

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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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

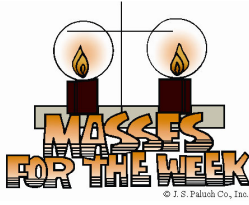
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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. DECEMBER 19, 2022
8:30 Santo, Carmella & Dominick Savoca
BY: The Troiano Family

- TUE. DECEMBER 20, 2022
8:30 Thomas Bruno, Sr.
BY: A Friend

- WED. DECEMBER 21, 2022
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Theresa

- THURS. DECEMBER 22, 2022
8:30 Michele Reca & Salvatore Arezzo
BY: The Reca Family

- FRI. DECEMBER 23, 2022
8:30 Kimberly Ann Affronti
BY: Her Husband

- SAT. DECEMBER 24, 2022
8:30 Elizabeth De Meglio
BY Loving Family
4:30 Christmas Family Mass
Midnight Christmas Midnight Mass

- SUN. DECEMBER 25, 2022
10:00 Christmas Mass
Noon Christmas Mass

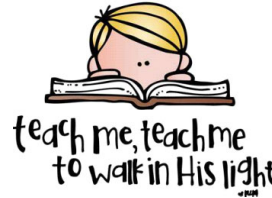
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/4	\$1,710.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,508.50
Total Sunday 12/4	\$ 4,218.50
Annual Weekly Exp-enses*	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,106..50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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 December 18th has been donated
In Loving Memory of
LOUIS D'ANGELO
BY: Phyllis Edwards



Sanctuary Lamps for the week of December 18th have been donated
In Loving Memory of
All Deceased Family, Friends & Neighbors
BY: Rose Marie Foglia



Please note that there will be no Book Club meeting in December. We will resume meeting in the New Year. Please join us on Monday, Jan. 2nd @7 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *The Phonebook at the Edge of the World* by Laura Messina. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be Feb. 6th. We will be discussing *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell. All are welcome.

Hope to see you there.



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 |
| Lois Tilocca | Salvatore Salerno |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Elizabeth Foley | Cathy De Marino |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Louis D'Angelo |
| Carol Montelbano | Julia Magno |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Kristin Quail |
| Joan Di Tucci | Sarina Mukhi |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | MaryAnn Kinczel |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Salvatore Aleo |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene | Frances Marra |
| Michael Ostrowski | Regina Ventura Giulietti |
| | John Primavera |

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 9:30 AM
Saturday Evenings @ 4:00 PM
Sundays @ 10:00 AM

Please continue to keep Fr. Cashman in your prayers as he is still recovering. Msgr. Massie and Fr. Cletus are covering for him during this process.



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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.

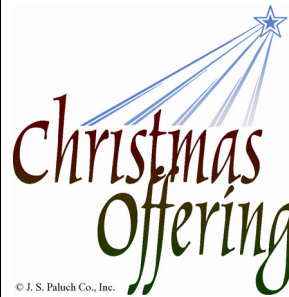
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We need your help to enhance our Christmas Liturgies with decorations, music and streaming. Please consider making a contribution to support this in one of the following ways.

If you receive monthly envelopes, there is one for extra-ordinary Christmas expenses, you may contribute on line at Give Central or you may fill out a blank form located in the back of our church. We appreciate your support and generosity over the years. All contributions should be received by December 19th in order to be printed on our poster board.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Fourth and last Sunday in Advent, the sacred texts invites us to look at Mary and Joseph. The first reading from Isaiah speaks to us about the Virgin who will be with child. The Gospel of Matthew invites us to give attention to Joseph, the man who influenced and taught Jesus.

While much has been said about Mary in the preparation for Christmas, Joseph may easily be forgotten. There are many feasts recalling the greatness of Mary but only two feasts remembering Joseph. It has been only since Vatican II that Joseph's name has been added to the Eucharistic Prayers. We need to look at Joseph. Scripture has little to say about Joseph, except from outside sources like the Talmud from which we may glean some picture of Jewish life at the time of Jesus. The Talmud tried to codify Jewish life after the fall of the Temple in 70CE. The text collected Jewish traditions from various places in the Land of Israel on such topics as family life, marriage customs, burial customs, buying and selling, planting etc.

In the volume of the Talmud called *Katushim*, we read about parenting. The section on parenting tells us the expectations of being a parent. It outlines what a father must teach his son or his daughter. It outlines what a mother should teach her children. (this may be a good guide for today) According to this Talmudic tradition, a father was to have his son become part of the covenant and the father was to name the child. A father was to teach his son the following; how to pray, how to conduct household rituals such as the weekly Shabbat services. A father has to teach his son how to read to the best of the child's ability. The father was to teach or have someone teach the child a profession or a way to earn one's living. The father was to show the child the world outside the home. A father was to teach his child to swim because knowing how to do so might save his life. If these directives were guidelines at the time of Joseph, than we have some idea of how much Jesus learned from Joseph.

We might conclude that Joseph was present at the bris of Jesus and that Joseph would have to say his name is Jesus. Joseph names Jesus. Joseph taught Jesus his Jewish ritual which included prayer, the Passover ritual and the Shabbat ritual. Joseph was a worker of wood. Jesus was known as a carpenter. Joseph had to teach him the trade. This means Joseph taught Jesus how to measure, the quality of wood, the value of money. Joseph had to teach Jesus the family business. Joseph had to teach Jesus how to read to the best of his ability. Every Jewish boy had to have some knowledge of reading for the sake of the reading of the Torah and the study of sacred texts. Joseph had to teach Jesus about the world. Jesus uses many images in the parables. How could a carpenter know about sheep and fishing and planting if someone had not taught him or exposed him to the farmers and the fisherman? Joseph was a faithful Jewish father. He left a strong mark on Jesus. I wonder whose image Jesus had in his mind when he taught the Our Father.

Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man. If Jesus is true man, than he had to learn about life much as we have to learn. Joseph truly may have left a strong impression on Jesus. Men's spirituality has a definite place in the life of Jesus. A father's role in the religious education of a child is essential. Both parents play a major role in the spiritual lives of their children. Joseph and Mary are great spiritual directors to us. Mary would tell us: "Do whatever he (Jesus) says. Joseph would answer our questions by saying: "His name is Jesus". Both Mary and Joseph had Jesus as the center of their lives. Who is the center of your life? Who is the center of the life of the Church or the parish?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



LITURGICAL NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS

Perhaps we can view the Liturgical Seasons as spiral rather than a circle. In this way, we may more readily hear the same readings for the first time again. Advent, as does Lent invites us to hear the readings again for the first time. The readings and the season may be familiar to you, however, you and I have changed. As a result, we hear the readings differently from the last time we heard these texts.

We begin the Gospel of Saint Matthew today. The first way to be prepared to meet the Lord whenever he arrives either at the end of time or in our personal meeting with the Lord in death is to seek to meet the Lord in the Eucharist, in the sacred text and in each other. An important way to meet the Lord is in service and acts of mercy to those in need. Those in need are considered the poor. Poverty does not always refer to our financial status. Recognizing the Lord in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the prisoners, the sick, the innocent child, the unborn, the dying, the battered, the victim of persecution, the victim of torture, the down and out, the immigrant, the lonely and in ourselves is a good preparation to welcoming the Lord. Advent is a time of preparation. If we want to be prepared to meet the Lord in heaven or at the second coming, than we need to recognize Christ here and now in our city, parish, family, workplace and wherever we gather.

Blessed Liturgical Year 2023

INFORMATION SHEET

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