

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. JUNE 19, 2023
8:30 Gary Cushing

- TUE. JUNE 20, 2023
8:30 Stella Magdalena
BY: Her Family

- WED JUNE 21, 2023
8:30 Frank Agosta
BY: Family

- THURS. JUNE 22, 2023
8:30 Carmen Tull
BY: Karen Johnson

- FRI. JUNE 23, 2023
8:30 The Boucher Family
BY: Loving Family

- SAT. JUNE 24, 2023
8:30 Maria Nardi
BY: The Reca Family
5:00 PM Pasquale & Anna
Schiano-Moriello
BY: Andrew & Carolyn

- SUN JUNE 25, 2023
8:30 For The Health & Intentions of a Friend
10:00 John Edwards
BY: Loving Family
12:00 St. Pietro
Patron Saint of Panarea



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 At 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. All are welcome!

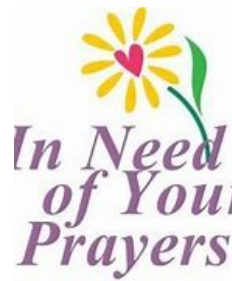
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 6/11	\$5,219.00	Park
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations	\$3,187.50	
Total Sunday 6//11	\$8,406.50	
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00	
Difference:	\$ 5,918.50	

*The Park Collection was used to cover Park expenses.
**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 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 Montevvecchi.

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.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We begin the Gospel with the words “His heart was moved with compassion for they were like sheep without a shepherd.” The ministry of Jesus is one of compassion and mercy. Those who share in the ministry of Jesus also need to be moved by compassion for the people of God. Compassion is a willingness to have one’s heart touched by the sufferings and the pain of another. Mercy means the willingness to suffer in one’s heart for another. Love is the willing of good for another regardless of emotional or lack of emotional attachment. Compassion and mercy are how love manifests itself through us for another. Compassion, mercy and love are just feelings. They are calls to action on behalf of another.

What must the heart of Jesus feel for us this day? Are we too sheep without a shepherd? We are stressed beyond limits. We seem to have no peace in our hectic lives. In so many ways, we are harming ourselves. We are running here, we are running there all in hope of making ourselves or others happy, but in reality, we are tired and exhausted and have little or no time for rest, for spirituality or even Mass on Sunday.

God may love us but do we love ourselves enough to ask ourselves what really matters? The Gospel calls out to us to save us from sin and ourselves, but we are too busy. This situation is found in every walk of life including religious life, priestly life, single life, married life, professional life and even in children. We are like those who moved the heart of Jesus because we, like sheep without a shepherd, we are scattered emotionally, physically and spiritually.

In the Gospel Jesus calls us to a better lifestyle that saves us from sin and from ourselves. In the Gospel Jesus gives his Apostles a task to cure the sick, raise the dead heal the leper and expel demons. Wow, that’s a tall order. Look at our society, perhaps Jesus is on to something here. How many of us need to be healed physically, emotionally, spiritually? How many relationships need to be healed through reconciliation? How many families have fallen apart due to need for healing? How many of us are dead? We are breathing, yet we are not living. We go through our routine of life but no spark of life due to many reasons. Can a vibrant faith life rather than just a ritualized religious practice create new life in a person? How many of us have ostracized people from our lives? We write people off because they may not agree with us, see life differently or even see social convention differently. Who are the lepers in our lives and how do we reach out to them in a healing gesture? How many suffer from demons? Yes, there are many types of demons. Some suffer from the demon of self-abasement, fears, anxieties, jealousies and general unhappiness. How many of us just cannot be grateful? How can we be a person who for the sake of Christ, not for the sake of popularity or to win acclaim, make life better for at least one person in the many worlds in which we live.

The apostles were enthralled with Jesus. Their relationship with him both individually and as community was life giving to them so much so that it moved them to be better people while helping others to see clearly the mystery of the Gospel. Did the relationship with Jesus not create in them a heart moved with compassion?

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie