

# **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**  
*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

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**JOHN L. HEYER, II**

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*Deacon*

**MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY**

*Director of Faith Formation*

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*Business Manager*

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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](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.**

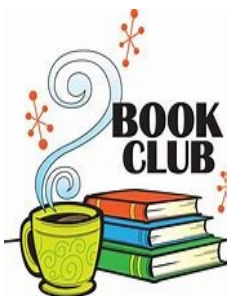


# Mass Intentions For The Week

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<b>MON.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25, 2023</b>
11:00	Christmas Day Mass
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26, 2023</b>
8:30	Dora Zanzonico BY: Karen Vespa
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27, 2023</b>
8:30	Gary Cushing
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28, 2023</b>
8:30	Giuseppe Coppola BY: Sister-in-law Veronica Scotto-DiCarlo
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29, 2023</b>
8:30	Michael Diacomanolas
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30, 2023</b>
8:30	Luigi & Giovanna Barrera BY: Loving Family
5:00 PM	Anna & Francesco Pietanza BY: Their Children & Grandchildren
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>
8:30	Stephen Rumpf BY: James & Elsy Sisti
10:15	Russel & Marie Mecaluk
Noon	Rev. Vincent Gallo BY: Susie & Richie Groccia
7:00 PM	For The People of the Parish



## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday January 9th @7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *Murder in the Family* by Cara Hunt. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on February 6th. We will be discussing *Surprised* by Oxford, *A Memoir* by Carolyn Weber.

All are welcome.

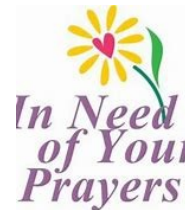
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/11	\$3,203.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3080.00
Total Sunday 12/11	\$6,283.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,042.00

\*\*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 Montalbano, 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. 11th

5:00 PM	76
8:30 AM	41
10:15 AM	121
NOON	20
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>258</b>

## 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 1/4. Email Michele @ mtwomey.SHSS@gmail.com for information.



# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

## MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Today and throughout the Christmas Season we celebrate the great Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. Christmas is more than remembering the birth of Jesus, we see God made visible. We see Jesus in the Word of God who spoke to Moses from the Burning Bush. We see Jesus in the Word of God who created the universe. In Jesus we see the Word of God who set the hearts of the prophets ablaze. In Jesus we see the Word of God who spoke to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In Jesus we see the Word of God who spoke to King David and King Solomon.

God who spoke to us in many ways in the past now speaks to us through Jesus, God's Word made flesh. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. Jesus is the great gift we have received and continue to receive. In Jesus we see God giving himself to us. Truly this is awesome. I could not imagine my life without Jesus. I could never imagine getting through the difficulties of life without the knowledge that God in the person of Jesus who is present with me and with us. Yet, it is more astounding that the incarnation will be the prelude to Easter. It will be in his human nature that Jesus will redeem us through his faithfulness to God thus undoing our unfaithfulness. WOW!!!

The wonder of this mystery amazes me. How is it that God becomes human? How is it that God who is all knowing, unlimited and above all things could be at once both God and human? Why would God do such a thing? Who are we that God should become one with us and suffer with us in the valley of tears? What moved God to become incarnate? Who can understand the Love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus?

As we celebrate this Day and Season, take a few moments and reflect. Think upon this great mystery of the Incarnation. God came to share in our humanity so we could share in his divinity. See that it is in the humanity of Jesus that God reveals himself to us and redeems us. See in the humanity of Jesus the meaning of life and suffering and hope of resurrection. See in your own humanity, baptized, confirmed and fed on the Eucharist, your sacred calling of being Christ in the world and discovering Christ in others. See in the humanity, Jesus the sacredness of life.

**“THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY; THE GLORY OF AN ONLY SON COMING FROM THE FATHER FILLED WITH ENDURING LOVE” St. John Gospel 1:14**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED 2024**

**MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE AND PARISH STAFF**