

# **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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*Choir Director*

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*Sacristan*

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**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](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.**

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON. 8:30	DECEMBER 11, 2023 Concetta Battista BY: Nieces & Nephews
TUE. 8:30	DECEMBER 12, 2023 Salvatorre, Theresa Tilocca & Camille Tilocca Limardi BY: The Troiano Family
WED 8:30	DECEMBER 13, 2023 Anthony Polito BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
THURS. 8:30	DECEMBER 14, 2023 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni BY: Loving Family
FRI. 8:30	DECEMBER 15, 2023 Denise Diacomanolas
SAT. 8:30	DECEMBER 16, 2023 Luigi & Giovanna Barrera BY: Loving Family
5:00 PM	Anna & Louis Morabito BY: Angela & Bill Shea
SUN. 8:30	DECEMBER 17, 2023 Mimi & Josie Romano BY: Their Family
10:15	Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia BY: Rose Marie Foglia
Noon	Andrew DiCostanzo BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto

## JOURNEY WITH MARY THIS ADVENT

Join us on Thursday afternoons during Advent as we come together to pray and reflect on the key mysteries of Mary's life as presented by Caryll Houselander in her classic book *The Reed of God*. We will be listening to follow up meditations presented by Abiding Together Podcast on these themes. We will be gathering in the Holy Family Center at 12:30 PM on 12/7, 12/14, 12/23, and 1/4. Email Michele @ mtwomey.SHSS@gmail.com for information.

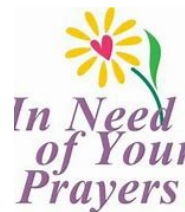
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/3	\$2,312.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$2,605.00
Total Sunday 12/3	\$4,917.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,408.00

\*\*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 Curcuro, 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 DEC. 3RD

5:00 PM	36
8:30 AM	49
10:15 AM	117
NOON	25
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	227



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,

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent the readings are hope-filled. The readings are addressed to all people of good will. The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah speaks of comfort. God will comfort his people. Isaiah is speaking to those who have endured the exile period. God, through the Prophet Isaiah assures the People of Israel that the difficult time which they are enduring will end. The consolation is hope. Hope is also the message of the Gospel. The Good News according to St. Mark begins in the desert with the preaching of John the Baptist. In the dryness and the dark windy nights of the desert is where the Good News of Jesus Christ begins.

To truly hear the hope in these readings one must be in touch with the temptation of hopelessness. If you are alarmed at the lack of peace in our world and the constant threat of war, today's readings give you strength to continue to work for peace through words and deeds. If you are outraged by the spread of violence both international, national and domestic, then today's readings give you hope that one day this will change. If you are a victim of a difficult situation and you have tried and failed to escape or change your lot, today's readings give you encouragement. If you are in a difficult situation where you feel trapped emotionally, physically and psychologically, pray for vision to see God's help for you in the people God may send into your life. If you are waiting for the job interview results, the medical test results, hold on, do not give up hope that things will get better. In the area of your life where you think you are far from God, is where God may be close at hand. In the end know that God has a plan and you are part of that plan.

The Good News begins in the desert. It begins in the area of our lives where we are less than perfect. The Good News begins in the brokenness of our lives. The Gospel call is more acutely heard in our needs, in the desert experiences of our lives, in the quiet moments when we seem exiled from the noise of our world. As we continue our Advent Season perhaps we may look at our lives and see where we feel most alone. Some are ill or are recovering and they feel somewhat cut off from friends and a social life. Some are moving from one neighborhood to another and feel separated from all that is familiar. Some may be sad of mourning at this time and feel separated from the laughter of the season. Some may be unemployed and are pounding the pavement looking for work even among the many people in the city, they feel alone. In these moments we find great opportunities to speak to God from our hearts. Perhaps it is in these real life moments that we may hear for the first time The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**