

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.

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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.	MARCH 11, 2024
8:30	Danny & Carmella Pipitone
TUE.	MARCH 12, 2024
8:30	Illiano Family BY: The Illiano Family
WED	MARCH 13, 2024
8:30	Santa Bellantuono BY: Daughter Anna
THURS.	MARCH 14, 2024
8:30	Sr. Babara Leonardo & Rev. Anthony Danna BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
FRI.	MARCH 15, 2024
8:30	Deceased Family & Friends of Foley & McInerney Family BY: Mary & Tom McInerney
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	MARCH 16, 2024
8:30	Lorraine Sgro Zodda BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
5:00	Michael A. Pacchia, Jr. BY: Charles & Roseann Russomanno
SUN.	MARCH 17, 2024
8:30	Mary Sullivan Giles BY: Her Children
10:15	Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia
Noon	Nydia Jacovino BY Maria Argibay

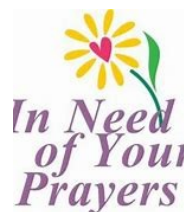
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/3	\$2,832.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$2,590.00
Total Sunday 3/3	\$5,422.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,903.00

**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, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo, Edna Lamboy Madeline Selvaggio-Poldrugovaz

MASS COUNT

WEEKEND OF MARCH 3RD

5:00 PM	33
8:30 AM	47
10:15 AM	139
NOON	32
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	251

LENTEN ACTIVITY: 40 ITEMS FOR 40 DAYS

This Lent we are called to increase our efforts to pray, fast and give to others. We have been invited to participate with Catholic Charities in the above mentioned Lenten activity. Please consider donating an item or two from the list and place in the marked receptacle at the rear of the church by 3/17.

Toiletries (New)

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Soap
Deodorant (men & women)
Comb and hairbrush
Travel size shampoo & lotion

Food

Peanut Butter (small)
Spread packets (Jelly)
Crackers
Granola/Oatmeal bars
Personal snacks, (Chips, nuts, trail mix)
Individual Water bottles or juice boxes.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

From the Pastor

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**“The Lord God then called to the man and asked: Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9)
“Our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you O Lord” (St. Augustine)**

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The scriptures are more a story of God's longing for a relationship with us rather than our longing for a relationship with God. In the Book of Genesis 3:9 we read: “The Lord God called to the man asking: Where are you?” This one line sets the theme for the entire Biblical story. The theme of covenant (relationship) continues. Today the first reading from II Chronicles reminds us of God's constant love and God's faithfulness to his people even when they ignored the covenant and were unfaithful. In the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians we are told that God is rich in mercy. Paul reminds us that our redemption is the result of God's graciousness toward us not a reward for our faithfulness as if we earned our redemption. God is faithful to us even when we are not faithful to him. In the Gospel from St. John, we are reminded “God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son.” The responsorial psalms urge us to remember God's faithfulness.

Perhaps we can liken God's covenantal relationship to humanity and to us as that of the love of a parent. The parent loves his/her child. The love is unconditional. The parent wills the good for the child. While the love for the child is unconditional, approval for everything the child does is not always present. The parent may love the child but disapprove of the child's behavior. The child has done nothing to earn the love of the parent, the love is given. Approval has to be won. In the first reading God loved his people but their wanderings and unfaithfulness to the covenant caused them to suffer from the nations around them. Their neglect of the covenant caused them to be less than they were called to be. Their errors caused God suffering in the sense that a parent suffers when their children suffer, even if the suffering is the fault of the child. The suffering of the parent whose child becomes involved in crime or drugs is an example. The parent will do anything to help the child. The parent is present even if the child rejects the parents. In the same way, God, through the prophets, calls his people back.

What is it that allures us from God? For what are we searching? Could we be looking for our own identity? Could we be searching for security in a very insecure world? Can we be wanting to exert our independence? Are we searching for some meaning in our lives that goes beyond our everyday life? Are we in need to be told that we are loved? Do we need to know that our lives matter in the lives of others? Are we searching for relief of stress? Are we looking for inner peace? Do we feel unfulfilled? Do we seek to answer these feelings and questions by developing habits which dull our senses such as drinking, gambling, drugs, pornography, consumerism, binging on food or television and other outrageous behavior? Is there emptiness in our hearts that we may sometimes feel and ignore? The answer to all of this is found in a quote:

“Our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you, O Lord.” (St. Augustine)

The spiritual life is lived between God's calling to us: “where are you?” and our response “Our heart is restless until they come to rest in you O Lord.”

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie