

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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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.

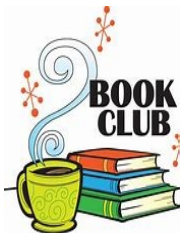
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON.	JANUARY 1, 2024
Noon	Vincent & Vincenza Pepe By Son Louis
TUE.	JANUARY 2, 2024
8:30	Andrew, Carmela & Guy Di Manso BY: Andy Di Manso
WED.	JANUARY 3, 2024
8:30	Joseph F. Sgro BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
THURS.	JANUARY 4, 2024
8:30	Concetta Battista BY: Nieces & Nephews
FRI.	JANUARY 5, 2024
8:30	Phil Florentino BY: Laura Eng
SAT.	JANUARY 6, 2024
8:30	Rose & Pasquale Masotto BY: Son Salvatore Masotto
5:00	Teresa & Domenico Ruggiero BY: Their Children
SUN.	JANUARY 7, 2024
8:30	Francisco "Frankie" Muro BY: Barbara & Loving Family
10:15	Anthony Polito BY: Rosemary, Children & Grandchildren
Noon	Matteo Deliso BY: Daughter Anna



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.

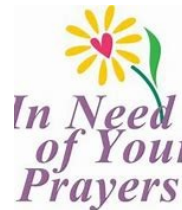
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/17	\$2,202.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3682.00
Total Sunday 12/17	\$5,884.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,441.00

**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 DEC. 11th

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

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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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Parish Community,

The Sunday after Christmas and before the Octave Day of Christmas January 1) is the Feast of The Holy Family. It is a feast which is timely and contemporary. Many of us have entertained family members, gathered together with relatives and sent greetings to family members. It is the time of year for the family to come together. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is given to us as the model of family life. Even though the definition of family has expanded, the lessons taught to us by the Holy Family remain valid and important for us to learn and practice. The lessons we learn from the Holy Family still serve as a guide for all family structures. Family values of love, self sacrificing, mutual support, respect for each member of the family and forgiveness are hallmarks of family and community life. We must remember for the WORD OF GOD; who is JESUS, becomes incarnate in context of human relationships primarily in the family.

The family is the foundation of society. It is the context of family that we learn to live as a social person. We are taught to share, to dialogue, to sacrifice and to support each other. Family life is the foundation of parish life. The qualities needed in a family are also needed to be present in the parish. Needless to say, family life can be a great blessing as well as a great cross. While there are many family celebrations and joys, there are always tears.

Family life is not easy. It is a chosen lifestyle. Family life is work. We can never take it for granted. Family life can be the source of much pride or the cause of many pains. Families face crisis together. Members of the family take care of each other. We care for the young and the elderly. We care for the newly arrived and those departing. We sacrifice ourselves for the well being of the whole. In a family selfishness cannot be found or tolerated.

Family life is made up of the coming together of different personalities. While relatives are given at birth, family is made up of chosen people who make up our support team. Family is where you are given the support you need, the guidance you may seek and the unconditional love we all must have. Traditionally, families were made up of people who were bonded together by blood. Today, our families are made up not only of people who are blood related, but also of close friends. We have many "family like" relationships at work, in the parish, in school. Whatever your family make up is; mutual love, respect, support, self sacrificing and forgiveness must be part of the structure of the group we call family. It is in family relationships that we most feel a sense of belonging, being supported and being loved.

Family life in our own day has been the target of many assaults. Families need time to come together. The members must spend quality time with each other. Unfortunately, due to economic constraints, many families rarely come together even for a daily or weekly meal. Eating together, sharing conversation build family cohesiveness. In some families, meals are eaten while viewing the television. In some homes, meals are eaten while each member of the family is busy texting or searching the web on one's mobile telephone. Such behavior does not seem to enhance family life, rather it underscores our individual independence. The family loves us as we need to be loved. Sometimes we need encouragement, sometimes we need correction and sometimes we need to set boundaries and limits on each other out of love. Each member of the family has his or her own personality, viewpoints and individuality. While the family must be home to all of the personalities of its members, the tension seems to rest between being an individual and being a member of a larger reality. Various personalities present in the family adds color and life to the family unit. Striving to keep a balance among all the various personalities can be a challenge. Sometimes we need to face hard and difficult issues together. The family must always operate out of mutual love and never out of selfishness.

Family life is always in processes. It needs constant care, understanding, forgiveness and communication. Divorce, geography, economics seems to have restructured the family. If family life is to continue, than effort, sacrifice and deliberate planning to be together is essential. God becomes incarnate in a family setting. In the midst of all the noise of the family, God is present.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie