

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 10:15 AM & 12 NOON

* No Noon Mass on Sunday for July & August, will resume on September 10th.

5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Mon 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. JULY 10, 2023**
8:30 Lee Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- TUE. JULY 11, 2023**
8:30 Carmela, Andrew & Guy Di Manso
BY: Andy Di Manso
- WED JULY 12, 2023**
8:30 Claude Riquaude
BY: Louise & Alex Passantino
- THURS. JULY 13, 2023**
8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
BY: Rose Ann Illiano & Irwin Family
- FRI. JULY 14, 2023**
8:30 For the People of the Parish
- SAT. JULY 15, 2023**
8:30 For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Concetta Barone Cataudella
BY: Josephine Gentile
- SUN JULY 16, 2023**
8:30AM For The People of the Parish
10:15AM Lawrence Russomanno III
BY: His Loving Family

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

PARISH GOAL: \$36,274.00
PLEDGED: \$56,050.00
PAID: \$34,694.00
OF DONORS: 111

Thank you for your continued support of this appeal. All funds over goal are returned to our Parish to help defray our operating expenses.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 6/25 \$1,594.00
*Envelopes & cash
On Line Donations \$2,727.50
Total Sunday 6/25 \$4,321.50
Annual Weekly Expenses** \$14,325.00
Difference: \$10,003.50

**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

Bread &
Wine for the
week of
July 8th has
been
donated



In Loving Memory of
SALVATORE AMATO
BY: Phyllis Edwards

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear a well know Gospel passage: “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, we learn that the savior comes to us riding on a donkey. He will come as a humble leader not one who conquers by force. In the second reading from Romans we are reminded by Paul that we are people of the spirit, not of the flesh. In this text, flesh means human weakness. It does not only refer to things sexual. To get a better understanding of this text let us refer to Galatians 5:19 which reads: “Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immortality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outburst of fury acts of selfishness, dissension factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies and the like.” If the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, we are called to live in the Spirit. Therefore, our lives should be marked by: “love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Cf (Galatians 5:22) We should avoid jealousy, bickering, hatred and the like and live according to the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Let us look at the Gospel, truly a most comforting reading. Jesus’ attitude to religious rules and laws stands in sharp contrast to some of the leaders of his time. The burden that Jesus may be referring to in the text may be the 613 mitzvot or commands of the Mosaic Law which were meant to help people grow in faith. Sometimes, however, the religious leaders emphasized details of the law at the expense of the law’s greater good. What was meant as a guide became an end in itself. This behavior worked against the internal conversion of a person because of the emphasis of fulfilling the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law. Jesus emphasized the internal morality. He sought a conversion of heart. Jesus knew the difficulties of good meaning people who desired to follow the Mosaic Law. Jesus as a teacher is humble and merciful and is able to understand the difficulties of life. Jesus is not pompous or self righteous. Jesus is approachable. Jesus, therefore, can bring the individual in a deeper internal relationship with God.

In the Gospel we read and hear some of the most comforting words of Jesus. Jesus is addressing all those of good will who are burdened by the struggle to live the Gospel. Their struggle comes from the resistance they receive from the very people they are striving to serve. For example look at the father and mother of a child who simply refuses to live the faith and value system which was passed on to him or her. Think of the person who is striving to live the Catholic faith surrounded by people who are hostile to faith. Think of the frustration of the Sunday School teacher who receives little or no support from the parents of the children. To all of these, Christ says “Come to me and I will refresh you.” Jesus tells them to take his yolk upon them. A yolk is a harness in which two animals of burden were placed and they would follow the dictate of the farmer and would pull the plow. Now imagine that our burdens to which we are yolk were pulled by ourselves and Jesus. We would be helped and refreshed. Helping each other with life’s burdens is the way Christ helps us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie