

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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Sacristan

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Parish Trustees and Advisors

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. NOVEMBER 20, 2023
8:30 Gino Masi

- TUE. NOVEMBER 21, 2023
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

- WED NOVEMBER 22, 2023
8:30 Matteo Deliso
BY: Anna

- THURS. NOVEMBER 23, 2023
THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30 Filomena & Angelo Lagana
BY: Her Loving Family

- FRI. NOVEMBER 24, 2023
8:30 Raffaella Rota
BY: Rosemary Polito & Family

- SAT. NOVEMBER 25, 2023
8:30 Lee & Joseph Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
5:00 PM Anthony Polito & Deceased Members of the Polito & Delosa Family
BY: Rosemary & Family

- SUN. NOVEMBER 26, 2023
8:30 Stephen Rumel
BY: James & Elsy Sisti
10:15 Anthony Troiano, Sr. & Ann Troiano
BY: The Troiano Family
Noon Matteo Deliso
BY: Son Vitoanthony & Family

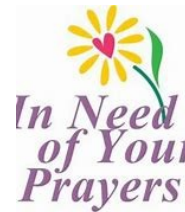
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 11/12 \$1,720.00
 *Envelopes & cash
 On Line Donations \$2,605.00
 Total Sunday 11/12 \$4,325.00
 Annual Weekly Expenses **\$14,325.00
 Difference: \$ 10,000.00

**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 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 Laquerchia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo

MASS COUNT

WEEKEND OF Nov. 11th

5:00 PM	42
8:30 AM	45
10:15 AM	134
NOON	25
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	246



Bread & Wine for the week of 11/18/25 has been donated

In Memory of
ANN TROIANO
BY: The DiRosa Family

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings focus us on the last things, the end of time, our mortality and hope for the future. As the Liturgical Year ends and nature itself seems to be dying around us, the Church invites us to reflect on what is lasting and what is passing. If you look at some of the statues in church, you will notice that some feature a skull. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Rosalia and St. Rita exhibit this symbol of a skull. The skull represents death or the shortness of life. It teaches us that all of us are called home to God at sometime. In light of the shortness of life, how do we live our lives in the present?

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians we are told that we are children of the light not of darkness. Paul uses the terms light: light and dark to refer to Christians who are light living in a dark world. He also uses the terms light and darkness to refer to light of knowledge and the darkness of ignorance. A third meaning refers to the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord means the second coming of Christ. The letter encourages us to be children of the light ever ready to meet the Lord.

There are a number of lessons that we can accrue from these readings. Among those lessons is the fact that we as believers of Christ are to be the light of the world. Our lives should express our beliefs. Our belief in the incarnation of God among us in and through Christ should be reflected in our respect for life in all of its stages. Mercy, compassion, a quest for justice, truth in our relationships should be the way of life for those who choose to follow the Gospel. Respect for people of all races, faiths, backgrounds should be a mark of the disciple. Racial hatred and prejudices should be unknown by the followers of Christ.

In years and generations past, the secular society often buttressed the values which the church preached. In today's society this is no longer true. In many ways the value systems of the secular world are different if not hostile to the faith. We may reverence humanity because of Christ, while in secular society humanity is taken cheaply as evidenced in increase in violence in every form. Pornography is widespread especially on the internet. Such material is clearly opposite the virtue of purity and chastity. Greed, robbery, dishonesty in the lives of public figures is reported regularly in the news. Racism, anti-Semitism, Jew hatred, Islamophobia are common place and in some social circles are accepted behavior. Such public behavior is contrary to the Gospel of values. How does one live the life of light in a world that presents darkness as attractive and the Gospel values as old fashioned? How does one live in a society where certain behaviors can be legal but immoral and sinful?

The following of the Gospel is always linked to the Cross of Christ. The disciple will experience conflicts of conscience and some rejection from those considered mainstream of thinking. Some who choose to follow the Gospel mandate may even win the admiration of their opponents and win some over to the Gospel. It is our choice. Our belief in Christ can be cultural and only on the surface or we can be disciples of Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie