

# 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**

### CONFESIONS:

**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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*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  
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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<b>MON.</b>	<b>MAY 8, 2023</b>
8:30	Sal & Anna Russo B: Family
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>MAY 9, 2023</b>
8:30	Carmine & Raffella Graziani BY: Daughter Theresa
<b>WED</b>	<b>MAY 10, 2023</b>
8:30	Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni BY: Loving Family
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>MAY 11, 2023</b>
8:30	Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano BY: Roseann Illiano Irwin
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>MAY 12, 2023</b>
8:30	In Thanksgiving to The Sacred of Jesus & The Blessed Virgin Mary BY: Marie Caria
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>MAY 13, 2023</b>
8:30	Restituta Marchetti & Mary Mariconda BY: Catherine
5:00 PM	Mothers' Day Remembrance
<b>SUN</b>	<b>MAY 14, 2023</b>
8:30	Mothers' Day Remembrance
10:00	Mothers' Day Remembrance
Noon	Mothers' Day Remembrance



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!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/30	\$1,872.00*
* Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,444.50
Total Sunday 4/30	\$4,316.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,008.50
** 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 Wardrobe, 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 Monteverchi.



Bread & Wine for the week of  
5/6/23 has been donated  
In Memory of  
**MARIA GARUCCIO**  
BY: M/M Francesco DiRosa

# From the Pastor

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## Dear Parish Community:

In today's Gospel there are many points we can focus upon. First there is the fear. The disciples are fearful. Second, we learn that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thirdly, we learn that to see Jesus is to see the Father. Fourthly, we learn the need for faith not only in doctrinal beliefs or in the creed but a personal faith and trust in Jesus both personally and communally.

The Gospel opens with the instructions of Jesus: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." We certainly need to hear these words. We are troubled and we are fearful and we are stressed by many things especially the Corona virus. What makes us stressful and what makes us fear? Many things cause fear among them is: not knowing what is happening around us or to us. We fear change. In today's reading the disciples know something is happening but they do not quite understand. Their life with Jesus is about to change in ways they never dreamed. We are fearful of the uncertainty of the future. How do we handle these fears about things which we have no control over? In the text Jesus invites his disciples to trust him personally. Today our faith is tested by this virus, by scandals even among some of our clergy and even by a distrust of our public leadership. What can we do? Do we trust Jesus? To trust Jesus we, like the apostles, need to know who Jesus is. We must ask ourselves in our fear to whom shall we go?

These questions brings us to the second and third points of the Gospel; the identity of Jesus and his mission. The Gospel today addresses this major theme mystically and contemplatively. According to the Gospel of St. John (Jn 1:18) we read "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is at the Father's side has revealed him." For St. Irenaeus, it is through the Word of God that we come to know God. For us, the Word of God is Jesus. In the story of the Man Born Blind found in John 9, we are told that those who see are those who believe. Thus, in the early Church, Baptism was called Illumination. In today's Gospel Jesus tells Philip that those who have seen him have seen God. Thus, to know Jesus is to know God. What is to know Jesus mean?

To know the Lord differs from knowing about the Lord. To know about Jesus is more than an academic exercise. To know the Lord is a matter of constant conversion and turning to the Lord in the very depths of our heart. To know the Lord is to confess in our innermost being that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We come to know Jesus through our understanding of the Gospel passages, through sacred text of the New Testament, through those who have known him throughout history namely the saints, the teachings of our faith community known as the Church.

As I have said time and again, the saints are not just statues of people who lived long ago. The saints in their lives and their writings gave witness to Christ and they have much to tell us about faith. Looking at the faith of parents, grandparents and learning from them how important Jesus is to them is another way to come to know Jesus.

For the disciples, Jesus is the way to the Truth. Christ is the truth who can set us free from fear. Christ is the Truth about who God is. In this truth, we are reminded that we are made for God and anyone or anything else will not satisfy us. Christ is the mind of God. In Christ we are called to face the truth as difficult as this may be and be freed by the truth. The Woman at the Well (Jn3) faced the truth about herself and was freed. Can we say that Jesus is the Truth we long to hear?

In John 10 we read: "I came that they may have life and life in abundance." Jesus is the Life. In God there does not exist death, all are alive for God. If Jesus is our life, than eternal life has started for us in Baptism. In the Eucharist, in prayer, in reflection and in our growth in the Spirit, we nourish the eternal life in us which began at our baptism. This leads us to say with St. Paul: "For me, Life is Christ." To live in Christ is to live in freedom, to decrease our fear and increase our love and mercy for each other.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie