

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.

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month

@1:30 PM . 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.** **SEPTEMBER 4, 2023**
8:30 Raffaella & Carmine Graziani
BY: Loving Family
- TUE.** **SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**
8:30 Elizabeth Lo Porto
BY: Her Loving Family
- WED** **SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**
8:30 Giuseppina & Antonio DiNieri
BY: Loving Family
- THURS.** **SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**
8:30 Frances Forte
BY: A Friend
- FRI.** **SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**
8:30 Nancy Marchionne &
Colella Family
BY: The Patti Family
- SAT.** **SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**
8:30 Salvatore Latino
BY: Maria Di Rosa & Family
5:00 PM Ann & Mike Napolitano
BY: Grace, Karen & Joseph &
Grandchildren
- SUN.** **SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**
8:30AM Diane & Anthony Geritano
BY: Son Frank
10:15AM Monique Effie DeJesus
Victim of 911
BY: Her Mother, Wanda Hernandez
Noon Joseph Chesnicka
Daughter Janice & Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/27	\$1,498.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,575.00
Total Sunday 8/27	\$4,073.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,252.00

**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



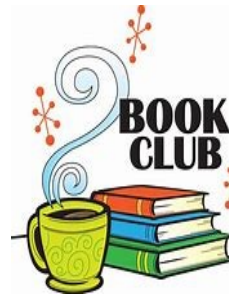
*In Need
of Your
Prayers*

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 Kinczel, 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 Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo

Please join us on Tuesday,
September 12th

@ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing Women Talking by Miriam Towes. All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.



**From the
Pastor** Dear Parish Family,

Light of Christ!

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Today is the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings today speak to us about the requirements of discipleship. At the beginning of the Easter Vigil the newly lit Paschal Candle is carried in procession in a darkened Church and we hear the deacon or the priest sing “Light of Christ.” The Easter Triduum clearly teaches that through the Cross comes new life. It teaches us that seeing our personal sufferings in light of the Cross of Christ brings us new understanding of the light of life.

In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah is lamenting.. His prayer expresses his disappointment with God who seems to have duped him. Since he accepted the ministry of prophet to the people, he has been rejected, cast into the cistern and even put into the stocks as punishment for his preaching the truth. He wants to give up preaching. He seeks not to preach, he cannot hold his tongue. The Word of God cannot be stopped. He must speak. He must accept the consequences of his preaching.

In today's Gospel, Peter, who last week confessed that Jesus is the Christ, we find him being corrected by Jesus. (Remember Christ means anointed one. He is anointed to bring about the Kingdom of God in a more perfect way. The Christ is to bring redemption. Christ is not the last name or the family of Jesus.) The reason why Jesus is correcting Peter is that Jesus has mentioned the coming of his passion and death. Remember the cross in the days of Jesus and Peter and the apostles was a sign of defeat, humiliation, as well as being a horrific death. Peter wants to protect Jesus from such a terrible situation. Besides, how can Jesus be the Messiah if he dies such a death? Jesus says to Peter he is thinking according to the ways of the world, not the ways of God. It is only through the Cross that new life will happen, new insight given and redemption achieved. Peter does not understand nor do we.

Discipleship has three components: self-denial, picking up one's cross and following Jesus. These are difficult commands for us. Self-denial means we let go of perceived ideas and conclusions. It means letting go of controlling situations. Picking up one's cross means acceptance of the situations. Sometimes it is difficult to accept one's life situation. Lastly, discipleship means following Christ. How did Christ do these things? He ultimately trusted the Father even when the Father seemed silent and distant.

Where are we here? From where do our crosses arise? They come from our daily life experiences. We have problems in the family, with our marriages, with loss of dear ones, with the loss of a friendship, our health situations, our professional life, job related stress and many more situations over which we have no or little control. Sometimes God seems so far away that prayer becomes difficult for some. Perhaps we need to remember St. Rose of Lima who told us that it's only through the cross that grace comes and new blessings are given. Self-denial, accepting our cross and following the example of Christ is the way of discipleship. We all need the grace to follow. Let us pray for each other in this endeavor.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie