

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

JENNIFER WU

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ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

ROSEMARY POLITO

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.

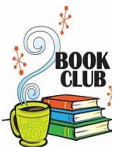
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. AUGUST 7, 2023**
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY: Son, Joseph Ortato
- TUE. AUGUST 8, 2023**
8:30 Nina & Joe Cagiano
BY: Louise & Alex Passantino
- WED AUGUST 9, 2023**
8:30 Ellen Traina
BY: Connie Gessler & Family
- THURS. AUGUST 10, 2023**
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph &
Rev. Michael Carrano
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- FRI. AUGUST 11, 2023**
8:30 Alfredo San Juan
BY: Andy DiManso
- SAT. AUGUST 12, 2023**
8:30 For The People of the Parish
5:00 PM Mary DeSarle
BY: Husband Joseph &
Daughter Stephanie
- SUN AUGUST 13, 2023**
8:30AM Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
10:15AM Deceased Members of
The Illiano Family
BY: M/M Ann Marie & Edward Illiano



Please join us on Tues Sept. 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing *Women Talking* by Miriam Toweles. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

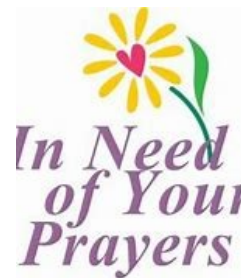
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 7/30	\$1,657.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,419.50
Total Sunday 7/30	\$4,076.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,248.50

**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.

CHRIST WITHIN US

Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Transfiguration means to change, to give a new and exalted spiritual appearance. This feast is very much part of Easter. It is an explanation of the faith of the early Christians. The Transfiguration is a proclamation that the Hebrew texts were symbolized by the presence of Moses and Elijah bears witness to Christ. The presence of the mysterious voice of God reminds us of the event of Jesus' baptism. Jesus is the beloved of God upon whom God's presence rests. In Hebrew we call this divine presence Shekhinah. This Divine presence was found in the Temple. The Transfiguration points out the Divine presence the Shekhinah is found in Jesus who is the new temple of God. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, we believe that Christ Jesus is both divine and human. Events such as the Transfiguration and the Resurrection highlight the divine nature of Jesus. In the Transfiguration, Jesus allows his disciples to glimpse into eternity. The Transfiguration stands in sharp contrast to the disfiguration of the sufferings and death of Jesus.

I find this Gospel story to be hope filled. I thought of the passage found in Colossians 1:26 "the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested in his holy one ...it is Christ in you." Christ dwells in us and we are the Church through the sacraments, through faith and absolutely through the Eucharist. Just as the divinity of Jesus seems hidden, so too the divine presence in us, the Church, can seem hidden. Yet at times we know that God is present in us and through us. This is particularly true at Liturgy and at moments of sufferings. The Lord of Calvary is the same Lord of the Transfiguration and Resurrection. This Church is sinful and sometimes it is difficult to perceive the presence of God in the humanity of the Church. Yet, the Lord of the sinful Church is the Lord of the faithful and glorious church. In the end, the church will be transfigured and the body of Christ (us) will be beautiful and radiant. The story of the Transfiguration tells us the human situation can be filled with the divine. Everyone is on a faith journey. Our faith journey goes to the very depths of who we are before ourselves and God. We are making a journey to the ever deepening discovery of Christ within ourselves and our neighbor.

There are terrible situations which we may find ourselves enduring. We may think that our lives, or relationships, or hopes and our future seems ruined or lost. Yet, with God all things can change for the better. Dire situations can be opportunities for new growth and transfiguration. The sacrament of the Eucharist is the sacrament of Transfiguration. The Eucharist is the food for our journey to our hearts. Knowing, believing, reflecting upon and praying, we can come to truly appreciate this loving Eucharistic presence. Through the Eucharist, healing of the spirit can happen. Growth in the life of Christ is possible. The Lord Jesus can be more the center of our lives. Christ can shine through us, transfiguring you and me.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie