
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.

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Sacristan

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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 25, 2021**
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
 Anniversary Remembrance
 BY: Gertrude Zagarella
- TUE. JANUARY 26, 2021**
 8:30 Angelo Vergona
 BY: Loving Family
- WED JANUARY 27, 2021**
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Gertrude Zagarella
- THURS. JANUARY 28, 2021**
 8:30 John & Rose Groccia
 BY: Son & Daughter-in-law
 Richie & Susie
- FRI. JANUARY 29, 2021**
 8:30 Concetta & Carmelo Napoli
 BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- SAT. JANUARY 30, 2021**
 8:30 Dominick Piro
 BY: His Brothers & Sisters
 5:00 PM Frank Agosta
 BY: Family
- SUN JANUARY 31, 2021**
 8:30 For The Safety of our Country
 10:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato
 BY: Lenny & Jo Ann Trovato
 Noon Anna Maria A. Marino
 BY: Her Mother, Amelia Marino

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/17	\$ 1,899.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,533.00
Total Sunday 1/17	\$ 4,432.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,893.00

**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

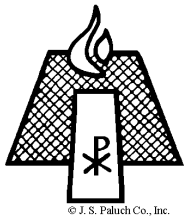
Basic Safety Tips

- ◇ 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 & SANCTUARY LAMPS



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The 2021 Dedication Books for Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp memorials are now open. These dedications are for one week, Sunday to Sunday, and are \$30.00 each. For more information, please call the Rectory and speak with Rose Marie Foglia, our Business Manager.

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,

“Indeed the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edge sword penetrating even between soul and spirit, joint and marrow and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also Sunday of the Word. Looking at all three readings this Sunday, we see a common thread. That common thread is change of heart. This change is brought about by the encounter with God in Word or in the Incarnate Word who is Jesus.

The Liturgy of the Word opens with a reading from the book of the prophet Jonah. Jonah’s message is: “Repent.” Repent means to turn around. It means to change. It means to conform one’s life to the Word of God. Notice the people listen to Jonah and repent. God also repents. God changes his mind in the story. In the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul is inviting his listeners and his readers to change their attitude towards their present situation. For Paul the world as they know it is ending. He expects Jesus to return in his lifetime. The change Paul seeks is brought about as a reaction to Jesus.

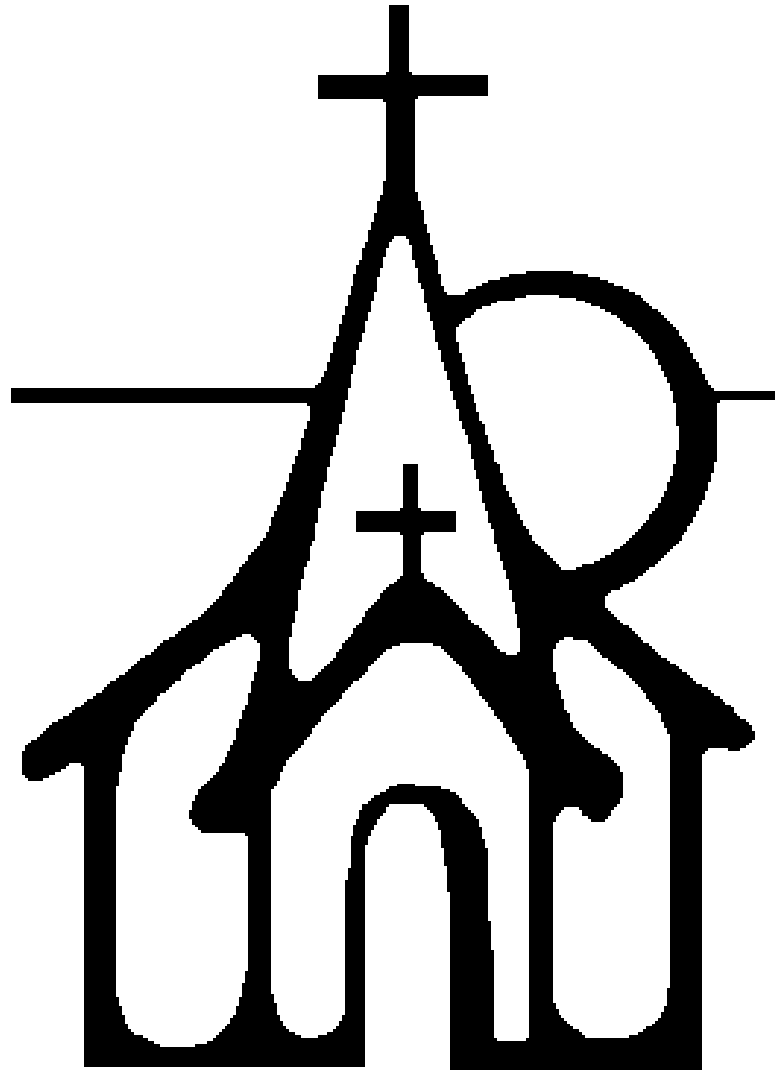
Change and seeing things differently accompany the mission of Jesus. When one knows Jesus, one’s life must change. In the Gospel, Jesus is now beginning his public ministry. Jesus, unlike other teachers, does not wait for his students to ask him to teach them. No, Jesus goes out and calls his would be disciples. Jesus encounters his would be disciples not in the synagogue, not after a study session, not in some mystical experience, but rather he meets them in the midst of their everyday life and their work-a-day life styles. Those he calls have their lives changed by this encounter with Jesus. They will never be the same because of him.

The preaching of the Gospel or the Good News begins with a call to repentance. “Repent and hear the Good News” is the invitation to meet Christ in our lives. Repentance as mentioned above means to change. It means to let sin go out of our lives. It means to be open to new ideas of God in our lives. It means to admit error and accept forgiveness. It means to forgive others. Repentance means to come to know that God wills our good not our demise. Repentance means living for the glory of God by serving humanity. Repentance means living with conviction that eternal life is a reality. Repentance means letting go of anger, hatred, hurts, jealousies, selfishness and self-depravation and surrender to the love of God.

The Word of God can change us. We encounter the Word of God in the sacred text. It is important to know this Word, to pray this Word and have this Word deep in our hearts. Words in general are powerful. Words can change us. A kind word can change our day for the better. A hurtful word can cut deeply into us. A word of mercy or love can heal us. A word can console us. A word can give us hope. If human words can affect us so profoundly, how much more can the Word of God affect us for the better? Know the word of God who is Jesus.

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
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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!