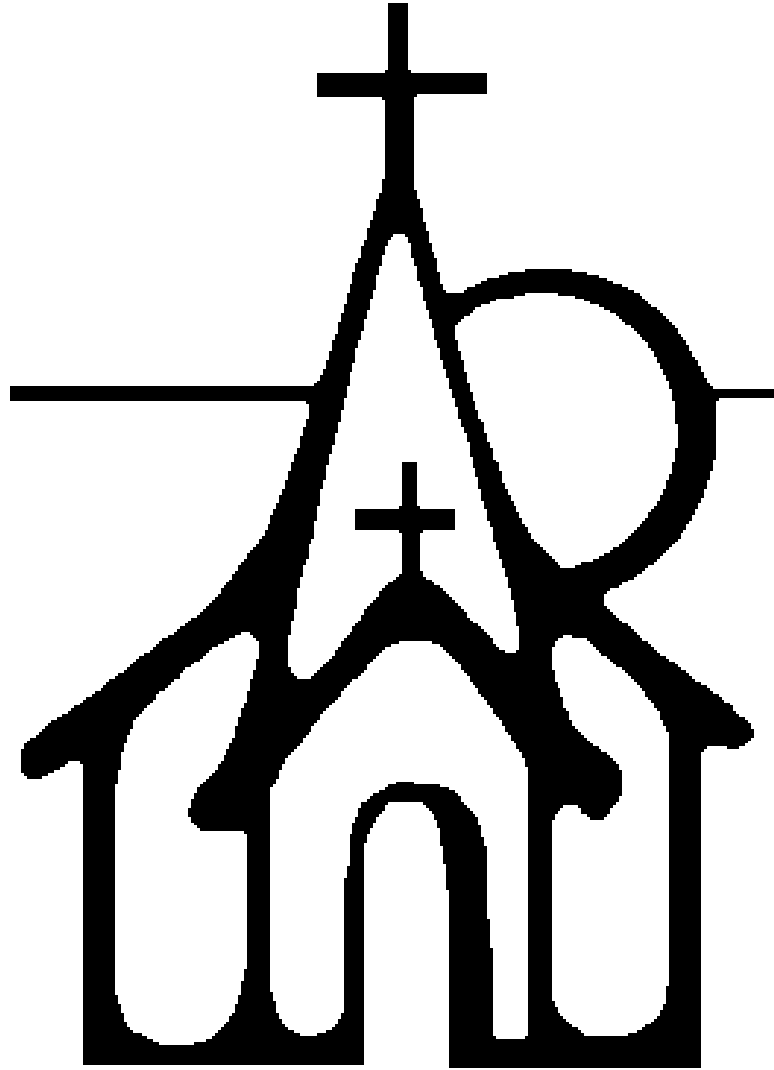
In addition to knowing the scripture, the Eucharist is indispensable for discipleship. The way to know the mind and heart of Jesus is to receive the Eucharist. The Jesus of the gospel is found most perfectly in the Eucharist. I cannot underscore this belief enough. Reflect on the real presence of Christ received in the Eucharist dwelling deep within you. Spend time in silence before the Blessed Sacrament in Church or in the chapel. Allow and enjoy being in the sacramental presence of the Lord. Make these visits frequently. Make the connection that receiving this Eucharist, praying in the presence of the Eucharist and hearing the Word of God in sacred text invites you to action. The action is to imitate Jesus with and for those with whom you live, serve and work. Your prayer and reflection will alert you to the presence of Christ in other people especially the poor, the hurting and the suffering.

Your prayer might be silence or you may speak your prayer in your own words from your heart. You may request that the Holy Spirit do great things in you for your sanctification and great things through you for others. However, you may not know the great things God is doing through you nor the gifts of sanctification you are receiving. As St. Paul tells us, be thankful always. Know that as you come to know Jesus, he must increase in you and you must decrease. The good that you do may or may not be recognized by others. Your private prayer life should be known to you and your confessor or spiritual director. Remember, discipleship is not about what Christ can do for you, but rather allowing the Lord to work through you for his kingdom.

The goal of the life of a disciple is to be consumed by the Holy Spirit for the kingdom of God. This is not easy nor is it a romantic dream. Your conviction and on-going discipleship may invite you to take unpopular stands on issues. It may impel you to speak out for justice for the poor and those on the periphery of society. It may cause you to put the needs of Christ before those of yourself and your loved ones. In cases it may even cause you to give up your very life. The disciple lives and dies for Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**I AM THE CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH
WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!**



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**BY WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE, WE HAVE BUILT A
SPIRIT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AT
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN CHURCH.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!