

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.

Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
Pastor

REV. CLETUS FORSON
Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI
Prison Chaplain (In Residence)

MR. EDWIN RIVERA
Deacon

MRS. MICHELE D. TWOMEY
Director of Faith Formation

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Pastoral Associate

ROSE MARIE FOGLIA
Business Manager

JAMES LAKE
Parish Organist

JENNIFER WU
Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO
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.

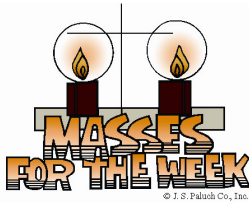
ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 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 22, 2022**
8:30 **Concetta Foglia**

- TUE.** **AUGUST 23, 2022**
8:30 **Salvatore Salerno**
 BY: Wife Nilsa & Daughter Deborah

- WED** **AUGUST 24, 2022**
8:30 **Joseph Cloonan**
 BY: His Family

- THURS.** **AUGUST 25, 2022**
8:30 **Concetta Foglia**

- FRI.** **AUGUST 26, 2022**
8:30 **Joseph & Lia Cerato**
 BY Cerato & Andruzzi Family

- SAT.** **AUGUST 27, 2022**
8:30 **Elizabeth Trovato**
 BY Her Loving Family
5:00 **Josephine Carita**
 BY: Her Family

- SUN** **AUGUST 28, 2022**
8:30 **Rose La Monica**
 BY: Machi Tantilillo
10:00 **Anthony Troiano, Sr.**
 BY: The Troiano Family

Visit those
who are shut-in...



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

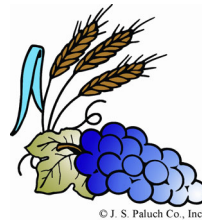


Sunday Collection 8/14	\$ 2,078.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,145.50
Total Sunday 8/14	\$ 4,223.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,101.50

**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 21st has been
donated
In Memory of
CHARLES STUTO
By: **Diane Valentino**



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.



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 |

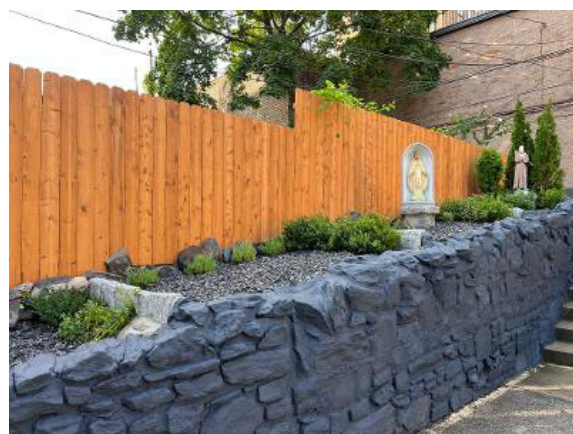
New Garden of Consolation

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 officially dedicated 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. Stop by to say a prayer or for a brief meditation.



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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 Community,

Today we celebrate the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel are concerned with the particular call of God, as well as the universal call of the Gospel. Does any nation or people own God? Does God's relationship with one people mean that God does not have a relationship with other people? Does the universality of God's call threaten some people?

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah we read that while Israel is particular to the Lord and that they are a covenant people, God will call others not of the people of Israel to share in the Kingdom. The last line of today's reading tells us that God would even call some who are not Israelites to be priests. This message must be difficult for the Israelites to hear. The foreign nations have been the constant enemies of the Israelites. How can God call them to share in a covenant relationship? How could God call those thought to be outsiders to be a priest of God? Isaiah had a difficult message. If God choose other nations, does this mean God rejects Israel?

What do we mean by a covenant? What is a covenant relationship? Where do we hear the word covenant at Mass? How does one get into the covenant which Jesus instituted? Is the covenant open to all or to some? What do we mean by the term New Covenant in Christ? Is Christ the New Covenant?

A covenant is a special relationship which God makes with a people and individuals who are part of the people. God made a covenant with Abraham and his family. God made a covenant with Moses at Mount Sinai. At the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus says you were born into the covenant. One formally becomes part of the Jewish Covenant through circumcision or naming for females. We who are Catholic are not born Catholic, we become Catholic through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Baptism is important because Baptism makes effective in us the redemptive work of Jesus. Thus the redemption which Christ accomplished through his life, death and resurrection is applied to me. I become part of the community of the redeemed. So, while the Covenant in Jesus is established for all, only those who accept the covenant in Baptism can benefit from the work of redemption which Christ established.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses universality of the Kingdom of God. We hear Jesus say that those most prepared to hear his message, rejected it. This being the case, the message is heard and received by those least expected to hear the message of God., the gentile world. There have been hints of this throughout the history of Israel. In the story of Jonah, the Gentiles hear him and repent. In the story of Joshua, it is Rahab who reminds the Israelites who were scouting the promised land that God had promised to give this land to the Israelites. God of Israel is "the God of the heavens above and the earth below." She reminds them of their belief. Thus, the Gospel is offered not only to the Jewish world, but to all.

Yet, because we believe this, we cannot take our salvation for granted. Faith is a relationship with the Lord which must be lived. It must continue to grow. It must be accompanied by a constant conversion to the Lord. It not a one time event. Just as those most prepared to hear the Gospel did not, so too those who are most prepared to recognize the Lord sometimes miss the opportunity. Being a priest, bishop, deacon, sister, missionary does not mean holiness. It does not mean that those holding these titles are converted to the Gospel. It does mean that they have a calling to be people of faith, not a guarantee of salvation. Being a bishop does not mean one is holy. Being a deacon does not mean that the deacon is a saint, being a sister does not mean that one has a place in the kingdom of God. It does mean that one has opportunities to grow in holiness and in response to the Word of God, yet the individual is free to be a saint or a sinner. Be a saint, try to live the Gospel with the help of God's grace.

Msg. Guy A. Massie



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