

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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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI

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Deacon

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Parish Organist

JENNIFER WU

Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

ROSEMARY POLITO

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. DECEMBER 4, 2023
8:30 Jennie Maresca
BY: The Eng Family

TUE. DECEMBER 5, 2023
8:30 Santo, Carmella & Dominick Savoca
BY: The Troiano Family

WED DECEMBER 6, 2023
8:30 Raffella & Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa

THURS. DECEMBER 7, 2023
8:30 Michael Bombolino
BY: Mom & Dad

FRI. DECEMBER 8, 2023
8:30 Vincent Sventora
BY: Wife
Noon In Honor of The Immaculate
Conception for the Parish

SAT. DECEMBER 9, 2023
8:30 Rev. Chris Cashman
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: A Friend
5:00 PM Charles & Mary Stuto
BY: Dr. & Mrs. Victor J. Masi & Family

SUN. DECEMBER 10, 2023
8:30 Stephen Rumpf
BY: James & Elsy Sisti
10:15 John Edwards
BY: Loving Family
Noon Philip Olivieri
BY: Wife & Family

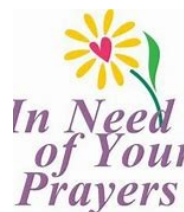
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 11/19 \$1,894.00
*Envelopes & cash
On Line Donations \$3,732.00
Total Sunday 11/19 \$5,626.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **\$14,325.00
Difference: \$ 8,699.00

**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 Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF Nov. 19th

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| 5:00 PM | 50 |
| 8:30 AM | 49 |
| 10:15 AM | 118 |
| NOON | 32 |
| TOTAL ATTENDANCE: | 249 |



Our Church is open for private prayer and adoration each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM. Stop in and visit to spend some personal and quiet time with our Lord.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Advent 2024— A Blessed New Liturgical Year to you. It is Advent again for the first time.

Today we begin Advent. The word advent means to come. Thus, the Liturgical season of Advent invites us to focus our attention on the two comings of Christ. From now until December 17th, the sacred text of the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time. These first two weeks have as their goal the focus on the Kingdom of God. This time period accents the line from the Creed which says “ we believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come” as well as the statement at the acclamation of faith after the consecration which professes belief in the return of Jesus. The readings refer to this second coming as a time of judgment and the final victory of good over evil.

The second part of Advent beginning on December 17th moves our focus to the Incarnation of God among us in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the Kingdom of God. It is during this time period the readings move us to familiar Christmas themes.

The Advent atmosphere in Church has a theme of waiting in joyful expectation. We have an Advent Wreath which is a way of marking our time while waiting. There are four candles which are placed in a pine or evergreen wreath. There are four candles corresponding to the four Sundays of Advent. There are three violet colored candles and one rose colored candle. The color violet is worn for advent. The color violet represents a number of liturgical themes. Violet is the color for preparation through penance. Violet represents hope that what is expected will be fulfilled. The vestments of the priest and wall banners in the sanctuary will be violet. The three violet candles represent the first, second and fourth Sunday of Advent. The rose colored candle represents the third Sunday of Advent which is called Gaudate Sunday or Sunday of Joy because the time of fulfillment is at hand.

Light is a symbol both of Advent, Christmas and Easter. During Advent the daylight is short. It gets dark early in the day. The sun rises later in the morning, therefore there is a longing for light. Light breaks the darkness of the long nights. If you are awake between 5:00 AM and 6 AM, you will notice how the first signs of light slowly appear in the east while the western sky is still dark. The light gradually fills the sky moving west until day is fully arrived. So too, with the coming of the Lord, the world lay in darkness and the light who is Christ breaks in upon us. This light breaking in is similar to the gradual coming of the Kingdom of God. While God’s Kingdom is here in Jesus and the Church, it is still coming to its fullness. While the Kingdom of God still struggles to overcome evil and is not completely here yet, in the end day fully arrives. Christ did arrive and he will arrive again. The Kingdom of God will be successful even if we do not yet see its fullness.

Msgr. Guy A, Massir