

# 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. NGOZI

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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.

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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: [WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS](http://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.**

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# Mass Intentions For The Week



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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/23	\$2,377.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$3,127.50
Total Sunday 4/23	\$ 5,504.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,820.50

\*\*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 Kinzel, Susan

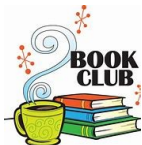
Hannan, Evan Marra, Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevocchi.



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of 4/29/23 have been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**MICHAEL SCOTTO**  
BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto

- MON. MAY 1, 2023  
8:30 Violet Massie & Rocco Massie
  
- TUE. MAY 2, 2023  
8:30 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomanno  
BY: Loving Family
  
- WED MAY 3, 2023  
8:30 Deceased Members of The Colella,  
Patti & Manus Families  
BY: LouAnne & Michael
  
- THURS. MAY 4, 2023  
8:30 Carmela Teresa Ruggiero  
BY: The Gessler Family
  
- FRI. MAY 5, 2023  
8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
BY: RoseMary Polito & Family
  
- SAT. MAY 6, 2023  
8:30 Carmel DeMaio  
BY: Domenica DeMaio  
5:00 PM Anna Ruggiero  
BY: Loving Family
  
- SUN MAY 7, 2023  
8:30 Ralph Wager  
BY: The Reca Family  
10:00 Janine Martinez  
BY: Marilena Russo  
Noon Thomas Bracco  
BY: Wife, Theresa Bracco



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!

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep. The Good Shepherd is present to his sheep. The Good Shepherd wills the good for the sheep. The Good Shepherd gives of his life, his energy, his entire being for the good of the sheep. The Good Shepherd will even die for his sheep. The sacred texts this week speak to us of gathering in, consolation and healing. The Good Shepherd is God. In Christ who is the incarnate Word of God, we see the compassionate merciful and yet truthful face of God who cares for and provides for his people.

We read in the Gospel “My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me.” How do we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? The world is full of voices, with words, communications, cell phones, e-mails, tweets, Facebook, there is too much to hear. How can one know the inner silent voice of the Lord in our hearts? Perhaps the voice of the Lord speaks to us of mercy, love, peace, reconciliation. Perhaps we may recognize the voice of God when we are invited to be people who seek justice for those who lack a voice to speak for themselves. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is calling us to abandon attitudes and behaviors which do not contribute to our personal wellbeing nor the wellbeing of others. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are told that we are forgiven, we are loved by God. We all have the vocation to holiness and wholeness of being. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are given hope that life does not end but it does change. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard leading us through the valleys of darkness and uncertainty of our lives.

Who speaks the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard through the preaching of the Apostles. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, it is Peter who proclaims the Good News and issues an invitation to all to come to faith in Christ. In our day the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the proclamation of the gospel as well as in the example of the believing community. We are told in the second reading of the first Letter of Peter that Christ is our example when we face suffering and persecution. It is the shepherd who suffers for and with his sheep. The Risen Lord lives with us, through us and in us. Oftentimes the suffering inflicted on the shepherd is done by those the shepherd is seeking to serve and save. How many parents weep over their children they are trying to reach? How many children weep over parents they are seeking to help in the face of the parent’s rejection?

The voice of the Good Shepherd can be heard in the innocent voice of a child reminding a grieving parent that grandma is with Jesus., reminding us of our faith. The voice of the Good Shepherd may be in the one who courageously speaks out for justice for the oppressed, the homeless or the immigrant. The gentle correction given to us by someone who loves us may be the voice of the Good Shepherd reaching out to us. The voice of a parent, friend, or anyone who reminds us that we can be better than we are, may be an invitation to a change of life for the better.

The Good Shepherd does speak. How do we listen? Silence and reflection on one’s life is essential to hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. Can we be silent internally as well as externally? Can we learn how to listen without speaking? What is your life saying to you? What do you hear? To whom do you address your questions? God is speaking. Can we listen? We may learn something we do not yet know.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie