

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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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 22, 2023**
8:30 Intentions of Lisa Patti
- TUE. MAY 23, 2023**
8:30 Raffaella Graziani
Birthday Remembrance
BY: Daughter Teresa
- WED MAY 24, 2023**
8:30 Angie Conenna
BY: Rita Russo
- THURS. MAY 25, 2023**
8:30 Angie Conenna
BY: Mike & Laura Eng & Family
- FRI. MAY 26, 2023**
8:30 Rosario Caratozzolo
BY: Domenica DeMaio
- SAT. MAY 27, 2023**
8:30 Rocco Caratozzolo &
Giovanna Carbone
BY: Domenica DeMaio
5:00 PM Michael Ruggiero
BY: Loving Family
- SUN MAY 28, 2023**
8:30 Rev. Vincent Termine
10:00 Holy Spirit for the Parish
Noon Gino Cinardi
BY Rosemary Polito & Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/14	\$1,756.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,542.50
Total Sunday 5/14	\$5,306.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,026.50

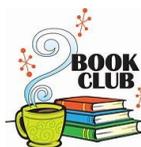
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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.



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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Dear Parish Family,

The readings today have us standing between the Ascension of Christ and the great feast of Pentecost. The readings speak to us about prayer and bearing witness to our faith in Christ. In the Gospel which comes to us from St. John 17:1-11a, we meet Jesus while he is praying. Jesus is praying for himself, for his apostles and by extension for all those who will come to the faith through the preaching of the apostles. Therefore, Jesus is praying for us who are the results of the preaching of the apostles. He prays that his disciples will give witness to him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life by their unity.

Jesus is praying on the night before his death and he asks the Father to glorify him. Remember Jesus is praying in human nature. To glorify means that Jesus is praying that the Father not only be with him as he completes his mission in redemption, but that Jesus' divine status and his intimate nature with the Father become visible on earth. For the Gospel of John, the death of Christ is seen as his glory, his return to the Father.

While Jesus is facing his death, his thoughts are for his disciples. Jesus recognizes that the disciples are given to him by his Father. This recognition reaffirms that no one comes to Jesus unless the Father calls him. This statement also states that the disciple of Jesus is part of the family of God. We are part of the Trinity. God wishes to share his life with us. This is an amazing relationship.

Jesus longing for unity is at the heart of his prayer. This prayer reveals a deep unity between Jesus and the Father. Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. The prayer asks that their unity (that is the unity between Jesus and the Father) be extended to the disciples. This unity would consist of Jesus' indwelling would bind all the disciples together. The disciples living in Jesus and Jesus living in the Father would be the witness to the world of the work of Christ.

The unity for which Jesus prays is at the core of true discipleship. For the disciples of Christ, communion with God and others is most important. When one relates that one is called to such intimacy with God, then one must see discipleship as a way of life and a goal of life. One must discern how one will live one's life so as to enter into this intimacy more deeply. One may choose to be a committed lay person living in the world. One may discern religious life to enhance one's discipleship. One may discern a call to priesthood with hope that one's relationship with the Lord will be first recognized. The question is which lifestyle will help to best live your discipleship with the Lord. While the lifestyle may help us to grow in the Lord, it cannot really make us disciples if the call to intimacy is not first perceived. In my opinion, I discerned with the help of the Church that I would live out my discipleship as a priest. The first vocation is to discipleship.

Most of us know about Christ. Most of us are Catholic because we were born into Catholic homes and cultures and we never thought any more about the faith. While all are invited to grow in the faith, few really do. For the disciple, Christ must be all in all. Living the gospel must be the goal. All behaviors which help us to live the gospel are seen as good and anything which pulls us away from living the value of Christ must be avoided.

How does one strive to live out one's intimacy with the Lord? How does one live the Gospel? How does one not become self righteous and distaining of others? One way to effectively will the good for others (love). This means willing the good of all universally even to those we do not like. Perhaps being a person of prayer which leads us to be a person of mercy, compassion, understanding, of seeking justice for the oppressed is a way of living in the intimacy of one's relationship with the Lord.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie