

**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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*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](http://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.

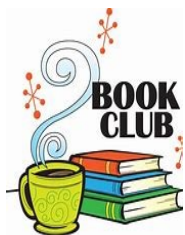
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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<b>MON.</b>	<b>MARCH 25, 2024</b>
8:30	Nicky Ingravallo BY: Zia Anna
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>MARCH 26, 2024</b>
8:30	Mary, Gaspare, Sr. Joseph & Gaspare, Jr. BY: Rose Marie Foglia
<b>WED</b>	<b>MARCH 27, 2024</b>
8:30	Felice & Ann Tesoriero & Their Children BY: Loving Grandchildren
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>MARCH 28, 2024-Holy Thursday</b>
8:30	Morning Prayer
7:00 PM	Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Last Supper
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>MARCH 29, 2024-Good Friday</b>
8:30	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Liturgy of The Death of Our Lord
7:00 PM	Good Friday Procession
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>MARCH 30, 2024</b>
8:30	Morning Prayer
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MARCH 31, 2024-Easter Sunday</b>
10:15	Easter Mass
Noon	Easter Mass



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.

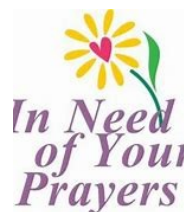
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/17	\$2,118.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3,464.00
Total Sunday 3/17	\$5,582.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,743.00

\*\*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 17TH

5:00 PM	51
8:30 AM	55
10:15 AM	122
NOON	38
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>266</b>

## 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, Passion Sunday also known as Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. This week is a solemn week in the liturgical and spiritual life of the Church. During this time we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. (The Paschal Mystery) These events make up the foundation of our faith. It is through the Paschal Mystery that we know the great depth mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus. This week is called Holy because it celebrates the re-creation of the universe redeemed through the Paschal Mystery. While the Book of Genesis tells us about Creation as God's great gift to us, this week tells us the greatest gift of God is the Incarnation of God among us known as Jesus and his great work of Redemption.

Today, Passion Sunday, is so named because we proclaim the Passion of the Lord that begins this great Holy Week. The Liturgy of Passion Sunday begins with the blessing and distribution of Palm Branches. This act recalls the entrance of Jesus into the City of Jerusalem. The palm branches represented welcome and victory. Today the Palm Branch is a sign of Christ's Victory over death. We place these branches in our homes as a reminder of Christ's Victory and our desire to follow Jesus. Since the Palm Branch is a sign of Christ's victory over death, placing Palm Branches on graves and tombs is most appropriate.

Holy Thursday is the celebration of the Supper of the Lord and therefore the great gifts of Eucharist, Holy Orders and Ministry as Service are highlighted in the Holy Thursday celebration. While every celebration of the Eucharist is the Supper of the Lord, on this night there is greater attention placed on the memory of the Last Supper. During this liturgy feet will be washed as a sign of service, the newly consecrated Sacred Oils used for the Anointing of the Sick, the Anointing of Catechumens and Confirmation, Priestly and Episcopal ordinations as well as the dedications of Churches will be presented. At the end of the Mass, we will process to the place of repose with the Blessed Sacrament. In this place of repose, we are invited to adore the Lord present in the Eucharist. Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in this Eucharist. Therefore, spending time in prayer before this sacrament is spending time with the Lord.

Good Friday remembers the death of Jesus. So solemn is this day, we do not celebrate Mass, we read the Passion and receive Eucharist which was consecrated on Holy Thursday. This is a day of sorrow, yet hope in victory of Christ over suffering and death.

Holy Saturday. This too is a solemn day. No Mass is celebrated on this day. The day is spent in silence and we are invited to reflect again on the life-giving Passion of the Lord. Saturday evening is the Great Holy Vigil of Easter. I invite you to attend this event. Never mind about the length of the service. The challenge is worth it. It is the great conclusion to the events of Holy Week. Hear the readings, light the new fire in your heart, renew the promises of your baptism, enter into the hope of the season and forget the time.

The celebration is timeless. It is this great event of the Resurrection which makes us a people of Hope.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

### PALM SUNDAY ALSO KNOWN AS PASSION SUNDAY

Why do we have Palm on Palm Sunday? We have Palm on Palm Sunday because the beginning of the Liturgy remembers the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm is a sign of victory. Those who carry the Palm are waving Christ onto the victory of the Messiah.

Why do we bring Palm to the cemetery? We bring Palm to the cemetery because Palm is a sign of victory over death. Jesus wins this victory in his resurrection. Notice the statue of St. Stephen, St. Lucy in our church. Notice they are holding palm. They were Martyrs. Their deaths are seen as a victory for the faith.

Why do we keep Palm in our homes? We keep Palm in our homes to remind us always of the victory of Christ over death and sin.

Why is this week called Holy Week? This week is called Holy Week because we will celebrate in word and sacrament the re-creation of a world redeemed in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.