

# 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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- MON. OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
8:30 James Zagarella  
BY: Daughter Gertrude
- TUE. OCTOBER 17, 2023**  
8:30 Concetta & Concetto Gentile  
BY: Santo Gentile
- WED OCTOBER 18, 2023**  
8:30 St. Michael for Protection and Guidance  
For all Police  
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
- THURS. OCTOBER 19, 2023**  
8:30 Concetta Battista  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- FRI. OCTOBER 20, 2023**  
8:30 Alfredo San Juan  
BY: The Eng Family
- SAT. OCTOBER 21, 2023**  
8:30 Michael Ment  
BY: Louanne & Michael Manus  
5:00 PM Michael Bombolino  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: Mom & Dad
- SUN. OCTOBER 22, 2023**  
8:30AM Assunta, Giovanni & Concetta Candiano  
BY: Children  
10:15AM Kathleen Moran  
BY: The Troiano Family  
Noon Anna Bellantuono  
BY: Anna

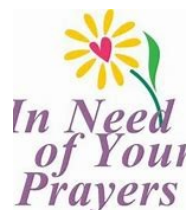
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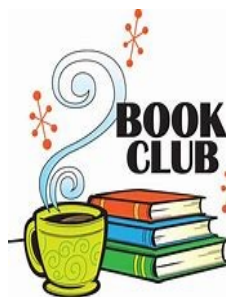
Sunday Collection 10/8	\$2,176.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,990.00
Total Sunday 10/8	\$5,166.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,159.00

\*\*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 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 Montevicchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo



Please join us on Tuesday, 11/14 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing *The Winter Soldier* by Diane Mason.

This will be our last meeting for the year. For those of you who like to plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 1/9/24. We will be discussing *Murder in the Family* by Cara Hunt.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family,**

**What will you wear to the wedding? Do you have a wedding garment? Whose wedding is it? Our parables on the Kingdom of God continue. This week the metaphor of a banquet found in the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Iasiah invites us to reflect on God's generosity, God's power to destroy evil, God's light to remove the veil of misunderstanding and lack of knowledge. In the Gospel reading the Kingdom is symbolized by a Wedding Feast which a King makes for his Son's wedding. Since the invited guests do not come, the King extends the invitation to all people from all places.**

**The first reading situates us in Jerusalem. This is the mountain of the Lord. This hope filled reading is given to all who have suffered want. In a land where food is not plentiful, water is scarce and wine is the result of hard work, this reading gives encouragement to all who look forward to the day when peace and prosperity will come. In this reading death, which is alluded to with the mentioning of the veil which veils all people, will be destroyed and our tears will be wiped away. Death is no more.**

**This is a great passage of hope for all of us who are weeping either literally or in our hearts. This is a great reading for all who lift their hearts to God and ask how long will I have to endure this suffering or this situation. This reading is a great message for all who ask why this pain? Why this suffering? Why loss? We all labor under a veil. Our eyes do not always see the whole picture of life. We search for answers only found in the mind of God.**

**The Gospel is the parable about the wedding Feast. As I said last Sunday, parables are stories used to teach a lesson. Parables make use of metaphor, allegory and symbols. Similar to the parables which we read on the past few Sundays, the theme is the same, those who are called second accept the invitation and reap the benefits of the Kingdom of God. This is true in the Kingdom parables we have read. Those you expect to be at the Wedding are not, those you expect to do the right thing, do not, those who were called first get the same reward as those called last.**

**This parable is rich in symbolism. This King is God who gives a banquet for his Son's wedding. The groom is Jesus. The marriage is the wedding between Humanity and Divinity found in the Incarnation. The wedding feast means that the Kingdom of God brings humanity and divinity together in a way that not only nuptial language could express. The garment is one's baptismal garment. In baptism we put on Christ. We are clothed in Jesus. This garment is kept ready by living out the faith. This garment is kept clean by living the gospel. If we have a garment and it is not ready, we are not accepted into the party when the Lord comes. The point: many are called but few accept the invitation. Many are baptized, few accept the invitation to discipleship. Many are invited into the relationship with Christ, few really accept the relationship. So, where are you? It's we who excluded ourselves from the wedding feast, not God.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**