

# 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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*Parochial Vicar*

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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. NOVEMBER 6, 2023**  
8:30 Deceased of Massie & Sisto Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 7, 2023**  
8:30 Raffaella & Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter, Teresa
- WED NOVEMBER 8, 2023**  
8:30 St. Michael
- THURS. NOVEMBER 9, 2023**  
8:30 Deceased Members of  
The Amato Family  
BY: M/M Ann Marie &  
Edward Illiano
- FRI. NOVEMBER 10, 2023**  
8:30 Maria Grazia &  
Salvatore Di Filippo  
BY: The Reca Family
- SAT. NOVEMBER 11, 2023**  
8:30 St, Michael, St. Joan of Arc,  
& For Military Living & Deceased  
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico  
5:00 PM Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
BY: Rose Ann Illiano & Irwiin  
Family
- SUN. NOVEMBER 12, 2023**  
8:30AM Anthony Deliso  
BY Joanne Conte  
10:15AM Pozzallo Mass  
Noon For Peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine &  
All Around the World

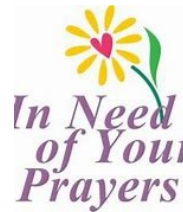
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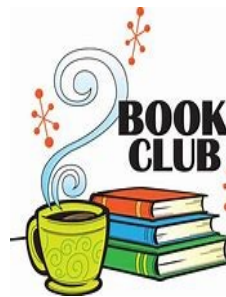
Sunday Collection 10/29	\$1,852.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,590.00
Total Sunday 10/29	\$4,442.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,883.00

\*\*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 10/29/23

5:00 PM	44
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	85
NOON	24
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>204</b>

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi and the Gospel are pointed, direct and correcting. The readings are addressed to religious leadership of Malachi's time and to the religious leaders of the time of Jesus. Secondly, they are addressed to the attitude with which both leaders and people practice our faith.

"Practice what you preach" and giving good examples comes to mind when I read these texts. Probably the most condemning behavior of the believer is the lack of putting into practice the good behaviors which one's religious community teaches. In the first reading the leaders are telling the people what they should be doing, while the leaders themselves are not listening to the voice of God. In the Gospel, leadership found in some of the Pharisees is criticized by Jesus. It is not the belief system which comes under fire from Jesus but the lack of practice and compassion found in the self-styled religious attitudes which causes Jesus to castigate them.

For Jesus, religious leaders must be at the service of humanity. The leadership must lead by good example as well as with words. The leader must not be proud of his position but compassionate towards those whom he serves. The leaders are not to misuse their positions of trust which the community has invested in them. If an error is made, the leader must ask for forgiveness.

Let us look at these texts in light of our own experience of religious leadership. From my perspective, there are many good priests who give of themselves to their ministry. Some of our priests even in this diocese have endangered their lives for the good of the people. Many have been an inspiration to others. However, sad to say, some have been just the opposite. In some cases, people have walked away from the Church because of some of these leaders. Granted that all are human and all of us have not so good days from time to time. I think we can not excuse too lightly those who have caused scandal, hurt others and mistreated children. Nor can we excuse a priest or a sister, the brother or deacon who present themselves as self righteous "holier than thou." The priest, the sister, the brother and deacon must realize that they depend on God's grace to preserve them in their ministry. Left on their own, they will falter. In order to live the life of a priest or a sister or a brother or a deacon, they must realize their lives are in the mode of constant and ongoing conversion to the mind and heart of the Lord Jesus. Once they think they know the Lord and that they are fully converted, you can be assured they are not listening to the Word of God.

While there is a public leadership in our community, there is also leadership among us the members of the Body of Christ. The members of the laity who also exercise leadership in our parish our homes, workplaces. Those of us who pray, participate at the Eucharist and know the faith are recognized as people whose lives should reflect the beliefs and the behavior they espouse on a Sunday Morning. When we fail to give good example, we too give scandal. This is an area that we are most prone to fail. We must reduce the gap between the faith we profess and the not so good attitudes which are expressed in our speech, actions and even in our thoughts which are expressed in many non verbal ways. So racist attitudes, lack of compassion, the lack of kindness toward those we may not like, holding on to hurts and refusing forgiveness, the refusal to reflect on this behavior makes us a cause of scandal. So, for those who wish to be disciples of the Lord need to practice what we preach. When we fail at this call, we are invited to admit our fault and ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is not only the priests, bishops or the sisters or the deacons who have caused scandal and hurt in the community, it is all who profess faith on Sunday Morning and forget about it on Monday morning.

**WE ARE CALLED TO PRACTICRE WHAT WE PREACH.**

Msgr. Guy A. Massie