

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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Deacon

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Parish Organist

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Sacristan

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Parish Trustees and Advisors

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 31, 2023
8:30 For the People of the Parish

TUE. AUGUST 1, 2023
8:30 Vicky Smith

WED. AUGUST 2, 2023
8:30 All Souls in Purgatory
BY: Andy Di Manso

THURS. AUGUST 3, 2023
8:30 For My Parents & Children
BY: The DiMaio Family

FRI. AUGUST 4, 2023
8:30 Raffella & Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa

SAT. AUGUST 5, 2023
8:30 For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Nicole Vergona
BY: Loving Family

SUN. AUGUST 6, 2023
8:30AM For The People of the Parish
10:15AM Fr. Simon Joseph
BY: The Altar Servers

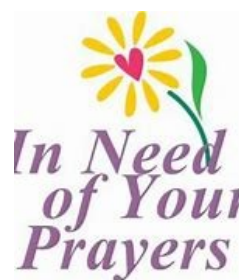
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 7/23	\$2,221.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,997.50
Total Sunday 7/23	\$5,218.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,106.50

**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 Montevacchi, Louann Gambardella



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.



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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme of Wisdom seems to unite the Liturgy of the Word. In the first reading from the First Book of Kings, we read Solomon's prayer for wisdom. We also read God's response to the prayer. Wisdom is more than knowledge. It is seeing our surroundings, the events in our lives, our successes and our failures, our joys and our pains as God sees them. Wisdom is a gift from God. In the Gospel reading we continue the discussion about the Kingdom of God. Jesus is smart. He uses images to which people may relate to explain to them the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Ultimately, for us, Jesus is the wisdom of God.

The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans picks up on the Divine Wisdom theme. In this passage Paul says: Brothers and Sisters: "We know that all things work for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." What is Paul saying in this passage? Does this mean that no matter what is happening in our lives, all things will work out and make us happy? What does it mean to say who are called according to his purpose?" To understand Paul, we must understand his prayer life. Paul's prayer life was a conversation between him and the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. Paul's conversation was not a one time event. Paul's prayer life was a union with Christ. Paul's conversion processes continued throughout his life. Paul continually grew in his relationship with Jesus. Solomon sought wisdom. For us, Jesus is the Wisdom of God among us.

In this passage Paul tells us that we are called to love God. The act of loving is itself a grace. It is God's grace which allows us to love God. If we love God, then we trust that all will work out to his purpose. God's purpose is good because those who love God, trust God. Here we are called to a deeper conversion with the mind and heart of the Lord. The goal of this continuous conversation with the mind and heart of Jesus is that we may grow to will what God wills. This is true for all situations and events. It is true of the world, the church and in our personal lives. We may not understand this in every situation but we believe that all is for the growing of the Kingdom of God. For example, look at the death of Christ. Those surrounding the cross did not understand how this tragedy could possible be for the good of the world, let alone them or Jesus. For those who love God, they trust that all will accomplish God's good purpose. St. Theresa Lisieux said "Everything is a grace. Everything is the direct effect of our Father's love, difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, burdens, needs. Everything is a grace because everything is through them the soul learns humility, realizes its weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events, to the heart that loves, all is well."

Are we growing in our relationship with Christ to speak as did Theresa or Paul? Can we see the Kingdom of God is present here and now wherever people are living out the Gospel? The Kingdom of God is present whenever and wherever we find: mercy, kindness, self-giving, genuine love and caring and the courage to speak out for the voiceless. The Kingdom of God will be completed when Jesus returns. At that time, all the good done by those who followed the Gospel message will be completed and brought to perfection. Do we see ourselves called to love so as to will all that God wants in our lives and in the lives of others? Can I trust God so deeply? Conversion is ongoing. It is more than just saying prayers or fulfilling obligations. It is growing to love and trust the Lord with our lives that the Kingdom of God becomes a reality in our lives.

Msg. Guy A. Massie