

# 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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*Parochial Vicar*

REV. NGOZI

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*Parish Organist*

JENNIFER WU

*Choir Director*

ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

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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.

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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 5/7	\$2,589.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,717.50
Total Sunday 5/7	\$5306.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,018.50

\*\*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



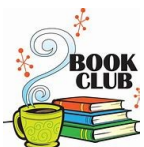
Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laquercia, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Carol DeMairo, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony

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.

- MON. MAY 15, 2023  
8:30 Frank Foglia
  
- TUE. MAY 16, 2023  
8:30 Concetta Bastista Scotto  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
  
- WED MAY 17, 2023  
8:30 Danny De Losa  
BY: Rosemary & Family
  
- THURS. MAY 18, 2023  
8:30 James & Josephine Kelly  
BY: Liz & Family  
Noon Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Family  
BY: Grandchildren
  
- FRI. MAY 19, 2023  
8:30 Dominic Dellaporte  
BY: Catherine & Family
  
- SAT. MAY 20, 2023  
8:30 Adam Rapino  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: His Family  
5:00 PM Josephine & Frank Ammatuna & Natalie & Giovanni Scala  
BY: Josephine & Giancarlo & Family
  
- SUN MAY 21, 2023  
8:30 Sammi Uribe Dominguez  
BY: The Michel Family  
10:00 Holy Spirit for the Parish  
Noon Carmelina & Vito Di Turi  
BY Marie & Frank Gaudioso

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.

All are welcome!



## From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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Today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we continue our Gospel reading from the discourses at the Last Supper according to St. John. Today Jesus has two main points: firstly is his command, secondly, the promise of the Holy Spirit. What are commands of Jesus and what is the motive of obeying them? There are many commands of Jesus among them are; Love one another as I have loved you,. Another is: Do this in memory of me, referring to the Eucharist. Another is be merciful as your father is merciful. Another is Forgive your enemies. There are many others. The reason why we the believers are commanded to obey these commandments is because we love Jesus. We are not to obey simply out of legalistic reasons but rather because we love Jesus. This presupposes that each of us has a deep relationship with Christ in the depths of our hearts. Jesus invites us to forgive not because the one being forgiven deserves the forgiveness, but because you love Jesus. You are being asked to come to the celebration of the Eucharist not to fulfill a law, but because you love Jesus. These people who say “ I do not go to Mass, I pray at home. I do my own thing.” Eucharist calls the church together. We are called by Christ to gather in his name. We are Catholic, we never stand alone, we always stand as a member of this body. While praying at home is good and while your own thing may be wonderful, it is not what Jesus commanded. It is what makes you happy. If we love Jesus, we do not need the emotion or the feeling of fervor. We need to obey these commands because we love Jesus. We grow in the love of Jesus as we learn more about Jesus in the sacred text and in the teaching of the church. It is in experiencing God as Holy Spirit that we are drawn to Jesus.

The second point of today's Gospel is the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Easter Season began on the Second Sunday of Easter and continues until Pentecost. Pentecost is fifty days after Easter. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the community of the Church gathered in the upper room. While the goal of the Easter Season is to celebrate Easter, it is also a preparation for the great feast of Pentecost, which this year is May 31st.

We believe in one God. We experience this one God in three distinct relationships. We experience God as Father, creator and King of Creation. We experience God as Word, Redeemer, Savior and Incarnate Word who is Jesus. The bond between them is the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is given to the community of the Church to remain with us. Jesus is made present in the sacraments and in the Sacred Scripture by the Holy Spirit. It is the experience of God as Holy Spirit that helps us remember all that Jesus taught us. This memory is not only individual memory, but in the memory of the whole Church universal. The Spirit is the sanctifier and the person who sustains us in the faith. It is in experiencing the Holy Spirit that all that Jesus did is appropriated to us as a community and as individuals. Therefore, I can say Jesus died for my sins and for our sins. I can say that we as a Church share the life of God and I can say that I share the life of God due to my Baptism and Eucharist. In this Gospel Jesus is telling us that those who believe in him will love him and they will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. We are called to share in the inner life of God which is the Trinity.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie