

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C.CHURCH
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**SACRED HEARTS
& ST. STEPHEN**

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.

Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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Parochial Vicar

REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU
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. 8:30	FEBRUARY 12, 2024 Patricia Brennan
TUE. 8:30	FEBRUARY 13, 2024 Giuseppe & Giuseppina Borrometi BY: Carmela Di Rosa
WED 7:30 8:00 8:30 Noon 3:45 PM 6:00 PM	FEBRUARY 14, 2024-ASH WEDNESDAY Prayer Service Morning Prayer & Ashes Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato BY: Lenny & JoAnn Elizabeth DeMeglio BY: Loving Family Prayer Service Prayer Service
THURS. 8:30	FEBRUARY 15, 2024 George Magliocco BY: Maria Magliocco, Peter & Rose Marie
FRI. 8:30 7:00 PM	FEBRUARY 16, 2024 Marion Faillace Stations of the Cross
SAT. 8:30 5:00	FEBRUARY 17, 2024 The DiCostanzo Family BY: Children Lawrence & Rosalie Russomano BY: Loving Family
SUN. 8:30 10:15 Noon	FEBRUARY 18, 2024 Antonia Randazzo BY: Maria DiCostanzo Ann Troiano BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato The People of the Parish

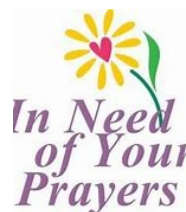
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/4	\$2,083.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$2,630.00
Total Sunday 2/4	\$4,713.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,612.00

**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 Lamaia

MASS COUNT

WEEKEND OF FEB. 4TH

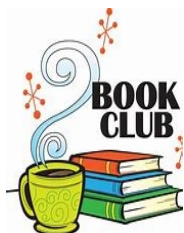
5:00 PM	51
8:30 AM	45
10:15 AM	102
NOON	30
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	228

YOUR CHOR 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 Church on Wednesdays:

Children at 5:45 and Adults at 7PM. Now is the perfect time to join the Choir since the season has just begun. 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!



BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday 3/5 in the Parish House @ 7:00 PM. We will be discussing The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

All are welcome!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“If you will, you can heal me.”

In the Gospel Jesus heals a leper. The story seems to point in the direction of the redemption which Jesus would bring about by his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Notice that in the beginning of the story, the leper is ostracized by the local population. At the end of the story, Jesus is ostracized from the village. Jesus and the leper exchange places. The exchange of places seems to prefigure redemption. Jesus exchanges places with unfaithful/sinful humanity so that we can be forgiven because of his faithfulness and innocence. The leper is restored to health and readmitted to society, while Jesus is not able to return to the village. Ultimately, it will be Jesus who suffers rejection and death outside the city.

Leprosy is a terrible and disfiguring disease. The fear of contagion caused the ancient world to segregate the leper from society. Those suffering from any skin condition were always suspect of dread disease. This imposed isolation made the lepers life lonely and emotionally unbearable. In the popular belief of the time, the lepers were believed to be exiled from God. Seen in light of this, the healing of the leper is a great miracle. The story also tells us a great deal about Jesus, his mission and redemption.

Jesus touches the leper thus rendering himself unclean. Jesus heals the leper. Jesus is interested in the areas of our lives where we need him the most. It is not where we are in good shape, shiny, bright and perfect that we need Jesus. It is where we are most ugly, most unacceptable both to ourselves and to others that Jesus wishes to cure. It is where we are exiled from our very selves that Jesus wishes to touch and heal us. The Incarnation of God among us in the person of Jesus seeks to heal us where we are most embarrassed by our ugliest fault. Before the eyes of God, all things are seen. “You can heal me, if you will.” Yes, Jesus wills to heal us, if we are willing to accept his healing. Regardless of how displeased, embarrassed or unacceptable we are to ourselves, grace can change us. Redemption can come to the deepest darkest area of our lives. To experience the redemption by Christ Jesus we need to know where we are in most need of mercy which will bring about healing and forgiveness. There is no sin so dark, no situation so ugly or smelly that the light of Christ cannot recreate, redeem and heal. Trust God’s mercy.

Lord, you can heal us if you will and if we allow you to enter our lives.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie