

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH



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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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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE

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REV. NGOZI

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Pastoral Associate

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Business Manager

JAMES LAKE

Parish Organist

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON. **APRIL 24, 2023**
8:30 For Blessings Received

TUE. **APRIL 25, 2023**
8:30 Giulia Nunzzi
BY: The Members of Faith Formation
& Michele Twomey

WED **APRIL 26, 2023**
8:30 Deceased Members of The DiRosa Family
BY: Francesco Di Rosa

THURS. **APRIL 27, 2023**
8:30 John Allgeier
BY: Liz & Family

FRI. **APRIL 28, 2023**
8:30 Louis D'Angelo
BY: The Eng Family

SAT. **APRIL 29, 2023**
8:30 Alessandro &
Antonino Caratozzolo
BY: Domenica DiMaio

5:00 PM Saverio De Felice

SUN **APRIL 30, 2023**
8:30 Joan Di Tucci
BY: Her Sister Theresa DiTucci Daniti

10:00 Anna & Jimmy Valentino

Noon Kathleen Moran
BY: The Bellantuono Family

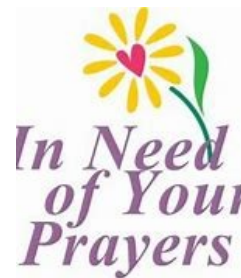
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/16 \$ 1,663.00*
*Envelopes & cash
On Line Donations \$ 2,248.00
Total Sunday 4/16 \$ 4,728.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **\$14,325.00
Difference: \$ 9,994.50

***Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially: Jonelle Bernardo, Sarina

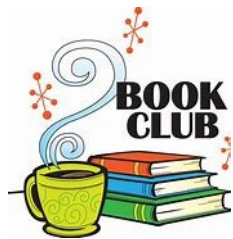


Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laquercia, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Carol DeMairo, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony

Tilocca, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy DeMarino, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Louis D'Angelo, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Celeste Internicola, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Dominick Aiello, Jr., Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan Hannan, Evan Marra, Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL: \$36,274.00
PLEDGED \$27,550.00
PAID: \$16,147.50



Please join us on Tuesday, 5/2/23 @ 7PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 6/6. We will be discussing *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. All are welcome!

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS AS OF APRIL 3, 2023. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE TO THIS APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE MANY MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY OUR DIOCESE THROUGH THIS APPEAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season which will continue until Pentecost which this year is May 27th. Today's readings are inspiring and uplifting. Today we shall focus on the gospel and relate the other readings to this great message. This is my favorite Easter story.

In today's Gospel we meet two dejected, sad mournful and disillusioned disciples. The two are leaving Jerusalem. They are discussing all that happened to Jesus as they were walking. In the midst of the topic of their discussion, Jesus approaches but he is not recognized by the sad disciples. He inquires as to the topic of their discussion. The two, while they are surprised that he does not know about all that happened to Jesus, fill him in. At this point Jesus addresses some questions to the disciples. Ascertaining their answers, Jesus begins to teach them. Jesus explains the scriptures to them regarding the messiah. They reach an inn and they invite Jesus to stay. He does stay and while they were eating, he takes bread, blesses it and gives it to them. With this gesture, they recognize who the stranger is whereupon Jesus vanishes.

There are many lessons we can take from this story. First, the disciples had a narrow understanding of the term messiah. Jesus explains the role of the messiah as being redemptive. Jesus uses the sacred text which was known to the two of them to reveal his identity. Is this not the first part of the liturgy in the Catholic Church? We read the Word. We seek to understand the text so that we may find meaning in our own lives here and now. Jesus draws near as they are discussing. When we study the sacred text or preach on the text, Jesus is present in the Sacred Word. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is also explaining the sacred text to his own people. It is most important that we understand the scripture. Understanding the text helps our faith to grow. Secondly, after we study and preach on the Word, we move to the celebration of the Eucharist. It is during the celebration of the Eucharist that the Jesus of the text becomes visibly present under the appearances of bread and wine. We as Catholics believe that Jesus is really present not symbolically present in the Eucharist we celebrate, receive and adore. In the Eucharist we encounter the Risen Christ, so when the two recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, it emphasizes the real presence of Christ in this sacrament. We meet the Risen Christ in the sacraments, in the Word, in the gathering of the people and most especially in the Eucharist.

The Emmaus Gospel gives us two prayers. The first is said by the disciples who think that their travelling companion is going on further. They say "Stay with us." We can say the same prayer when evening approaches, when some darkness is surrounding us, when we are confused when we are sad. These words inspired the Italian hymn "Resta Con Noi." Secondly the Gospel teaches us to be open to the lessons of the scripture. The disciples confess that their hearts were burning in them. When we are moved by the sacred text, we know it. This happens when the text speaks directly to you. Lastly, when the disciples recognized Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus vanishes from their sight. While they may see him, he vanished into them. They are on fire with the Good News of the Resurrection. This is a big change. When we met them, they were running away. Now they are running to Jerusalem to share the Good News. When was the last time your faith made you excited enough to share it? In the end, one never knows who one will meet on our life journey, Some we meet can fill our lives with joy and hope. Some we meet can teach us how to attain that joy and hope. Perhaps one day we will meet the one who is joy and hope.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie