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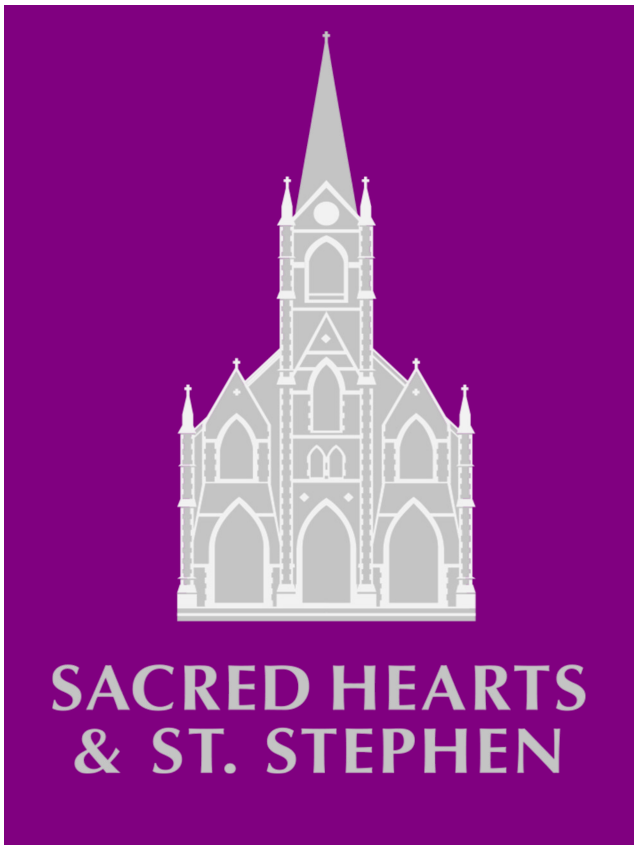

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St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882

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.

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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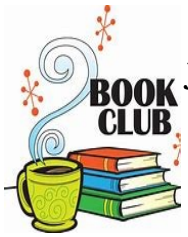
MON.	FEBRUARY 19, 2024
8:30	Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni BY: Their Family
TUE.	FEBRUARY 20, 2024
8:30	Carmine & Raffaella Graziani BY: Teresa Delgado
WED	FEBRUARY 21, 2024-
8:30	Elizabeth & Frank Lo Porto BY: Their Loving Children & Grandchildren
THURS.	FEBRUARY 22,2024
8:30	Angelo Vergona BY: Loving Family
FRI.	FEBRUARY 23, 2024
8:30	Vincenzo Scaringella BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	FEBRUARY 24, 2024
8:30	Antonino & Giuseppina DiNieri BY: Loving Family
5:00	Louis Valentino, Jr.
SUN.	FEBRUARY 25, 2024
8:30	Kevin Sheehan BY: Wife & Son
10:15	Rina Colombo BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
Noon	Intentions of the Zaleski Family

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.



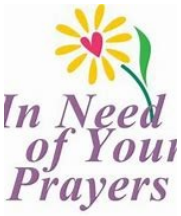
All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/11	$2,005.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	$2,765.00
Total Sunday 2/4	$4,770.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	$14,325.00
Difference:	$ 9,555.00

**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 Lamboy



MASS COUNT
WEEKEND OF FEB. 11TH

5:00 PM	39
8:30 AM	56
10:15 AM	122
NOON	20
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	237

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 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!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

"We adore you O Christ and we Bless you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

The First Sunday in Lent invites us to focus on our personal relationship with God. This personal relationship needs to be lived out in the context of the Eucharist, the sacred text, tradition and in the community of the church. While our relationship with Christ is personal, it is not solitary. We are always to see ourselves in relationship with community. Each Sunday the first reading taken from Hebrew Scriptures will speak to us about the covenant relationship we have with God. A covenant is a relationship more than a contract. It means both sides are invited to give all it takes to be faithful to the relationship. At Mass we hear about the New Covenant ultimately the new Covenant is Jesus. In Jesus in his life, suffering and death, we see graphically what faithfulness to the relationship between God and humanity means.

The Covenant we have with God is Jesus. In Jesus humanity and divinity meet. Each of us enters into this relationship with God through Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. Each of us keeps this Baptismal relationship alive in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The guideposts of our covenant relationship with God are stated in our baptismal promises. During Lent, we are invited to re-examine these promises so that we may better renew them at Easter, correct our short comings in fulfilling them and recommitting ourselves to Christ and his mission. To assist us in our Lenten Self examination I invite you to look, read and study these promises; Do you reject sin (everything contrary to the Gospel) so as to live in the freedom of children of God? Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin? Do you reject Satan, the father of sin and prince of darkness? Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried and rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life ever lasting?

The following are more questions to consider while reflecting on these promises: In our world today, what does it mean to reject evil and sin? What is evil? How does one reject it? Hoe does one recognize sin in one's life? What does it mean to believe in God? What does it mean to believe in Jesus? How does one believe? What is required? What does the Communion of Saints mean? What do we mean by the resurrection of the Body? What do we mean by the Holy Catholic Church? Each Sunday we will try to address these questions and recognize them in the selected Sunday Scripture.

I wish you a blessed and spiritually uplifting Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie