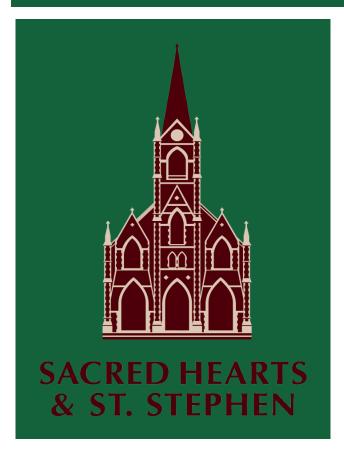
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C.CHURCH



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.



MON. NOVEMBER 13,2023

8:30 Enrico Dellaporte

Birthday Remembrancre BY: Catherine & Children

TUE. NOVEMBR 14, 2023

8:30 Mary Tarsio

BY: Loving Family

WED NOVEMBER 15, 2023

8:30 Concetta Battista

BY: Nieces & Nephews

THURS.NOVEMBER 16,2023

8:30 Elisa Puglise

BY: Her Loving Family

FRI. NOVEMBER 17, 2023

8:30 John & Dorothy Kenniff

BY: Family

SAT. NOVEMBER 18, 2023

8:30 Living & Deceased Members of

The Zanzonico Family

BY: Lorraine Zanzonico

5:00 PM Jean & Alfonse Cipaldo

BY: Daughters Angela & Debra

SUN. NOVEMBER 19, 2023

8:30 Arthur Maxzwell

BY The Walsh Family

10:15 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomanno

BY: Loving Family

Noon Dominic & Jenny Scotto

BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/5 \$2,505.00 *Envelopes & cash

On Line Donations \$3,265.00 Total Sunday 11/5 \$5,770.00

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Annual Weekly Expenses**\$14,325.00

Difference: \$ 8.555.00

**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

In Need of Your Prayers

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

BOOK

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 10/29/23

5:00 PM 44

8:30 AM 51

10:15 AM 85

NOON 24

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 204

From the **Pastor**

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Dear Parish Family,

Be prepared! Be prepared for the return of Christ is the major theme of the sacred texts for today and for the next two weeks. The readings take us to the last line of the Creed which we profess on Sundays and Holy Days; "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come." If we profess the Apostle's Creed the sentiment is stated with lines "He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. From there he will judge the living and dead." The same belief is professed in the acclamation of faith at every Mass: "until you come again."

As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, the themes of Christ's returning are highlighted. Given that Christ will return, how should we live our lives? Last week's theme fits very well in this context. We prepare for the return of Christ by practicing the faith. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, Wisdom is presented as a woman. Those who seek her and those who find Wisdom live wisely knowing that they are but mere humans in the face of God. In the Gospel, the wise virgins were prepared for the arrival of the Bridegroom whenever he arrived.

In the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians speaks to us about those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Paul instructs the Christians that while they may be saddened by the death of a loved one, they must have hope that life for the loved one is changed not ended. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they must base their hope on their belief in the Resurrection of Christ which is the foundational belief of all Christianity.

So, where do these readings leave us? As we get older and the days grow shorter, we are reminded that we are not going to be here forever. How does one prepare to meet the Lord at a time we least expect?

One prepares to meet Christ, whether we meet the Lord at the end of time or whether we meet Christ at the time of our own death or in moments in our daily life by striving to live the faith we profess. Seeking reconciliation with God, others and even ourselves is one of the important ways to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Our prayer life, our liturgical life and our sacramental life must lead us to deeper caring relationships with others. Being people of love, that is willing the good of others, being people of compassion and justice certainly helps to prepare us to meet the Prince of Peace.

Keep in mind that the Lord also comes to us daily. Christ comes to us in the people we serve, the opportunities and the crisis which present themselves to us and in the prayerful introspection into our own lives. To recognize these moments of grace, we need to be prepared to meet the Lord in the surprise of the moment by seeking to be recollected, focused and awake to the movements of our spirits.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie