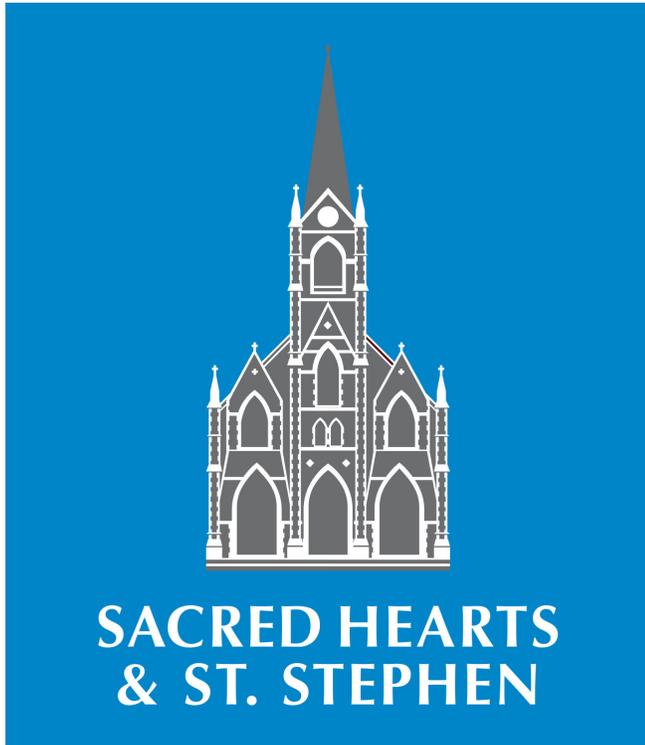

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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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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. FEBRUARY 8, 2021**
 8:30 Virginia & John Marchesano
 BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- TUE. FEBRUARY 9, 2021**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa Delgado
- WED FEBRUARY 10, 2021**
 8:30 Marie, Debbie & Kenny Boucher
 BY: Uncle Richie & Aunt Susie
- THURS. FEBRUARY 11, 2021**
 8:30 Marie Gulotta, Mario Austi
 & Yolanda Scaffidi
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- FRI. FEBRUARY 12, 2021**
 8:30 Torino Zanzonico
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Mrs. Dora Zanzonico & Family
- SAT. FEBRUARY 13, 2021**
 8:30 Elizabeth DeMeglio
 BY: Tina & Nick
 5:00 PM Freda Tomlin-Grillo
 BY: The Mazze & Stella Family
- SUN FEBRUARY 14, 2021**
 8:30 Mary Carames
 BY: The San Juan Family
 10:00 John Edwards
 BY: Loving Family
 Noon Russel Mechaluk
 BY: Sciangula Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/31	\$ 1,513.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,595.00
Total Sunday 1/31	\$ 4,108.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,217.00

**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

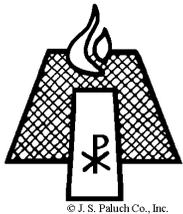
Basic Safety Tips

- ◇ 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:

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.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Traditionally the month of February focuses on prevention and treatment of heart disease and related heart conditions. This February we are going to focus on “**the mind-heart-body connection**” with easy daily practices to open our minds to our heart, and our heart to our mind.

The mind heart-body connection influences how we react to everyday emotions. Our thoughts and actions impact how we feel and how our heart and body respond. Emotional thoughts of happiness or sadness, being content or stressed, relaxed or scared, causes our heart to beat too fast or too slow, and our body to react by our muscles getting tense or we fight or run. High blood pressure, elevated heart rates, high/low sugar levels lead to illness and disease. Positive thoughts and emotions have happy health benefits by reducing stress, anxiety and lowering blood pressure and sugar levels.

Remember, the mind controls the body, and the body reacts to the mind, so let us.....

“**BE MINDFUL**” to keep your heart healthy with harmony and peace.

- Pray, think ask, pray again. Speak how you feel and give it up to God.
- Before responding...stop, drop your shoulders and breathe slowly and deeply.
- Before reacting...be still, breathe, focus, think safety and positivity.
- Be aware of negative thoughts...replace it with a prayer, a song and positivity.
- Feel like crying..go ahead and have a good cry!
- Set an intention and goal of positive thoughts and actions.
- Feeling down, volunteer, write a letter, keep a journal, help a friend or a stranger!
- Check your blood pressure.
- Check your heart rate.
- Laugh, Dance and get moving!

Planning a food menu? Food shopping? Dining out? Look for the familiar American Heart Association symbol on packing or menu.

Do you know your risk for heart disease/ Visit www.heart.org to evaluate your risk and always consult your health care provider!

Be Well, Stay Safe, Spread Kindness & God Bless us everyone! Peace, Sondra, RN

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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“Everyone is looking for you”

In the Gospel today we read that Peter says to Jesus: “Everyone is looking for you.” In the first reading from the Book of Job, we read: “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery...I have been assigned months of misery...I shall not see happiness again.” This first reading seems to describe not only Job’s situation but also the situation of those who are gathering at Peter’s home seeking to see Jesus. Why would people be searching for Jesus? Was it in hope of a miracle? Was their search for Jesus about what Jesus might be able to do for them? Was their search inspired by a thirst for God? Was their search self-centered or Jesus centered? Did they see in Jesus a sign of hope? Was their search for Jesus a search for meaning in their lives? Was their search all of the above? Why do you seek out Jesus?

