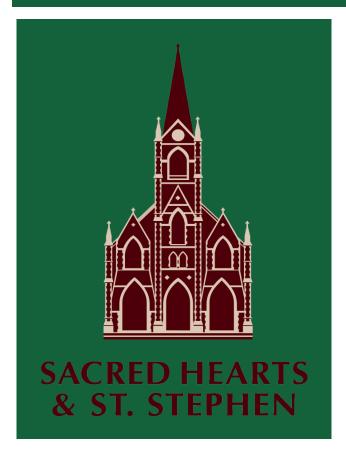
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C.CHURCH



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.



IUNE 5, 2023 MON.

8:30 Vincenza & Vincent Pepe

BY: Son Louis

TUE. **JUNE 6, 2023**

8:30 Elizabeth DeMeglio

BY: Loving Family

WED JUNE 7, 2023

8:30 Giovanna Barrera

BY: Loving Family

THURS. JUNE 8,2023

8:30 Concetta Batttista Scotto

BY: Nieces & Nephews

FRI. **JUNE 9,2023**

8:30 Danny & Carmella Pipitone

SAT. JUNE 10, 2023

George Magliocco 8:30

Birthday Remembrance

BY: Wife & Family

5:00 PM Elisa Conti

BY: Conti Family

SUN JUNE 11, 2023

11:30 AM CORPUS CHRISTI MASS

AT CARROLL PARK FOLLOWED

BY BENEDICTION AT

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES IN OUR

CHUCH THIS SUNDAY!

Please join us on Tuesday, 6/6/23

800k @ 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!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/21 \$2,351.00

*Envelopes & cash

On Line Donations \$3,082.50 \$5,306.50 Total Sunday 5/21

Annual Weekly Expenses**\$14.325.00 \$ 8.891.50 Difference:

**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 Your Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Prayers Addy Wardrope, De Mairo, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony

Tilocca, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy DeMarino, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Louis D'Angelo, 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 Montevecchi.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

UPDATE

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

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.

From the Pastor CJ.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

GOD IS LOVE

Dear Parish Community,

Today is Trinity Sunday. While the Easter Season ended with the celebration of Pentecost, today's feast and next week's feast of Corpus Christi are extensions of the Easter Season It seems somewhat redundant that we have a feast celebrating the Holy Trinity since every liturgy celebrates God who is Trinity. Yet, the feast brings into focus for us the great Mystery of God. While we believe in one God, we believe in a God who is love. Love presupposes relationship. One loves someone else. Love means from ourselves to another. Our God is encountered through relationships. We believe in a God who is in relationship with us. We experience this great mystery of God through three distinct relationships. While the three relationships are of one divinity, the relationships are different vet are united and indivisible. Thus God is experienced as creator or Father, Redeemer/Savior/Word of God or Jesus (Son) and Sanctifier/Sustainer/Divine Presence or Holy Spirit. Keep in mind the following: The Father is not the Son, The Son is not the Father, the Holy Spirit is not the Father nor is the Holy Spirit the Father. The Son is not the Holy Spirit nor the Holy Spirit the Son, however The Son is in the Father, the Father is in the Son, the Holy Spirit is in the Father and the Son and the Father and Son are in the Holy Spirit. The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God, yet there is One God. Since God is not an idea or a function but three persons, we use personal titles of Father, Son and Holy Spirit to describe these three distinct relationships.

Saint Augustine tells us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are always in relationship to God as Trinity. This Triune relationship happens simultaneously never separately. For example, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are in relationship to the Trinity. The prayer is formed by Christ, the Word of God among us. The inspiration to pray is the Holy Spirit and the prayer is addressed to the Father. When we are reflecting on the sacred text, we are relating to the Trinity. The desire to reflect on the scripture comes from the Holy Spirit. The Scripture text we are reflecting upon may be about Jesus or a psalm or even a text of the Hebrew text. The Word of God in the Old Testament or the New Testament is Jesus who leads us to the Father. Notice the prayers at Mass. They are addressed to the Father, through the Word who is Jesus and in unity with the Holy Spirit.

God is a Mystery in whose image we are created. We are created in the image of Trinity. We are created in the image of God of relationships. It is only through our relationships that we come to be known, that we come to be know to ourselves and that others experience us. The same is true for God. We know God in and through relationships with him and others. Each relationship and each person contains mystery. Mystery is experienced rather than understood or explained. God as Trinity defies description, understanding or explanation. God is experienced through the mystery of Love. Love creates. Loves gives of itself for the good of the beloved. Love is enduring and inspiring.

We are created in the image of God. When we are in loving, self-giving and service relationships, we most image God. When we are merciful and forgiving of others, we most clearly image God. When we lay down our lives for each other, we are the icon of God. God is experienced in relationships. We, who are created in the image of God are also known through our relationships. Praise God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit who dwells in us, with us and through us.