

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.

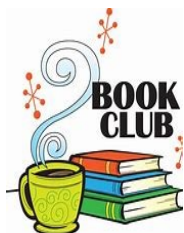
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON.	MARCH 18, 2024
8:30	Lucia Borrometi BY: The Conti Family
TUE.	MARCH 19, 2024
8:30	Pietro Reca BY: Loving Family
WED	MARCH 20, 2024
8:30	St Joseph for the Parish
THURS.	MARCH 21, 2024
8:30	Carmine & Raffaella Graziani BY: Daughter Teresa
FRI.	MARCH 22, 2024
8:30	In Honor of The Holy Cross
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	MARCH 23, 2024
8:30	Josephine & Joseph Patti BY: Their Loving Family
5:00	Peter Cataudella BY: Josephine Gentile
SUN.	MARCH 24, 2024
8:30	Luciana Licari (Living) BY: Elsy & James Sisti
10:15	Ted Matthiessen BY: Louis Pepe
Noon	Nicky Ingravallo BY Uncle Vito & Family



BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday 4/9/24 @ 7:00PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about The Homesman by Glendon Swarthout. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be May 7th. We will be discussing The Butler: A Witness to History by Wil Haygood. All are welcome.

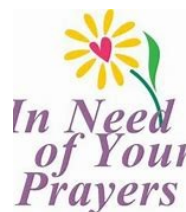
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/10	\$2,565.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3,290.00
Total Sunday 3/11	\$5,855.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,470.00

**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 11TH

5:00 PM	44
8:30 AM	50
10:15 AM	121
NOON	47
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	262

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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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The giving of a New Covenant, the establishment of a new relationship between God and humanity is the setting theme of today's Liturgy of the Word. This New Covenant, this new relationship between God and humanity comes about through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is for this Hour that Jesus has come, the Hour of his glorification through Death to Resurrection.

The Great Paschal Mystery is pointed to in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, the prophet announces that God will make a New Covenant with the people. This new covenant will be different from the past. This new covenant will be written in the hearts of the people. Christianity sees this promise of the New Covenant fulfilled in Christ who is the new covenant. In the second reading from Hebrews and the Gospel we have an allusion to the prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In Hebrews we are told that Jesus prayed with tears and supplications. In the Gospel according to St. John we read that Jesus was troubled because his hour had come. The New Covenant will come to be through the Blood of Christ. Blood means life. The covenant or the relationship we have with God is in Jesus.

In a covenant is a special relationship. During this Lenten Season we read about the covenant between God and the world in the story of Noah. We read about the covenant between Abraham and God in the story of the sacrifice of Isaac. We read about the relationship and covenant with Moses with the giving of the Ten Commandments. In each covenant people, both as a group and individually encountered God.

The New Covenant is communal and individual. Our Covenant is not in a written text. Our covenant is not a series of Laws. Our covenant is in a person. It is in the person of Christ Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God that we encounter God and have our New Covenant. All are invited into this New Covenant. The way into this covenant and redemption in Christ is through the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is nourished by the Eucharist. Jesus becomes sin for us. This means that Jesus is the victim of hatred, jealousy, religious self-righteousness, greed for power, rejection. It is because of Christ's faithfulness to the Will of the Father. The Will of the Father is not willing Jesus' death but rather the Father wills love, mercy, justice, peace, joy, goodness, faithfulness, humility, kindness, chastity, gentleness, generosity, self-control, forgiveness throughout his life and during his passion Jesus has been faithful to these behaviors. We are redeemed and forgiven because where humanity was and is unfaithful, Jesus is most faithful. His faithfulness to all God wants redeems our unfaithfulness.

Being a committed member of the Body of Christ calls us to renounce certain behaviors which are against the Gospel and to adhere to other behaviors which foster the Gospel. This commitment can cause us to make difficult choices for the gospel and to suffer for those choices. This suffering can take the form of being ostracized by peers, being mocked by the nominal Catholic or unbeliever and even being rejected by others.

Suffering for the Gospel message is part of life of the would be disciple. In light of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Christ what really matters? In light of the Paschal Mystery of Christ how do we prioritize our lives? In light of the love of Christ Jesus, where do we stand? Is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery just the remembering of an historical event in the life of Christ or is it our lived experience? Is it our very life and why?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie