

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 18, 2023**
8:30 Teresa Walsh
BY: The Walsh Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**
8:30 For My Parents & Children
BY: The Damiao Family
- WED. SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**
8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato
BY: Lenny & Jo Ann
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**
8:30 Maria Nardi
BY: The Reca Family
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**
8:30 Angelo De Maio
BY: Francesca Reca
5:00 PM Helen & Michael Shea
BY: Angela & Bill Shea
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**
8:30AM John & Marie Marchetti &
All Deceased of
The Marchetti Family
BY: Catherine
10:15AM Giulia Rotondi Nuzzi
BY: RoseMary Polio & Family
Noon Pietro Di Giacomo
BY: The Members of
The Pozzallo Society

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 9/10	\$1,426.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,985.00
Total Sunday 9/10	\$4,411.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,914.00

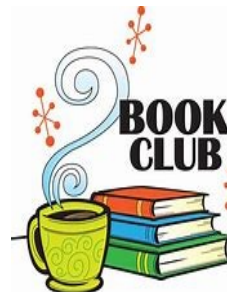
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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, 10/3/23 @ 7:00
PM in the Parish House.
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's reading is challenging. They continue the theme of reconciliation which began last Sunday. Perhaps we can sum up the lesson for today in the following points. First, Do not pray for something from God which you deny to others. Second, Let go of wrath, anger hurt and resentments, instead seek healing and forgiveness and mercy. Thirdly, Learn to forgive yourself, if you cannot forgive yourself, you cannot forgive anyone else. The fourth point Contrary to the American and New York way of thinking, your life does not belong to you alone. Your life is in relationship with many other lives. You are not alone, you are part of a wide network of relationships.

The first reading is from the Book of Sirach. This text is part of the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Text. (The Book of Sirach does not appear in the Jewish Canon of scripture, but does appear in the Catholic Bible.) The text studies ordinary life situations and asks the question "How do I live wisely?" The author in this portion recommends letting go of anger, resentment and hurt. Once a hurt is addressed, let it go. If one holds on to these feelings, it can lead to violence and revenge. Such a situation would not make life easy or wise.

From my pastoral experience, I have found that while people complain of how hurt they are or have been, they refuse to let go of the feelings and they keep it always uppermost in their memory. Thus they allow the past hurt to control their present and it never disappears. Consequently, they never experience peace. However, it seems that we like our hurts and our anger. Yes, many of us love to keep telling the story over and over again so we get sympathy and attention. When we tell the story we are always seeing ourselves as right and the other as wrong. If this is your habit, pray for grace to let it go. Then you may have peace. Also pray to see your part in the hurt inflicted. Forgive yourself and move on.

In the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans we are reminded that we are not simply individuals. A common expression in our language particularly among the young is "This is my life and I can do whatever I want." This is not true. Our lives belong first to God. This gift from God is networked with many other lives. We are people of relationships. We are people in relationships. What one does with his/her life does affect many others for good or ill. So, being people in relationships means that we will have many opportunities to disagree with others, to be in conflict with others and to reconcile with others. Being in relationship with others we grow and learn from our mutual benefits. Reconciliation is part of the relationships, it is not extraneous to relationships.

In the Gospel, the message is clear. Do not ask for forgiveness or mercy or kindness from God if you refuse mercy, kindness and forgiveness to others. So, if you seek patience from God, then show patience to another. If you seek a particular healing or care of your family, then be a sign of healing for someone else. The graces you seek from God, try to be that grace for someone else. In this way, you are not the center of your prayer, rather the Lord and his commandment are the center of prayer.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie