

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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Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI

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Deacon

MRS. MICHELE D. TWOMEY

Director of Faith Formation

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Pastoral Associate

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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

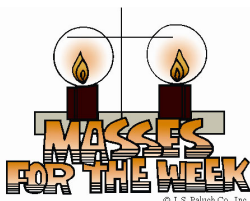
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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 29, 2022**
 8:30 **Concetta & Anthony Tesoriero**
 BY: The Reca Family

- TUE.** **AUGUST 30, 2022**
 8:30 **In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received**
 through the Intercession of
 St. Rocco
 BY: Joann, Vito, Josef, Paul &
 Filomena Marinelli

- WED** **AUGUST 31, 2022**
 8:30 **Luigi "Gino" Masi**


- THURS.** **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**
 8:30 **Dr. John Termine**

- FRI.** **SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**
 8:30 **Carmine Graziani**
 BY Daughter Teresa

- SAT.** **SEPTEMBER 3, 2022**
 8:30 **Frank Martino**
 BY Giovanna & Vincenzo Carrieri-Russo
 5:00 **Anthony "Doc" Sielicki**
 BY: Deacon Jim & Connie Mc Donough

- SUN** **SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**
 8:30 **For World Peace**
 10:00 **All Deceased Parishioners of**
 The Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Family
 BY: Charles & Roseann Russomano

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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|  | Sunday Collection 8/21 | \$ 1,431.00 |
| | *Envelopes & cash | |
| | On Line Donations | \$ 2,650.50 |
| | Total Sunday 8/21 | \$ 4,081.50 |
| | Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$14,325.00 |
| | Difference: | \$ 10,243.50 |
| **Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks | | |



Please join us on Monday, September 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *The Messy Lives of Book People* by Phaedra Patrick. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 10/3. We will be discussing *The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper.

All are welcome.
We hope to see you there.



Bread & Wine for the week of August 28th has been donated In Memory of CHARLES STUTO By: Millie Agosta

Visit those who are shut-in... 
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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 | Julia Magno |
| 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 |

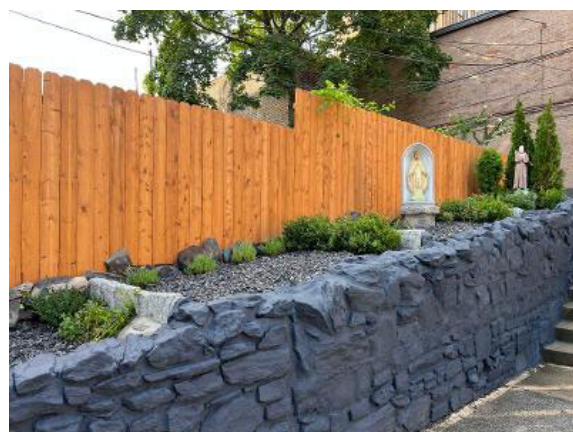
New Garden of Consolation

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 Family,

Humility is the theme of the Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday. What is humility? It is worth having? Why is this an unpopular theme? In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, the opening words are “My child, conduct your affairs with humility.” In the Gospel Jesus says “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.” How do we hear such statements in our time?

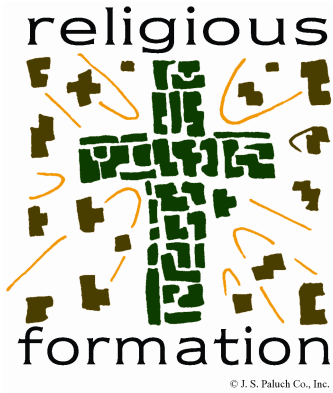
What is humility? Humility means being truthful about oneself. Humility is the admission of one’s weaknesses and one’s talents. Humility is recognizing that all the talents and blessings one is possessed of are gifts from God. Therefore, these gifts we have belong to God and are given to us for a time. Humility is not entitlement.

We all need humility and self esteem in their proper dosage. Too much self esteem can result in too much self pride and too much humility can result in too much self effacing. The humble person realizes he/she does not know everything. The proud person thinks he/she knows everything and therefore is not teachable. Who are you truly? What are your strengths and what are your weaknesses? How often do we embellish our strong points and make small our not so strong points? How often have we given the wrong impression of our true selves to others only to be embarrassed at a later time? Can we accept ourselves with our strengths and our weaknesses? Can we accept ourselves with our talents and with areas of ourselves which are not so talented? Are we afraid of what others will think of us?

Humility is the truth about who we are and who we are not. Humility allows us to live freely. So, let us take a case in point. A person is smart. A person is talented in many areas of his/her life. The same person is popular. How does this person respond to praise for his/her talents offered by a friend? The proper response is “thank you, my talents and intelligence is a gift from God.” The attitude of a humble person is to recognize the truth and realize that while he/she may be blessed in this area or another area of one’s life, there are areas that one is not so blessed. The humble person never allows him/her self to allow another to feel less for not possessing the same talents with which he/she has been blessed. The humble person does not see him/herself as entitled but rather sees him/herself as part of the life of everyone else. In the end, be truthful about yourself. Say yes when you mean yes and say no when you mean no and say I do not know when you do not know. The humble person is loved by God as well as by his/her friends.

Perhaps we should all remember the words from Ash Wednesday “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” In death we are equal. If you are rich and influential, if you are poor and are not too well known, you are both going to die. If you are smart and bright or if you are not so smart or bright, both are going to die. Keep in mind we also started the same way and we all end the same way. Sometimes, after we have made it so to speak, we forget where we started. Thank God there are people who remind us who we are and keep us grounded in reality.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



**Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen
Children's Faith Formation Program**

2022-23

"We Are a Family of Faith"

REGISTER TODAY for CLASSES!

Faith Formation Program for Grades 1 through 8

⇒ **2022-23 Program Theme: Exploring the Profession of Faith**

This program will help develop strong Catholic Families where children and parents will explore the Profession of Faith through the following questions: *What is Faith? Who is God, and how can we know him? What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of God? How do I live that relationship individually? As a family? In a parish community?* The monthly lessons will be based on these themes, with time for engaging activities and projects, as well as being part of the liturgical life and celebrations in our parish community.

⇒ **Sacramental Formation** will be incorporated into the program for children preparing for First Communion (2nd year). This will include additional in person "proximate preparation" sessions during Lent (Preparation for First Penance) and the Easter Season (preparation for First Communion). There will also be initial Confirmation prep incorporated into the spring sessions for the 7th graders.

⇒ **Final Confirmation Preparation** (2nd year/Grade 8) will consist primarily of small mentoring groups that meet in person throughout the year. Groups will focus on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and how to live as His followers in the world today.

For information email Michele Twomey in the Faith Formation Office at mtwomey.shss@gmail.com

Or call 718 596 7750 x 20