

# 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.

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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: [WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS](http://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.**

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# Mass Intentions For The Week



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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 9/24	\$1,931.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,995.00
Total Sunday 9/24	\$4,926.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,399.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

- MON.    OCTOBER 2, 2023  
8:30    Anne Caridi  
BY: Her Niece, Rose Marie Foglia
  
- TUE.    OCTOBER 3, 2023  
8:30    Raffaella & Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
  
- WED    OCTOBER 4, 2023  
8:30    Stella Magdalena  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: Loving Family
  
- THURS. OCTOBER 5, 2023  
8:30    Caterina Scarimbolo  
BY: Anna
  
- FRI.    OCTOBER 6, 2023  
8:30    Anthony Polito  
BY: Rosemary, Children &  
Grandchildren
  
- SAT.    OCTOBER 7, 2023  
8:30    Elizabeth DeMeglio  
BY: Loving Family  
5:00 PM Lily, Dominic & Augustine DiCoscia  
BY: Susie & Richie Groccia
  
- SUN.    OCTOBER 8, 2023  
8:30AM Theresa D'Agosto  
BY: The Troiano Family  
10:15AM John Edwards  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon    Rita DiCovello  
BY: Beverly DiCovello

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.

For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be 11/7. We will be discussing The Winter Soldier by Diane Mason.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

**“Your attitude must be that of Christ Jesus”**

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the chief priests and leaders that those they least expect are entering the Kingdom of Heaven while those who one would expect and who are most prepared, were not entering the Kingdom. Why is this the case one may ask? What lesson is there in this passage from the Gospel of St. Matthew (21-21-32) for us?

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, we learn that we have a responsibility for our moral behavior. Living in union with God helps us to live in union with God and others. The second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians tells us, the followers of Jesus, that we must have in us the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus. This attitude is one of faithfulness to love, peace, mercy goodness, humility, kindness, chastity, generosity, patience, gentleness, self control even when all things are not going well. Look at the behavior of Christ in the gospel. He is faithful to the Way of God in every situation.

Why is that that those least expected to gain entrance to the Kingdom of God are gaining entrance, while those most prepared are not? Those who are gaining entrance to the Kingdom are those who have encountered Christ Jesus. The Gospel text presents us with a parable about two sons. The first son refuses his father's request and then repents and obeys. The second son says yes but does not honor his commitment. Hearing the Word of God means not just hearing it but means listening to it in our hearts and then acting upon it. The Pharisees and the elders were most prepared to recognize the Word of God, they repent and accept Jesus. They saw in Jesus the fulfillment of all their needs, wants and longings. They were open to having their lives changed by Christ for the better. Living in union with God is more than following rules and regulations. God is not just a legislator of directives and laws. Living in union with God means having a deep and ongoing relationship with the Lord and living out that relationship among people.

Once we begin to realize the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus, then we can appreciate that God in Christ becomes one with us in all things but sin. God in Jesus takes on our sufferings and redeems us out of love for us. Realizing this in our hearts we can begin to see that morality becomes a guide to a relationship with God not an imposition of law or regulations. Our lives are changed from within. Our hearts are moved to deeper relationship with the Lord and with others. Our moral behavior changes because of Jesus.

What lesson can we learn from this? We can learn that we are called to have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus in the context of the Community (Church) the Eucharist, and the Sacred Scriptures. In this way, Christ is seen as Lord of one's personal life as well as Lord of the world. Believing this helps us to be responsible for our moral actions. We can live out the faith in good deeds, prayer, acts of justice, kindness and mercy.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie