

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. JULY 3, 2023**
8:30 Raffaella & Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- TUE. JULY 4, 2023**
8:30 For Parents & Children
BY: The Dimaio Family
- WED JULY 5, 2023**
8:30 Frank D'Amico
BY: Louise & Alex Passantino
- THURS. JULY 6, 2023**
8:30 For the People of the Parish
- FRI. JULY 7, 2023**
8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda
BY: His Children, Carolyn & John
- SAT. JULY 8, 2023**
8:30 Msgr. Anthony S. Danna &
Sr. Barbara Leonardo
BY: Louis Pepe & Joe Cerato
5:00 PM Johnny & Joe Cloonan
BY: Loving Family
- SUN JULY 9, 2023**
8:00 AM For The People of the Parish
10:15AM Louis Lo Porto
BY: Loving Nieces & Nephews

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



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.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Discipleship is the theme of the readings for this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the second reading, Baptism is presented as the door to discipleship. In the first reading, hospitality is seen as the way of providing for the disciples.

The Gospel is very demanding. We are told in the Gospel that to be a disciple our love for Christ must come first even above family commitments and relationships. We are told that discipleship means bearing the cross and even suffering the consequences for loving Christ. This invitation is rather difficult. Disciples are important to Jesus. Jesus is important to the disciples. Through the disciple Jesus will reach many people and through the disciple many will be brought to Jesus.

Baptism is the way of becoming a disciple. In the second reading Paul speaks to us about baptism. Baptism is the most important of the sacraments. Through baptism we become part of the body of Christ. (the Church) Through baptism we become sharers in all that Jesus did. In baptism the Holy Spirit appropriates the redemption Christ accomplished through his death and resurrection to us. In baptism the Holy Trinity dwells deep within us. Baptism is an adult commitment to Christ. We baptize children because of the request of believing parents. Parents take on a serious responsibility before God when they request baptism for their child. They promise to pass the faith on to their children. To fulfill this obligation before God, the parent should be practicing the faith. In the end, the parent, not the child, is answerable to God for this obligation. Baptism is so important that during the Easter celebration we are all asked to renew our baptismal promises. It is true we have baptized many adults in our RCIA. Those who search for baptism as adults usually make great Catholics and take nothing for granted. If you want your faith renewed, speak with a newly baptized person.

As one ages and grows in baptismal grace, sin becomes less attractive and faith more meaningful. Faith and our relationship with Christ is a serious matter. How do we love Christ above all things and all relationships? The faith through the Holy Spirit directs our attitudes, our behaviors and knowledge of right and wrong. The faith through the Holy Spirit inspires us to do good and avoid evil. The faith through the Holy Spirit moves us to make sacrifices for the benefit of others. The Holy Spirit teaches us to be less self-centered and more other centered. The faith moves us to love for the sake of Christ and not for personal gain or popularity. Living out our baptismal promises is the way to discipleship.

Where are we with baptism? In our day many people request baptism for their children. Many raise the child in the faith. Many have no intention of raising the child in the faith. In some cases, baptism has become more a social event rather than a commitment to the faith. Where are you with your own baptism? Do you know the date and place of your baptism? Do you focus on the baptism promises when preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation? In today's reading Paul was worried that his people were not living out their baptismal promises. Would Paul have to worry about you?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie