

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

Pastor

REV. CLETUS FORSON

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REV. NGOZI

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Deacon

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Director of Faith Formation

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Pastoral Associate

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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. MAY 29, 2023**
8:30 Brenda Carpenter
BY: Masi Family
- TUE. MAY 30, 2023**
8:30 Lee Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- WED MAY 31, 2023**
8:30 Mary Ann Marchese
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- THURS. JUNE 1, 2023**
8:30 Joyce Sisto
- FRI. JUNE 2, 2023**
8:30 Polito & DeLosa Families
BY: Rosemary & Family
- SAT. JUNE 3, 2023**
8:30 Joseph & Lia Cerato
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
- 5:00 PM Frank Ancona
BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
- SUN JUNE 4, 2023**
8:30 For The People of the Parish
10:00 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- Noon Mass of Thanksgiving for
Deacon John Heyer, II

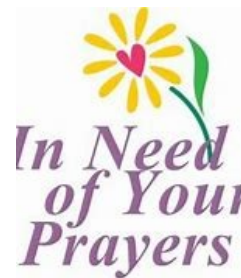
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/21	\$2,351.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$3,082.50
Total Sunday 5/21	\$5,306.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,891.50

**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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

PARISH GOAL	\$36,274.00
PLEGGED	\$53,410.00
PAID:	\$29,904.50

Thank you for your continued generosity. Kindly continue to honor your pledges. All funds over goal are given to our Parish to support our programs, ministries and help pay our overhead expenses.

Please join us on Tuesday, 6/6/23
@ 7PM in the Parish House for an
informal discussion about
We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia
Hunter. Please note that we will not be
meeting in July. For those of you who
plan ahead, our next meeting will be 8/1/23. We
will be discussing *Americanah* by Chimamanda
Ngozi Adichie.



All are welcome!

From the Pastor

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit stay with us, Come Holy Spirit be part of us.

Dear Parish Community,

We believe that God is a Trinity of persons. While the Father is not Jesus and Jesus is not the Spirit and the Spirit is not the Father, yet all are Divine, all are One God. Confused? Well, the Trinity is more experienced than understood. Think of the Holy Spirit as Divine Energy. Think about this, You have redecorated your home, you have newly painted walls, new drapes, new floors, new windows and even some structural changes. You walk into your newly renovated home, it is enveloped in the shadows of the day. Things are not clear. What do you need to showcase your new home? You need light to see, light to enjoy the new curtains and structures. The Spirit is similar. We know what we should believe. We know what we must do to be disciples. What we need is the energy and stamina to live as a believer in Christ. We may say that the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in the apparent absence of Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes the Father and makes Jesus present in the sacraments, in our hearts and in the community, The work of Jesus is completed. Jesus redeemed us. Now the work of appropriating the redemption won by Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus is the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is the breath of God uttering the Word.

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Pentecost means fifty days after Easter. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. The readings for the feast of Pentecost are based on the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated fifty days after Passover. The Jewish Feast celebrates God giving the Torah on Mount Sinai. See Exodus 19) The Torah revealed to the Israelites the mind of God and what God required of them. We are celebrating not the giving of the Torah but rather the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and through them to the whole church. The Spirit reveals to us Jesus who is the mind and heart of God among us. For us, it is Jesus who is the illustration of the mind and heart of God. It is Jesus, the WORD OF GOD who reveals to us how we are to live. The Spirit appropriates in us the great redemption which Jesus brought about through his passion, death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit leads us to realize in the depths of our hearts, the need we have for redemption. The Holy Spirit inspires us to recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is only in the Holy Spirit that we can proclaim Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity. We experience God through three distinct yet unified relationships. The Spirit may be seen as the love that exists between the Father and Son. Encountering God as the Holy Spirit awakens us to the Divine Presence of the Trinity dwelling deep within the depths of our being made present through sacraments especially Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Easter and Pentecost lead us to deeper understanding and realization of the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us who is Jesus. The words from 1Corinthians 12:3-13, "No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit," are true. As mentioned earlier, the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity makes Jesus and the Father present in Word and Sacrament. The Spirit reminds and helps us to bear witness to Christ

The Spirit points us to see the connection between Christ and our everyday life. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms God from being an idea or theological concept into a reality in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms the Gospel from being stories about Jesus to making Jesus the dynamic center of our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms our lives from searching for the truth into lives living the truth. It is the Spirit who enables our faith to come alive. It is the Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire, breathes life into our spirits, splashes us with baptismal water, moves us and inspires us to be convicted in faith in Christ Jesus. Like rain, which is always the same, yet it helps produce with our cooperation every spiritual gift helping us to be convicted of our faith in Christ Jesus.

The Church is formed from the clay of our humanity and the fire of the Holy Spirit kindled in the waters of baptism, thus creating us into living stones forming us into the body of Christ. It is the context of Eucharist, the Sacred Text, the Sacraments and the Community that we have a personal and communal relationship with the Lord. It is in this relationship personal and communal that we discover the abiding presence of Christ in the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and reverence (fear of the Lord) cf. Gal5. It is through these gifts that we cultivate lives of love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, chastity and generosity. It is living in this Holy Spirit that we proclaim in our very beings that "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD to the praise and Glory of God the Father.

Come Holy Spirit set our hearts