

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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Sacristan

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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.

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month

@1:30 PM (except for July and Aug @ noon)

Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

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.

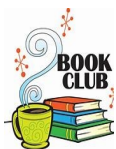
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. JULY 24, 2023**
8:30 Streve Vergona
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JULY 25, 2023**
8:30 F. Joey Bracco
BY: Louise & Alex Passantino
- WED JULY 26, 2023**
8:30 John & Rose Groccia & Daughters
BY: Richie & Susie Groccia
- THURS. JULY 27, 2023**
8:30 Joseph Galletta
BY: Loving Daughter Angela Kirsner
- FRI. JULY 28, 2023**
8:30 Lorraine Vicari
- SAT. JULY 29, 2023**
8:30 Rose & Pasquale Masotto
RB: Son Sal
5:00 PM Raffella Rota
BY: Connie & Nancy
- SUN JULY 30, 2023**
8:30AM For The People of the Parish
10:15AM Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family



BOOK CLUB
Please join us on Tues. 8/1/2023 @ 7:00 PM
in the Parish House for an informal
discussion about Americanah by

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. For those of you who like to plan ahead, our next meeting will be on Sept. 12th. We will be discussing Women Talking by Miriam Toves. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 7/16	\$1,333.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$3,225.50
Total Sunday 7/16	\$4,558.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,766.50

**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, Louann Gambardella



If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or are seeking full union (Baptism) with the Catholic Faith, you are invited to an inquiry session regarding the OCIA (formerly RCIA) on 8/27 after the 10:15AM Mass. You may also contact Msgr. Massie or Deacon Edwin at 718 596 7750. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is also for baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. OCIA is also for those who have been away for a while and for anyone who seeks to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to consider three things: the nature of God, the way to pray and growing the Kingdom of God. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom written sometime between 30-14 BC, we learn that God is one,. We learn that God is all powerful. God need not have to prove himself. God is. Since he is all in all, God is very merciful and God shows great restraint in his relationship with humanity. In short, God has all the power, he does not misuse his power. All who believe in God should likewise restrain from misusing one's position or power. In the second reading from Romans, we are faced with the question of prayer. How should we pray? How often I hear people say I do not know how I should pray. It is the Holy Spirit in us who can inspire us to pray. We need to be open to the Spirit and realize that all that happens to us is directed to our salvation. Can we accept this belief? Such deep faith comes slowly. It grows slowly in our hearts. The Gospel continues our theme with a parable on the Kingdom of God growing slowly in our midst. We learn through the parables presented today that the Kingdom of God starts out like a mustard seed which is a very small seed that grows by a large bush. We also learn that the Kingdom of God ultimately separates good from evil and that God always wins out.

Lessons from today's readings:

1. The Word of God is planted in the field of our hearts. In our hearts, this must take root and grow. If our heart is open to the Word of God, the Word will grow, our behavior will change for the better. If not, the Word will remain silent until the right time when it can grow or the Word will never grow.

2. If we are open to the Word of God then we will slowly recognize all that happens to us is ordered to our salvation including our sufferings, losses and disappointments. We will understand what St. Theresa Lisieux meant by saying: "Everything is a grace...Everything is the direct effect of our Father's love, difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, its burdens, its needs, everything, because through them, the soul learns humility, realizes its weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character life or its unexpected events, to the heart that loves, all is well.

3. Be like a mustard seed, do small acts of kindness and goodness for the glory of God. Kindness grows, love multiplies and mercy bears much fruit.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie