

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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JENNIFER WU

Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

ROSEMARY POLITO

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

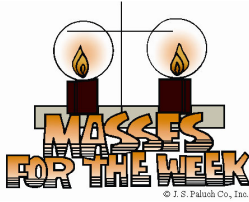
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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. FEBRUARY 13, 2023**
8:30 Santo, Carmella & Dominick Savoca
BY: The Troiano Family
- TUE. FEBRUARY 14, 2023**
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- WED FEBRUARY 15, 2023**
8:30 George Magliocco
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Wife & Family
- THURS. FEBRUARY 16, 2023**
8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato
BY: Lenny & JoAnn
- FRI. FEBRUARY 17, 2023**
8:30 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomanno
BY: Loving Family
- SAT. FEBRUARY 18, 2023**
8:30 Rosetta Pugliese
BY: M/M Michael Scotto-DiClemente
5:00 PM Kevin Sheehan
BY: Wife & Son
- SUN FEBRUARY 19, 2023**
8:30 Theresa Renderio
10:00 Kathleen Moran
BY: Anne Mortillaro
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/05	\$2,363.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,062.50
Total Sunday 1/29	\$ 4,425.50
Annual Weekly Expenses*	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,899.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



CATECHISTS NEEDED
Are you available to give some of your time to the planting and growing of our wonderful Catholic faith in the hearts and minds of the young people in our parish?

*We are blessed with a growing enrollment!
We need Catechists for this year and planning for next year to meet the growing need.*

Thank you, God!

*Training is provided, and scheduling is flexible.
We are also in need of Special Education Teachers who would be willing to share their talents for small groups or one-to-one catechetical instruction. Spread the word and ask a friend.*

*Please call the rectory if interested at
718-596-7750 or email Michele at*

mtwomey.shss@gmail.com.

Please join us on Tuesday, March. 7th
@7 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing



You're Invited

Walking with Ghosts
by Gabriel Byrne.
For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be April 4th. We will be

discussing *All About Me* by Mel Brooks. Please note our meeting day has changed to the first Tuesday of each month.

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 | John Primavera |
| Kathy Parasimo | Butch Montevecchi |



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SACRED HEARTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Now is the perfect time for children to join the parish Children's Choir for the spring season.

Choir meets in the church Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 PM. Visit the organ loft to speak with Jim or Jen or sign up by e-mail to SHSSmusic@gmial.com or just plan to be there on February 1st. All children ages 7 and up are welcome. Singing together builds friendships, faith, confidence, poise, a love of music and many good things. Come sing with us!



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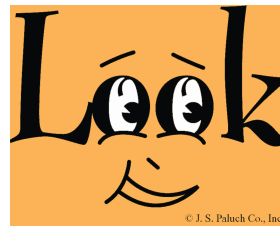
Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for

this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

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



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Please be advised that Tax Letters for 2022 have been mailed. It is not required to call the Rectory to

request one, they are being automatically mailed to all.

We thank you for your continued support of this great Parish for it is through your generosity and support that we are able to sustain our expenses and provide the services we do.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

The Gospel message today is the Sermon on the Mount. The Gospel today, while seeming long, is quite direct and instructive in the way of discipleship. While reading this text or listening to this text keep the following points in mind. Jesus calls his disciples to a higher standard of morality which begins with our internal attitudes. Jesus is calling for a conversion of heart. It is our internal attitudes which lead us to moral or immoral behavior.

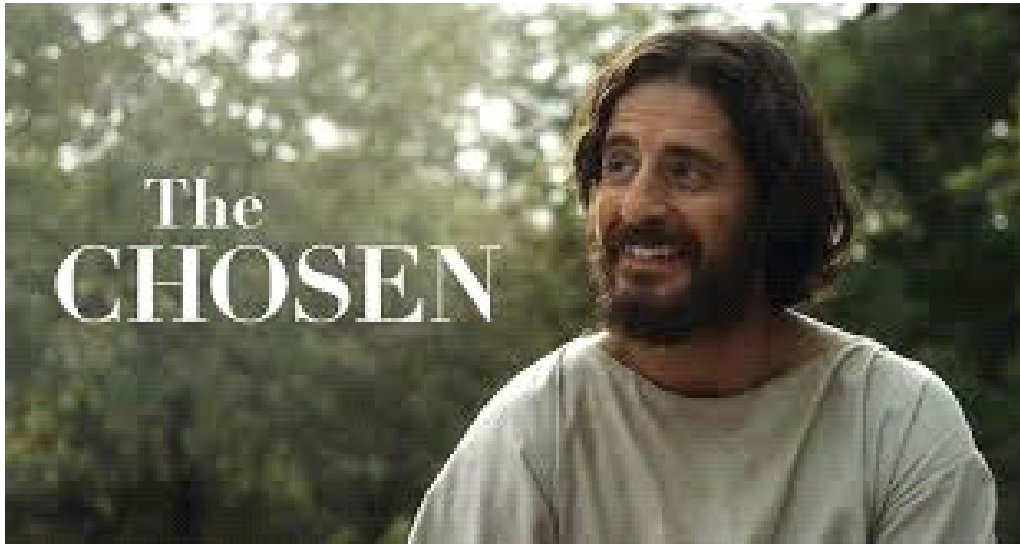
Jesus therefore expands the Law of Moses beyond immoral acts to the thoughts and attitudes which ultimately lead to immoral acts. Jesus bases his statements on the Law of Love. Love meaning: the effective willing of the Good for others. This love is not emotional, not sentimental but rather a product of will based on God's Law. In this text Jesus takes the Law of Moses and intends it for everyone. Jesus makes universal the Law of Moses. If we are determined to follow in discipleship, than avoidance of immoral situations becomes the way to lead a life of discipleship. Reconciliation is put forth as a necessity and not an option for the life of a disciple. Finally, in the text Jesus uses typical Semitic exaggerations. Remember Jesus is Jewish. Jesus teaches and speaks and thinks as a Semitic person of his era. He is not a western gentlemen. He is not a European or an American. The text we are reading is Semitic. This means that what is presented as absolute term is really meant to be a relative term. Thus the statement about not swearing an oath means one should be honest. Yet Paul in 2 Cor 1:23 swears an oath, Jesus in the passion narrative of John does not turn the other cheek without question. (Jn19f)

Jesus calls his disciples to a higher standard of morality which begins with our internal attitudes. Compare the directive of the Ten Commandments which states: "you shall not murder." Jesus expands this to say you should avoid all things that lead to murder such as anger which festers and violence against another person which can lead to such an act. Notice the level of violence in our society. Notice the domestic violence in our society. Notice the violent language we use when communicating with each other. It is internal anger, festering resentments which lead to such criminal acts. To avoid these dire situations, Jesus calls us to reconcile. He calls us to face the issues which lead us to these situations and solve them by recognizing the mutual dignity of each person.

Jesus speaks to our inner intentions not only to our acts. At the beginning of Mass we pray for forgiveness for our thoughts, words and deeds, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. Jesus expands the immorality on the topic of adultery. Adultery begins in the mind. Sexual behavior is founded first in the mind and attitude of the one who wishes to misbehave. How do we hear Jesus speaking in our day when internet sex and television introduce this behavior into our own homes? How do we speak to our children about the issues? If we do not steer our young people than someone else will steer them in ways we may not like. In society which has regulated all behavior to private sector, there seems to be no accountability. It is not that we the Christians want to make life difficult, but we need to address these issues because so many are hurt and so many have lost their dignity. Many young people have lost the art of relationships because their primary activity is of a sexual nature. As Jesus has clearly noted, sexual misbehavior starts in the mind.

The gospel, as does the first reading, places choices before us. We are invited to choose. We can choose a life that follows the discipleship of Christ and be free. We can choose to go in the opposite direction and be enslaved to our appetites. To make this decision we must ask ourselves do we want discipleship, faith and relationship with Christ or not. Do we see Christ as The Way the Truth and the Life or do we seek compromise. In the end, discipleship leads us to freedom to solid relationships with others and deep relationships with Jesus.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



Join us as we Binge Jesus!

Monday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Holy Family Center

Movie *CHOSEN*, Season One

On Monday evenings thru Lent, we will gather for *Soup and a Movie* in the Holy Family Center. Following the movie, we will have some time for discussion and fellowship. We welcome our Confirmation Candidates, High School Students, parents, and adult parishioners to join us.

We will begin with Season One of the movie *CHOSEN*. This movie is about the biblical events that surround Jesus' public ministry.

RSVP to mtwomey.shss@gmail.com or call 718-596-7750 by the previous Sunday, so we can plan accordingly.

INFORMATION SHEET

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