

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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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 6/18	\$2,150.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$3,377.50
Total Sunday 6/18	\$5,527.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,797.50

**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 be advised that commencing in July, the Sunday Mass schedule is as follows:

8:00 AM and 10:15 AM There will not be a noon mass during the months of July and August. The noon mass will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

- MON. JUNE 26, 2023
8:30 Leonard Bik
BY: Sal
- TUE. JUNE 27, 2023
8:30 Mary Ann Marchese
BY: The Eng Family
- WED JUNE 28, 2023
8:30 Rev. Michael Carrano
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- THURS. JUNE 29, 2023
8:30 Vergona & Polizzi Family
BY: Loving Family
- FRI. JUNE 30, 2023
8:30 George Di Tucci
BY: Theresa Di Tucci Daniti
- SAT. JULY 1, 2023
8:30 For The People of the Parish
5:00 PM Raffella Rota
BY: Anna Hamilton
- SUN JULY 2, 2023
8:00 AM For The People of the Parish
10:15AM Rita Di Covello
BY: Beverly Di Covello



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

The Gospel today and the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah speak to us about discipleship and the consequence of preaching the Word of God. The consequence of preaching the Word of God is persecution, rejection and pain. For some, the pain is physical and for others it is spiritual and for some it is both. In the Gospel, in the face of suffering for the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples and us not to be afraid. Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid of announcing the Good News about him. He tells them to stop fearing. In the Jeremiah reading, the prophet who has been faithful to his vocation to preach the Word of God has met with persecution. Why do those who are faithful suffer?

In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples “Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, but anyone who denies me before others I will deny before my heavenly Father.” These are very strong words. Today many people are afraid of appearing not politically correct. There exists in the minds of some that it is inappropriate to acknowledge one’s faith publicly. They believe that expressions of faith should be private. They should be confined to the walls of one’s home or one’s house of worship. In some cases, some young people get up very early on a Sunday morning to go to Mass so that their friends would not know they go to Mass. For young people, even those in their thirties, having the acceptance of one’s friends is very important. For them to go to Mass, it means that they are not “cool.” Going to Mass is not what one who is socially acceptable does in some circles.

Take another example: the child or the senior citizen visiting relatives overnight wants to go to Mass but cannot because the parent or the son or daughter will not drive them. “Father”, said one woman to me, “when I ask my daughter or my son-in-law to take me to Mass, they become annoyed. I feel that I am being a pest, so now I do not even ask.” Can you imagine how that child or that senior citizen felt? Take another example of suffering for one’s discipleship vocations. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, I asked parents and relatives to speak positively about religious or priestly vocations. Those who are in the seminary and religious houses today unlike the time when I was a seminarian, are often not supported by their parents and family members. Oftentimes their friends do not keep in touch with them. The reason for this is that to have someone in the seminary causes some or many to think ill of the seminarian. He must have social problems, he does not want to marry, perhaps he just cannot make it in the world. How hurtful these words and attitudes are to the young person who is trying to discern a vocation. Take for example the person who is striving to follow the Gospel, speaking up for immigrants or for those who are different from the majority, asking for a second chance, begging for greater understanding or seeking a peaceful solution to a social issue. His or her words fall upon deaf ears. He/she are branded as being a bleeding heart liberal, a softy or a person with no backbone. So, to all who dare to follow the Gospel, Christ says “fear not.” How can we who are grafted on to Christ, in whom the life of Christ dwells through our celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments, deny him in our words and actions without denying who we are at the core of our existence? Or can we?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie