

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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JENNIFER WU

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ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

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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.

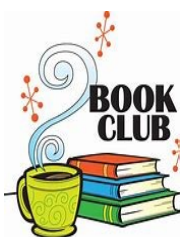
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON. 8:30	JANUARY 29, 2024 Josephine & Chris Rallis BY: Salvatore Masotto
TUE. 8:30	JANUARY 30, 2024 Maria Grazia & Salvatore DiFilippo BY: The Reca Family
WED 8:30	JANUARY 31, 2024 John & Rose Groccia BY: Loving Family
THURS. 8:30	FEBRUARY 1, 2024 Concetta Battista BY: Nieces & Nephews
FRI. 8:30	FEBRUARY 2, 2024 Luigi Martell BY: Christopher & Karma Martell
SAT. 8:30	FEBRUARY 3, 2024 Patricia Faint (Living) BY: Steve Iannone
11:00	MEMORIAL MASS Sr. Claudia DeMarco & Sr. Maryann Hawes (Sr. Anna) BY: Class of 1962
5:00	Diane & Anthony Geritano BY: Son Frank
SUN. 8:30	FEBRUARY 4, 2024 Luciana Licari (Living) BY: Elsy & James Sisti
10:15	Carol Ann Bonito
Noon	Philip & Santa Castro BY: Angela Castro



Please join us on Tuesday February 6th
@7:00 PM in the Parish House .

We will be discussing
Surprised by Oxford,
A Memoir by Carolyn Weber. For those
of you who plan ahead, our next meeting
will be on 3/5. We will be discussing The
Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.
All are welcome!

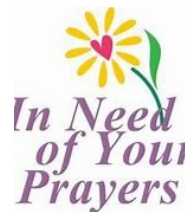
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 1/21	\$1,516.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$2,045.00
Total Sunday 1/21	\$3,561.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,764.00

**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, Edna Lamaai

MASS COUNT

WEEKEND OF JAN. 21ST

5:00 PM	46
8:30 AM	43
10:15 AM	116
NOON	21
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	226



YOUR CHIOR NEEDS YOU!

All adults are invited to join our
Parish Choir for the spring
season. The Sacred Hearts
Children's Choir is also inviting
new members to join now. Choir
meets in the Church beginning this week on 1/31:
Children at 5:45 and Adults at 7PM. Now is the
perfect time to join the Choir. Visit the organ loft
after Mass to speak with Jim or Jen, or sign up by
email to SHSSmusic@gmail.com. Singing together
builds friendships, faith, confidence, poise a love of
music and so many good things. Come sing with us!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The unifying theme of the readings seems to be summed up in the responsorial psalm: "If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." In a word, the theme is to listen. This is a challenging theme in our society. In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses speaks about the coming of a future prophet. Prophets announce the word of God to their people who need to listen to them. The prophets acted as the conscience of the people. Prophets pointed out God's presence in their contemporary circumstances and they told consequences of not listening to the voice of God. Listening to the prophet's words were essential. In the Gospel, Jesus is not only the bearer of the Word of God, Jesus is the WORD of God incarnate. While the prophets taught about the Word of God, Jesus who is the WORD of God speaks with authority. For both Jesus and the prophets, it is the Word of God which matters. The Word needs a listening heart.

How do we hear the Word of God? Listening and reading the scriptures in the context of the church, listening to reflections on the readings in homilies and church teachings and being silent as we meditate on the Sacred Text. We do all these things from where our lives are here and now. If you are sick, you will hear the Word differently from a person who is well. If you are going through a stressful period, you will hear the Word differently from someone who is at peace. If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, you will hear the Word differently than if you are having a child. The unique thing is that when the Word speaks to you, you know it. You just know it. I cannot explain it. The Word of God has the power to change our lives for the better.

In the Gospel today we see one of the affects of the Word of God in action that is the expelling of a demon. The power of the Word of Jesus heals and expels the evil which held a man in bondage. So, have you seen any demons lately? What do demons look like? How do you know their around? Do you know any demons by name?

I am sure these questions seem strange as we begin to reflect on the Gospel for this Sunday, but demons do exist. Demons create obstacles in our spiritual life. They cause static in our spiritual lives. In the Rite of Baptism, we are asked: Do you renounce sin, the glamour of evil and Satan? These renunciations mean exactly what they say. We are called to renounce everything that is contrary to the Gospel or what may lead us away from following the Lord. Demons always separate us from God, from ourselves and from each other. Demons, however, are given power by us who cooperate with them.

In the Gospel today Jesus expels these spiritual pests. These demons which may cause us problems come in all varieties. The fear demon which causes us not to trust God's providence. The fear demon tells us that we are to be afraid of not having, not getting, or not being remembered or not being recognized. The fear demon which paralyzes us so much that we fear even helping ourselves to seek healing. There is the demon of anger which traps into cynicism. We become incapable of seeing anything or anyone as being sincere and good. This demon causes us a great deal of disruption in our spiritual and our social lives. There is also the demon of jealousy. This demon can destroy families, communities, workplaces and individuals. Some other behaviors which cause us separation from God and others are addictions such as over drinking, gambling and pornography. Now these behaviors can be psychologically driven. They also have social and moral consequences. These behaviors need to be treated and healed through professional help and grace.

To Listen to the Word of God, is to allow us to be reflective and to name our demons. Once admitted, we can, with the help of God expel our demons. We need to listen to ourselves. We need to reflect on our behavior and our words in the light of the Gospel. Such behavior leads us to conversion.

Evil does exist in the world. Evil is anything which drives us away from God, from our true selves and others. While powerful and alluring, evil is not equal to God. Evil can only have power over us if we allow it to have control over us. To free us from its grasp, we need the saving grace of Christ. In Christ all evil is conquered. If you are enduring any of these demons, call out to the Lord especially in the Eucharist. Seek guidance and healing is possible.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie