

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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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

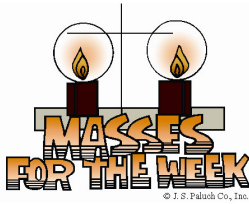
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.**



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 10/16	\$ 2,427.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,245.50
Total Sunday 10/16	\$ 4,672.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,652.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

- MON. OCTOBER 24, 2022
8:30 Joseph & Connie Galletta
BY: Their Loving Daughter Angela

- TUE. OCTOBER 25, 2022
8:30 Guido Porcelli
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

- WED OCTOBER 26, 2022
8:30 Joseph & Marie Gagliardo
BY Son Joseph

- THURS. OCTOBER 27, 2022
8:30 Hank Dellaporte
BY: Catherine Dellaporte & Family

- FRI. OCTOBER 28, 2022
8:30 Anthony Trani

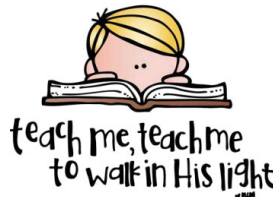
- SAT. OCTOBER 29, 2022
8:30 Betty McCormack
John & Maria Heyer & Family
5:00 In Thanksgiving
BY: Mary Barbuto

- SUN OCTOBER 30 2022
8:30 Charles Piccirello
BY: Dr. & Mrs. Victor Masi & Family
10:00 Louise & Nicholas Calise
BY: Leon & Mary Calise
Noon Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Vitoanthony Deliso



Please join us on
Monday, November 7th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for
an informal discussion about
The Fountains of Silence by *Ruta Sepetys*.
All are welcome.
We hope to see you there.

Volunteers Needed. Will you join us?



Here at SHSS, we are blessed to share the privilege of sharing our rich Catholic faith and traditions with the youth of the parish. We need more laborers in the vineyard to help teach, assist, prepare crafts, be monitors during class, assist at Grade Masses, and prepare refreshments, and we need prayer warriors. If you can help in some way or give one Sunday a month, we welcome your assistance. Contact Michele Twomey at 718-596-7750 or email mtwomey.shss@gmail.com to help.



Bread & Wine for the week of
October 23rd has been
donated
In Memory of
LOUIS RUSSO
By Carmela Agosta



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:

Jonelle Bernardo,
 Brad Hatry
 Michelle Laquercia
 Santina Garbellotto
 Judith Miller
 Diane Barchuk
 Carol DeMairo
 Anthony Tilocca
 Elizabeth Foley
 Ann Curcuru
 Lamar McNabb
 Carol Montelbano
 Anthony Manfre
 Emma Huckerby
 Joan Di Tucci
 Dominick Aiello, Jr.
 Erica Concino
 Susan Hannan
 Hector Jimenez
 Abigail Memmesheimer
 Philip Saraceno
 Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia
 Paul & Leona Pensabene
 Sarina Mukhi

Helena Rolla
 Gertrude Zagarella
 Irene Balen
 John Nigro
 Salvatore Salerno
 Addy Wardrope
 Anthony Gambardella
 Anthony Turco
 Cathy De Marino
 Dora Zanzonico
 Louis D'Angelo
 Julia Magno
 Celeste Internicola
 Kristin Quail

Mark Carles
 MaryAnn Kinczel
 Evan Marra
 Darren Munio
 Sophia Rotunno
 Vittorio Di Turi
 Frances Marra
 Salvatore Aleo



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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!



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CHOIR NEWS
Sacred Hearts
Children &
Youth Choir has
begun again on
Wednesdays this
fall.

Open to all
children ages 7-18.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to Jennifer Wu, our Choir Director at SHSSmusic@gmail.com. Spread the word—this is a free program that's fun for kids and they can bring their friends.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD TO BEGIN

We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions will begin on Sunday, October 16th. What is *CHOW*? During Mass, children in Grades PreK through fifth grade are invited to their own Liturgy of the Word in the side chapel to hear the Word of God proclaimed from the



Lectionary for Masses with Children.

As time permits, we make a simple craft that demonstrates the teaching or lesson from the Sunday Mass readings.

Following the homily, the children return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you would like to assist us in this special ministry, please call

Michele Twomey at
718-596-7750 or
mtwomey.shss@gmail.com.

From the Pastor

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C.
Who went to the house justified?
Luke 18: 9-14.

It is the same chapter as last Sunday. Jesus continues his teaching on prayer: before, He insisted on constancy, now on humility. He illustrates this by contrasting the prayer of a Pharisee and that of a tax collector. The first readers of this Gospel had a good image of the Pharisees, people very committed to their faith, and a bad one of the publicans, at least among the well-to-do, who were affected by their activity as customs collectors. Contrary to Luke's present readers, who have a negative view of the Pharisees and not so of the publicans, which affects our way of understanding the Gospel: with this change of perspective, Jesus' parable loses force. However, look at this gospel from the last view.

They keep their distance so that the Pharisee does not lose the ritual purity that the publican might have lost in his contact with his work. The liturgy has chosen a translation (the publican stayed behind) that can lead to a misinterpretation. Both are in the temple at one of the two public prayers of the day. Their prayers differ in body posture (the Pharisee stands upright, the publican looks down), gestures (the publican beats his chest, something unusual in the Jewish man's prayer), and words. However, there is one coincidence: the Pharisee includes the publican in a list of sinners (along with thieves, unjust, and adulterers), and the publican acknowledges that he is one. While the Pharisee gives thanks for being the way he is, the publican asks for compassion.

The Pharisee justifies himself ("he considered himself righteous," says Luke) with his résumé: he fasts and gives ten percent of his goods, surpassing in both things what is required by the Old Testament. The publican cannot justify himself before God, but - according to Jesus- God justifies him, while he does not do so with the Pharisee.

It may be that we often fall into the temptation of feeling better or on the "right path" simply because we belong to the community of the Church. The Church is a small oasis in the life of a Christian where we feel full of God and strength to put at the service of others; from there, everything is easy. But how many times have I not known how to get sufficiently involved? How can I do better with others if I cannot humble myself with "my own"? After the Eucharist of sending forth, I felt that it was not enough to live my baptism and keep the experience to oneself, but that it is necessary to show it to others where it is essential to get out of the routine to put oneself at the service of others. Perhaps I, who have lived the days, am the one who most deviates from the right path and who most needs to be reminded by Francis that one must smell like a sheep.

On the other hand, this Sunday's Gospel fills me with feelings lived in these last days, and at the same time, it fills me with questions because there are phrases that I do not know when will be fulfilled in this world.

I have stopped in my prayer to contemplate the figures of the publican and the Pharisee many times, asking myself: when am I a Pharisee? But today, I have stayed with the first sentence, *"to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else."* (Lk 18:9) When I read this, the first thing that came to mind was: I wish it were only at that time! Because I lived this sentence very closely few days ago. I saw how they despised immigrants, crowded in a vast room, asking for food while we watched undaunted as they were political victims because they would feel righteous to do that injustice of lack of love. This scene that I have seen so many times in documentaries, in movies, etc., since we try to see it to sensitize ourselves, to know the truth of the reality of the immigrants. It has touched me to live it so close that you feel the smallest, the most impotent in this world, leaving a mark in your heart and a question: Until when this? Until then, Lord? We could only say: "Lord, have compassion and make them compassionate," but with the pain of not being able to do anything for these brothers and sisters. Only the minimum.

And in the face of this pain, the hope of how the Gospel ends: "He who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" Lord, may we know how to be humble so that all these realities that are so close to us may change. May we be humble but without humiliating any of our brothers. May we not falter in our mission as Christians to proclaim the truth, the justice of Christ, and the validity of the Gospel: *"God so loved the world that he gave his life for it."* May I know how to give my life, Lord!

Well, now we know that it is not enough to pray eternally; it is necessary that prayer penetrates to the deepest depths of life and be radically sincere. A publican is a man who knows neither purity nor ritual formulas. His life is pierced in sin, and he cannot present any merit and advantage before God. However, he allows God to enlighten and change him by going to the bottom of himself. Therefore, within our Christian experience, prayer will consist in opening ourselves with Jesus to the Father. In Jesus and with Jesus, we can discover that our life is full of the gift that God offers. It is full of the capacity to accept others even if they go beyond our limits and spaces. In that experience, we discover the intimacy of feeling loved and accepted (as the Publican did) and not with the authority to acclaim ourselves as perfect.

Undoubtedly the Pharisee presents a facet of our lives, and prayer lived as a mere rite that is far from society and the realities that come with it. Perhaps I desire to do my duty, but not to mean sacrifice for those. How often does my Christian spiritual life become a dry duty and detached from today's reality? I am sure that the Pharisee has punctually fulfilled all his prayers and prescriptions, as perhaps in many moments I could have done. However, through all his words, he has not reached the reality of God, remaining in himself, or remaining in ourselves.

Juan Herrera, Seminarian

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