

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. OCTOBER 30, 2023**
8:30 Rose & Mario Austi, Yolanda Scaffidi & Marie Gulotta
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- TUE. OCTOBER 31, 2023**
8:30 Alfredo San Juan
BY: The Parish
- WED. NOVEMBER 1, 2023-All Saints Day**
8:30 Guido Porcelli
BY: Wife, Children, Grandchildren Great Grandchildrren
- THURS. NOVEMBER 2, 2023**
8:30 All Souls
7:00 PM All Souls (Names of all with Mass of Christian Burial @ SHSS from 11/1/22-10/31/23 will be Announced at this mass.
- FRI. NOVEMBER 3, 2023**
8:30 Timothy Joseph Walsh
BY: The Walsh Family
- SAT. NOVEMBER 4, 2023**
8:30 Adam Rapino
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Loving Parents
Noon Annual Scotto Funeral Home Mass
5:00 PM Charles & Marie Stuto
BY: Dr. & Mrs. Victor Masi & Family
- SUN. NOVEMBER 5, 2023**
8:30AM Francis D'Amico, Jr.
10:15AM Pietro Reca
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
Noon Santa Bellatuono Deliso
BY: Son VitoAnthony & Family

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of 10/28/23 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
FRANCESCO EMILIO
BY: Francesco DiRosa



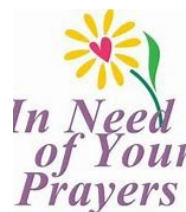
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 10/22	\$1,921.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$3,150.00
Total Sunday 10/22	\$5,071.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,254.00

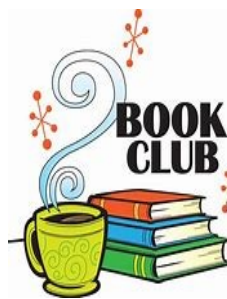
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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 Laquerchia, Irene Balen, Santina



Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Carol DeMauro, 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 Laquerchia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, 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 Daniel 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.

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF 10/22/23

5:00 PM	38
8:30 AM	44
10:15 AM	116
NOON	17
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	213

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

What does the word love mean in today’s reading? The definition of love is effectively willing the good for another. I need not like the person for whom I will the good. This love need not be emotional, having attachments or even liking the person. The disciple of Christ is called to will the good of the other without distinction. This love is doing the right action or attitude because it is what God would want.

The Gospel today is familiar to us. So familiar is this Gospel text that we risk the danger of not hearing it or listening to it thinking incorrectly to ourselves that we know this text. The Matthew 22:34-40 is the summation of Exodus 22:20-26 which is today’s first reading. The second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Thessalonians speaks to us about the conversion of the Thessalonians and how they became models of faith for all those living in Macedonia and Achaia. The reason for the conversion of the Thessalonians was not just Paul’s preaching but also Paul’s example.

We cannot claim to love God if we hate our brothers and sisters. In Christianity God is mediated to us through the humanity of Christ Jesus. It is in the image of Christ Jesus that we are created. Therefore, we love God through service to people, as well as our prayer and sacramental life. Our prayer life, our sacramental life, our meditations must move us to be people of charity. It is on our faith, our acts of charity and mercy that we will be judged. St. Vincent De Paul tells us that every rule must have Charity as its goal. In Matthew 25:11f it is on mercy and charity that the last judgment is based. Christianity is a faith of relationships. Our belief in God as a Trinity of persons indicates to us that God is a community of persons in relationships to each other. If we are created in the image of God, we are created as people called into relationships with God, others and oneself.

How does one love oneself? We will the effective good for ourselves when we see ourselves created in the image of God and redeemed by Christ. We love ourselves by caring for our health, our spiritual well-being and by having good wholesome friendships. We love ourselves by respecting ourselves. By loving ourselves we can grow in loving others by willing for others the good we ourselves will for ourselves. Self esteem and self-loving must come with a dose of humility. We must see ourselves as loved by God. If God could love us with all our faults, who am I not to will the good for myself? Loving yourself does not mean that you are perfect or special. In fact, the more we know ourselves, the greater we grow to appreciate the love of God for us. If God loves us, we return that love to another. If you do not love yourself, you will find it difficult to love another. Love of oneself means knowing one’s faults, one’s gifts and one’s rough spots and trusting in God’s Mercy.

Love is of God and is the foundation of all relationships. What is the meaning of love as it is seen in the sacred text? Love means the effective willing the good for the other even if this means sacrifice. Love does not mean a feeling, an emotional attachment, or even liking. The disciple of Christ is called to will the good of the other without distinction. Therefore, one wills the good for the other because the love of Christ impels us to do so. The closer to Christ, the closer to humanity we draw. The more human we are, the closer to God we are. To be truly human is to recognize our total dependence on God. To sin is to not human, it is unhuman.

To love one’s neighbor governs how we relate to the other whether the other be one’s spouse, child, co-worker or one’s neighbor in the neighborhood. Acts of mercy, kindness, charity, justice are directed to the good of the other or the community, they are not directed to one’s own agenda. Living for Christ means to have the love we see Christ impel as to love for his sake.

How does your participation at Eucharist today affect for the better the worlds in which you live? Does your prayer life inspire you to be more forgiving, more merciful more charitable? Are you motivated to speak out and work for justice for those who are unable to speak out for themselves? How does your faith make you and your life in the community better?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie