

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

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 11, 2023
8:30 Giuseppe Coppola
BY: Sister-in-law Veronica Scotto-DiCarlo

TUE. SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
8:30 Anthony Massie

WED. SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews

THURS. SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
8:30 Holy Cross

FRI. SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
8:30 Carmelo Cataudella
BY: Josephine Gentile

SAT. SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
8:30 Dora Zanzonico,
Birthday Remembrance &
In Honor of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 PM Deceased Members of
The Marchetti Family
BY: Catherine

SUN. SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
8:30AM The Wendler Family
BY: The Lang Family
10:15AM Louis Valentino
BY: Diane
Noon St. Candida
BY: The Society

* The Society will use Cabrini Hall for a Social after this Mass.



Bread & Wine for the week of
9/9/23 has been donated
In Loving Memory of
FRANCIS "FRAN" D'AMICO
BY: Terri Scotto

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 9/3 \$1,613.00
*Envelopes & cash
On Line Donations \$2,272.00
Total Sunday 9/3 \$3,885.00
Annual Weekly Expenses** \$14,325.00
Difference: \$10,440.00

**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, 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

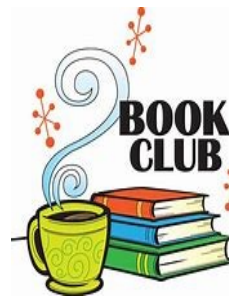
Please join us on Tuesday,
September 12th

@ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing Women Talking by Miriam Toves. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting

will be on 10/3/23. We will be discussing The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.



From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the themes of the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel and the Gospel are: forgiveness, reconciliation, unity and united prayer. For the sake of our discussion, I shall like to address the theme of reconciliation and unity for the greater good of the community or the church.

In the first reading we meet the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel has been appointed watchman for the house of Israel. The task of the watchman is to warn the people of approaching danger. In this case, the prophet is not warning the people of physical danger but of moral danger. The moral danger was sin. He is the messenger of hope. The warning was to give people time to change their lives for the better according to the Law of God.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, we read of how the community was to address community scandal or community sin. The gospel lists the categories of how to work towards reconciliation and unity. The unity of the community was and still is important. This section of the Gospel of Matthew seems to reflect not the time of Jesus but rather a later development in the evolution of the early Christian Community. The directives are good practice of opening up dialogue as a vehicle of reconciliation. The steps described are:

1. If a person feels wronged by the community, that person should speak directly to the person or to a responsible member or leader of the community. The person should not fester anger and share the wrong with others as to gossip but try to seek to repair the hurt or the misunderstanding.

2. The person should meet face to face with the person or the representative of the community and speak. Writing a letter, emails and texts are not the way. These methods can be misunderstood and are often used to avoid the issue.

3. If the person one on one fails then maybe take a third or fourth party and meet again so as to get to the truth of the matter with others listening and perhaps acting as facilitators.

4. If the meeting with others has failed, than the case should be referred to the community. A disagreement between Christians was to be settled in the community. Bringing cases to the court may settle the legal issues but personal relationships can be lost and never repaired.

5. If all else fails, then separate from them with the hope and an open mind that the issue may be settled at a future date at another time which may be more conducive to reconciliation of the issue.

So, who has not had a disagreement, who has not been hurt by another, who has not stopped talking to someone? We are all in this boat. Do we want the anger and hurt to last forever? Do we want to try to reconcile? Do we enjoy our disagreement? Do we still revel in our hurt so we can tell everyone how hurt we are making ourselves the center of the story? Do we want to be a disciple and follow the direction of Jesus or do we want to hold on to the anger?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie