

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH
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**SACRED HEARTS
& ST. STEPHEN**

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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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

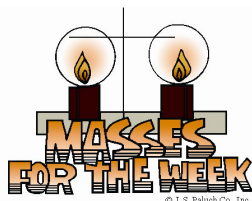
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.**



- MON. AUGUST 15, 2022**
ASSUMPTION OF BVM
 8:30 In Thanksgiving to My Donor
 BY: Louis Pepe
 Noon In Honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary
 BY: Figlia Di Monte Di Procida
- TUE. AUGUST 16, 2022**
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for my 2nd
 Year of Transplant
 BY: Louis Pepe
- WED AUGUST 17, 2022**
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Their Family
- THURS. AUGUST 18, 2022**
 8:30 Claire Hoban (Living)
 BY: Bernadette Hoban
- FRI. AUGUST 19, 2022**
 8:30 John & Jennifer Passantino
 BY Passantino Family
- SAT. AUGUST 20, 2022**
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
 through the Intercession of
 O L of Mt. Carmel
 BY Angie Conenna
 5:00 Sr. Anna Mildred Desiderio, CSJ
 BY: A Friend
- SUN AUGUST 21, 2022**
 8:30 Joseph Trovato
 BY: His Loving Children
 10:00 Angelina Baio
 BY: Her Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Sunday Collection 8/07	\$ 1,812.00
	*Envelopes & cash	
	On Line Donations	\$ 2,755.50
	Total Sunday 8/07	\$ 4,567.50
	Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
	Difference:	\$ 9,757.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Please join us on Monday,
 September 12th @ 7:00
 PM in the Parish House .
 We will be discussing
The Messy Lives of Book People by
 Phaedra Patrick. All are welcome.
 We hope to see you there.



**Bread & Wine for the week
 of
 August 14th has been
 donated
 In Memory of
 CHARLES STUTO
 By: Phyllis Edwards**



**KINDLY NOTE:
 DURING THE
 MONTHS OF JULY
 AND AUGUST,
 THERE WILL NOT BE A NOON MASS
 ON SUNDAY.
 THE NOON SUNDAY MASS WILL
 RESUME ON SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 11TH.**

Visit those 
 who are shut-in...
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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 |
| Santina Garbellotto | 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 | Joan Di Tucci |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | MaryAnn Kinczel |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene | Frances Marra |
| Sarina Mukhi | Salvatore Aleo |

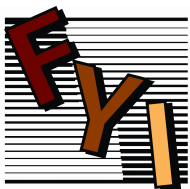
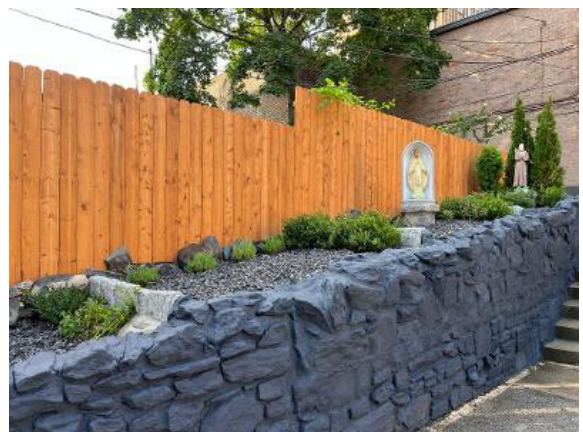
New Garden of Consolation

The last three years have been challenging for many and we give thanks for the gift of faith which has brought us hope and consolation during this time. In particular, our parish has placed our anxieties and concerns in the loving arms of the Blessed Mother since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, reciting the rosary daily both on-line and in-person.

In gratitude for the consolation Mary has brought to many, a generous donor has paid for the garden behind the rectory to be transformed into a garden of consolation and reflection.

In the garden has been planted three purple rose bushes surrounding the statue of Our Lady of Consolation symbolizing the trinity. At the foot of the garden, we have planted purple butterfly plants to attract butterflies, symbols of the resurrection. Along the back fence and throughout the garden 12 Lavender bushes have been planted symbolizing the 12 apostles. The lavender also provides a fragrant and calming smell which can be enjoyed by those meditating on the beauty of the Blessed Mother.

We will officially dedicate the garden to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Consolation on Monday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, following the 12 Noon Mass. All are invited to join us for the dedication as re recall what we have experienced and give thanks for the faith which saw us through it.



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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!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Is Jesus nice or is Jesus good? Is being a disciple mean that we must be passive, nice and soft? Let us look at the Gospel for this week.

In this Gospel for this Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus uses the symbol of fire to describe his ministry. Fire is a biblical symbol. Fire has many meanings in biblical language. Fire may be seen as a sign of warmth and comfort. Fire may be seen as frightening and destructive. Fire may be seen as a sign of purifying and judgment. Fire can also be seen as the presence of the Holy Spirit. Fire may be seen as the presence of God as we saw on Mount Sinai in the Burning Bush. Fire may be seen as inspiring as we read how on the road to Emmaus the disciple's hearts were burning within them. Fire has many meanings in sacred text. Jesus may be referring to fire on many levels in this text.

Jesus in the Gospel today states "I have come to set the earth on fire." In this context, does he mean he wants to see the fire of the Holy Spirit create zeal for his message? Does Jesus want his Gospel to inflame our hearts so that we may be excited and zealous in living out the Gospel message? Jesus speaks about his baptism which he must undergo. This baptism of which he speaks is referring to his passion and death and resurrection. Baptism means to be immersed or plunged into depths of something. For Jesus, his baptism is a baptism of fire referring to his death.

Jesus also tells us that he has come for division. This is an odd statement. It is a statement addressed to his disciples. The fire that Jesus will unleash on the earth will divide people. One cannot be apathetic to Jesus, either you will believe in him or reject him. Either one will be inspired to live his message or one will be affected by his message. After the Resurrection of Jesus, the message of the Gospel did divide families. Some accepted him, others did not. Ultimately it divided Judaism thus giving rise to Christianity.

The message today tells us that Jesus is a force in the world. It tells the disciples that at times the disciple will be divided from friends, family and even the world. The behavior of the disciple cannot accept or condone some of the behaviors of the world. At times the disciples will not be able to agree with the secular views of friends or family members. Can the disciple live his/her life differently in the world? Can the disciple stand for justice and peace when all are clamoring for war and hatred? Can the disciple speak of hope in the fields of despair? Can the disciple witness to the faith when those around him/her do not believe? Can a disciple of Jesus be a white supremacist? Can a disciple of Christ be anti-Semitic? Can a disciple of Christ be apathetic to the human rights situation in Ukraine or in Nigeria or among our own people? Can a disciple of Christ be apathetic to racism in our society? Can we simply be satisfied with just going to Mass saying our prayers and not be concerned about human suffering? Can we proclaim Jesus as the Lord of life and support abortion? Can one believe in Christ and not be concerned about the well being of other people? Can one pray the Lord's Prayer and not forgive others? In today's society where non-belief seems to have the last word, the disciple must be strong and will suffer much. Can this be the fire to which Jesus is speaking? If the Body of Christ which is the Church is to be renewed and filled with zeal, then we laity and clergy must live the Gospel message.

It is the Fire of the Holy Spirit which sets our hearts on fire for Jesus who will sustain all who long to grow in the faith.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15, 2022**

Today is a major Marian Celebration in the Roman and Eastern Catholic Churches. Today is also a major celebration of the Sleep of Mary in the Orthodox Christian Churches. The Anglican Churches remember the life of Mary on this day.

The feast celebrates Mary's life and the rewards she received for her faithfulness. The feast takes its roots from the last line of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come." This means that because of the Resurrection of Christ, who is the first to rise from the dead, all of us will one day raise from the dead. In the case of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, this resurrection promised to all of us has been granted to her because of her singular vocation of being the Mother of God. Mary is honored and venerated because of her great role in the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. The Incarnation means that God who is invisible, transcendent and beyond us, takes on our humanity in Christ Jesus. Thus, the second person of the Blessed Trinity takes on our humanity and is known as Jesus. Jesus is God among us. God receives flesh from Mary. She, who is one of us, gives flesh to the divine. This is a great mystery. This mystery is beyond all comprehension. Imagine God who is above all things and who is limitless, becomes one of us with all our limitations. Thus Jesus is true God and true man. It is for her role and faithfulness in the mystery of the Incarnation that we honor and venerate Mary. While she is not divine and not adored, she is greatly honored.

Mary's life was totally given to Jesus. He was the center of her life. In the prayer we pray prior to Mass every weekday morning called the Angelus, we recall the great event of the Incarnation. In the ever popular "Hail Mary" notice it is the name of Jesus which is the center of this prayer which most of us learned as children. Mary calls no attention to herself but to Jesus. Jesus himself is the Incarnation. Mary it is who gives flesh to the Word of God. Jesus is God's Word revealed in the Sacred Texts made human. Jesus is the Wisdom of God read about in the Books of Wisdom made human. Jesus is the redemption of God of which we read in the story of Exodus. It was through the Word of God that creation came to be and therefore Jesus is the center of all creation. While we all share in this great mystery, Mary shares directly in this great mystery. Mary's advice to us is "Do whatever He tells you." Jn 2:5

Mary as a spiritual director tells us "Do whatever he tells you." What does Jesus tell us? To be people of mercy, forgiveness of wrong done to us, to love others, meaning to will the good for the other regardless if we like them or not. To will the good for others means doing the right thing without expecting recognition or recompense. The good is done because Jesus told us to do the good and we live for this greater glory as did Mary.

To pray with Mary in the Rosary we are to meditate on the life of Christ as Mary may have seen these events in her heart. What was in her heart when she presented Jesus at the temple and Simeon told her that Jesus would be a sign of contradiction to the world?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie