

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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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 2:00 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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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MON. FEBRUARY 28, 2022
 8:30 John & Rose Groccia
 BY: Son & Daughter-in-law
 Richie & Susie

TUE. MARCH 1, 2022
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa

WED. MARCH 2, 2022
ASH WEDNESDAY
 7:30 Prayer Service
 8:00 Prayer Service
 8:30 For The People of the Parish
 Nonn Anna Ruggiero
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
 3:45 Prayer Service
 6:00 Prayer Service

THURS. MARCH 3, 2022
 8:30 Josephine Rallis
 BY: Her Brother Sal

FRI. MARCH 4, 2022
 8:30 Fr. Vincent Termine
 7:00 PM Stations of The Cross

SAT. MARCH 5, 2022
 8:30 Lia & Joseph Cerato
 BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
 5:00 Dennis Mallon
 BY: Loving Family

SUN. MARCH 6, 2022
 8:30 Julia LeBron
 BY: Daughters & Grandchildren
 10:00 Nancy Lenihan
 BY: Callahan Family
 Noon Stephen John Alcaras
 BY: Tina & Nick CInalli

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/20 \$ 1,367.00
 *Envelopes & cash
 On Line Donations \$ 2,840.50
 Total Sunday 2/20 \$4,207.50
 Annual Weekly Expenses** \$14,325.00
 Difference: \$10,117.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



**You're
Invited**

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Please join us on Monday, March 7th in the Parish House for an informal discussion about Ordinary Grace

by William Ken Krueger.

For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on April 4th.

We will be discussing

By Brazil-Maru

Karen Yamashita All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.



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LENT 2022

40 ITEMS FOR 40 DAYS

During Lent, this church is collecting toiletry supplies to create disaster relief kits for locations in need.

Donations requested:

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Face cloths
- Combs
- Brushes
- Toilet Paper

Donations will be collected during weekends in Lent from Wednesday, March 2nd to Thursday April 14th. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.

Please help Faith by works. Show that you care.

Thank you!

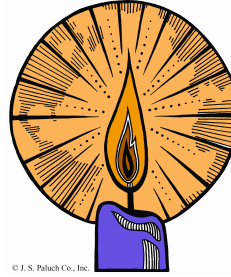


Pray For

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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 | Gertrude Zagarella |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Salvatore Salerno |
| 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 |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | Phyllis Bracco |
| Joan Di Tucci | Terry Daniti |



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If you wish to remember a loved one or have a devotion to a particular saint, annual memorial candles are available at the Rectory.

These candles remain lit for one year at a cost of \$100.00 per year (first time cost is \$110.00 to cover the expense of the plaque) They can be placed by any Saint in our Church and a personalized plaque with the inscription of your choice may be affixed to the candle. If you are interested or have any questions regarding these candles, please call the Rectory and speak to Rose Marie Foglia, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be happy to help you.



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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

Attention



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Tax letters are delayed and will be mailed to all parishioners shortly. Any parishioner who donated to our parish in the year 2021

whether on line, in person or by mail, will receive this letter. Please give the letter a chance to reach you as you know the mail delivery in our area leaves much to be desired.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support of this great parish. We are grateful for all you do to help sustain us.



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Are you being called to become more involved in our Parish Community? All are welcome to join one of our ministries. We welcome all! Share your time, talent and treasure with us. For more information, see Msgr. Massie or one of our staff members present at the various masses. You may also call the Rectory and we will be happy to assist you.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the last Sunday prior to Lent, the readings present us with food for thought through the Lenten Season. The first reading and Gospel speak to us of self revelation through the way we speak and act. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach we are told “When a sieve is shaken, the hush appears, so do one’s faults when one speaks...Praise no one before he speaks for it is then that people are tested.” In the Gospel, Jesus says to us “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces gold, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil for from the fullness of the hearts, the mouth speaks.”