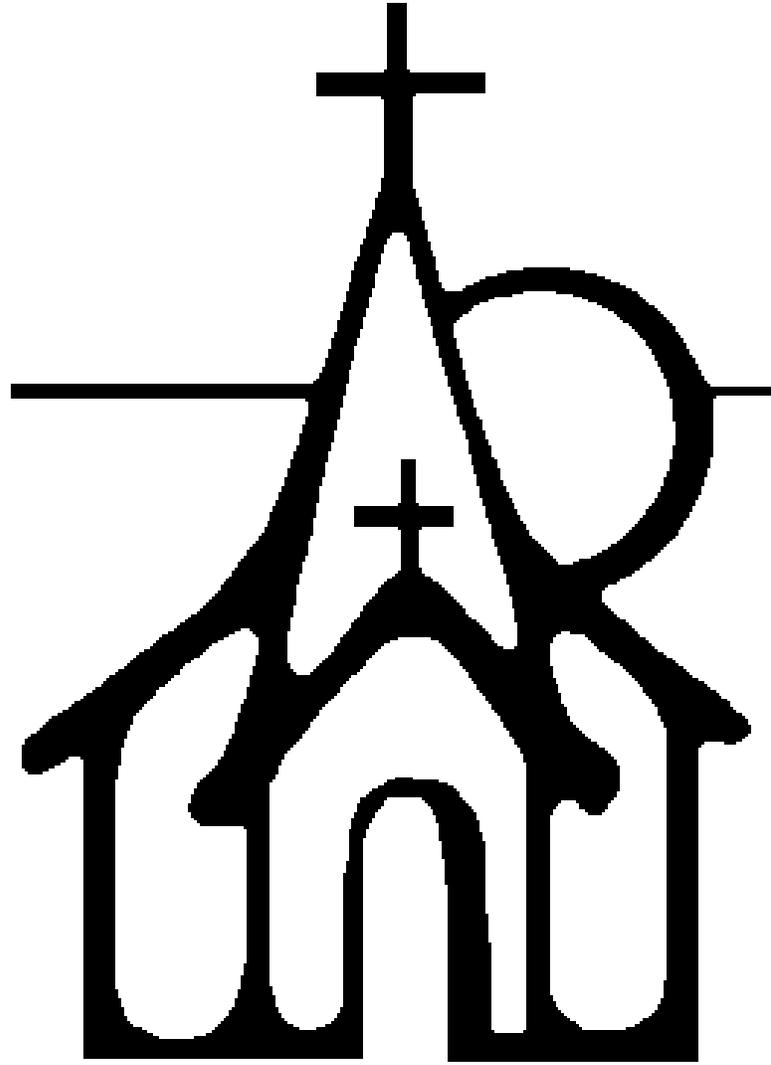
Similar to the Gospels from the past few weeks, we are presented with a little epiphany. Jesus shows, through actions and words, his identity, answering the question: “Who is this who can do and say such things?” In today’s Gospel we see that Jesus is a faithful Jew. He prays at the synagogue. We see that he observes the Sabbath as a day of rest at the house of Peter. While Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law because her condition was serious, it is only after sundown on Saturday evening that he begins to heal and minister. Notice that Jesus raises up the mother-in-law of Peter and she returns to her role of service to the community. The word raised up is the same word used to describe the resurrection of Christ. Jesus gives new life. This new life is given so that we may be people of service. Jesus raised up frail and broken humanity both physically and spiritually.

At the end of the Gospel the agenda of Jesus is told. Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God brings reconciliation and peace. We see in the life of Jesus that his words are carried out in his actions. Jesus heals the body and restores souls. In himself, Jesus unites heaven to earth. Ultimately, Jesus is the Kingdom of God among us. It is for this Kingdom that all of us are searching whether we know it or not. If we are seeking peace in the world, in the home or peace of mind, we are searching for Jesus: “Lamb of God grant us peace.” If we are longing for healing, physically, mentally or spiritually, we are looking for Jesus. Jesus is the Divine Physician. If we are looking for meaning in our life, the way through a confusing and dark time or for what really matters, we are calling out for Christ. “I am the light of life.” If we are seeking how to live, how to behave, we are looking for Christ. “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” . If we are searching for self worth and acceptance, we are looking for Christ; “God so loved the world he gave us his son.” If we want to be found, if we are seeking comfort, if we are seeking hope, we are looking for Christ. “I am the Good Shepherd.” If we are looking for life, we are looking for Christ. “I came that they may have Life and life in abundance.” “Life is Christ” says St Paul. Peter was right, we are all looking for Christ. Do we find Jesus or does Jesus find us? As I have said in the past, most of us, if not all of us have religion. We believe in Christ, that he is the reason we are here at mass or watching from home. Yet, it is when our hearts have moments of insight, when our hearts are moved and realize it depths, the divine presence of Jesus, that we truly confirm our faith and love for him. It is when one comes to the realization that because of Christ my life has changed. It is then that our lives are moved to live for him, imitate and see him as the reason of our hope and meaning of one’s life.

Blessed are those who have found the Lord in the Eucharist, in the sacred text and the Community. They will never be alone. “I am with you always.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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



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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!