Lent is a time of introspection and self-examination. It is time to present our hearts to the Lord. It is time to allow the Lord to gaze into our minds and hearts. So, this Lent as we fast and pray and give alms, perhaps we may fast on our words. Perhaps we may listen first to our thoughts prior to speaking. Notice the instruction of the first reading. Our words reveal us. Our words reveal of brightness and compassion, they also reveal of ignorance and our self-centeredness. Words reveal our concern for the other but also they reveal our jealousy and anger. Words tell others who we are, so think prior to speaking.

Here are some quotes regarding speech which may be of interest to us. “Speech is the mirror of the soul as a man speaks so he is.” Another quote which is worth pondering: “Before speaking make sure your tongue is connected to your brain.” Another quote which we may all ponder “Before speaking THINK; is what I am about to say true, is it helpful, is it inspiring, is it necessary and is it kind?”

Words and actions are connected. Saying one thing and doing another is called hypocrisy. It is hypocrisy which gets us into trouble. Hypocrisy compromises our integrity. Is this not what the church is now suffering? The Gospel says that that tree is known by its fruit. I know people who talk a great talk and nothing else. They are known by the fruits they do not produce. I also know people who speak few words and produce great food of good works. So, which do you wish to be? Lent is a time to reflect, to renew, to reconcile to rise to new life.

Lastly, one more quote” it is better to remain silent and thought of as a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:30	Prayer Service
8:00	Prayer Service
8:30	People of the Parish
Noon	Anna Ruggiero BY: Rose Marie Foglia
3:45	Prayer Service
6:00	Prayer Service

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Lent is a great season of hope. It is the time of the year that the earth itself is preparing for new life. Lent is a call to renewal; renewal of our spirits, our lives and our very being. Lent is a time to grow in our personal relationship with Christ through scripture readings and reverent reception of the Eucharist. It is time to know the Lord in a deeper and more meaningful way. So let us try to move from cultural Catholicism to convicted Catholicism.

The practices of Lent are motivated by renewal and hope. Fasting and abstinence from food is an ancient Lenten practice. Fasting is found in many Christian and non-Christian communities for both spiritual growth and social justice awareness. Fasting means not eating. This can be done in many ways. One may fast from eating in between meals. One may fast from eating a particular food for a period of time. For example, one may fast on bread or sweets etc. The fasting need not be a painful experience. The purpose of the self denial is to remind you that Christ gave up his life willing for you. This fasting you are doing is to gently remind you of this article of our faith. Secondly, this fasting can help the poor. The money saved from fasting which you otherwise might of spent can be given to the poor or given to help someone else. Above all, your Lenten practices should move your prayer life to be more Christ centered and more merciful to others. If this is not happening, change your prayer routine.

To help you with the Fasting and Abstinence, the Catholic Church requires all aged 14 and over not to eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent. This is to remind us of the death of Christ on a Friday. Those ages 14 to 59 are asked to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. This means one may only eat one main meal. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

While fasting is commendable and should be done, I also urge you to do positive acts for Lent. This is a season which invites us to make room for God in our busy lives. It is time to pray in new ways. I may suggest that you pray the Stations of the Cross perhaps two stations a week until Easter. While focusing on the sufferings of Christ, ask yourself where you may be in this particular station. For example, the first station Jesus is condemned to death. For a meditation think of acceptance of things and situations which we cannot change. How difficult acceptance of loss or change can be. Another meditation: have you or someone you know suffered an injustice? Has someone you know been condemned to death due to a cancer or a terrible sickness which is unfair? If so, then you have found your prayer for this first station of the Cross.

I suggest reading Sacred Text. Perhaps read the Lenten Gospels proclaimed each day at Mass during Lent. This will keep you in line with the praying Church. As you read, ask yourself where am I in this Gospel? What stands out in this Gospel for me? Sit with the Gospel for ten minutes a day. It will be a great experience. I highly recommend that you join the parish on the days we have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of Christ with us. I ask you to take time to sit in silence in the presence of the Lord. Allow this mysterious and wonderful sacrament to contemplate you and you to contemplate the Lord. Adoration of the Sacrament will make celebration of the Eucharist more meaningful. Allow this to be a time of growth for your Spirit.

I wish you a fruitful Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie