

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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Deacon

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JENNIFER WU

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ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

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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.** **APRIL 1, 2024**
8:30 Anna Massie

- TUE.** **APRIL 2, 2024**
8:30 Francesca Martel
BY: Christopher & Karma Martel

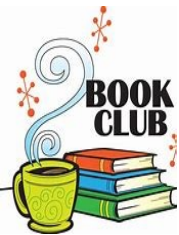
- WED** **APRIL 3, 2024**
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews

- THURS.** **APRIL 4, 2024**
8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Her Parents Carolyn & John

- FRI.** **APRIL 5, 2024**
8:30 Giovanna Barrera
BY: Loving Family

- SAT.** **APRIL 6, 2024**
8:30 Mary Tarsio
BY: Loving Family
5:00 Frank Cucuzza
BY: Louanne & Michael Manus

- SUN.** **April 7, 2024**
8:30 Avellino Outes
BY: His Mother
10:15 John Edwards
BY: Loving Family
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family



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 3/24	\$2,341.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3,075.00
Total Sunday 3/24	\$5,582.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,909.00

**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 Laquerchia, Irene Balen, Santina



In Need of Your Prayers

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 24TH

5:00 PM	40
8:30 AM	58
10:15 AM	196
NOON	38
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	332

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of March 30th have been donated
In Thanksgiving for
MARIO "MOE" TROMBETTA
On the occasion of his
100th Birthday
BY: His Loving Nieces & Nephews

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
I wish you a blessed Paschal Feast & a Blessed Paschal Season!

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We celebrate today and everyday our redemption by Christ. It was the faithfulness of Christ to the Will of God to the point of the horror of the Cross which redeemed our unfaithfulness. All sin is unfaithfulness. What exactly is the Will of God? The Will of God is love; the willing of the good for the other, mercy, justice, goodness, faithfulness, humility, chastity, patience, gentleness and self control. What is the will of God? Mercy is the will of God; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, visiting the sick and visiting those in prison. What is the will of God? Making peace, working for justice, being pure of spirit, being pure of heart. Being faithful to all these behaviors and actions is what Jesus did and calls us to do the same. It is for the times humanity did not do these things that Jesus' faithfulness won us forgiveness. He stood in our stead.

Today, Easter is the first of all Sundays. It is because of this day that Christians of all denominations worship on Sunday. It was this great event, the Resurrection of Christ which inspired Christians to move the day of worship from Saturday, the day of rest to Sunday the first day of the week. It was on Sunday that Christ arose and it was on the first day of the week that light was created from darkness. It is a day of hope. Life conquered death. It is the day that light overcame darkness. It is the day that death was no longer forever.

During Holy Week and the great liturgies of Holy Week, I found myself thinking of a hand wrestling match. In my spiritual imagination I saw Christ the power of all that is good hand wrestling with evil. The match plunged into the darkness of death and the tomb. Yet in one great move of his hand, Christ slams the hand of evil down and he wins. In the midst of untold suffering, pain and death, Christ wins the victory. To this great struggle fought by Christ and his great victory, we rejoice and say Amen Alleluia!

In the midst of singing Alleluia, I am made painfully aware that the battle between good and evil continues. This also means that the victory of Christ must continue. Around me swirls reports of rising up of white supremacist, the rising up of numbers of violent acts, serious health issues for many of our parishioners, lack of vocations and scandals in the very Body of Christ (the Church). On a personal level we experienced disappointments, setbacks heartaches, loss and even difficulties having faith to mention nothing of having the loss of hope. This seems to be the state of where we are as a church, a parish and a nation. We are not to be in a good place. It is at times like this we must remember Easter. I called to mind these words from the Easter Proclamation sung at the Easter Vigil: "The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen and joy to the mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty."

The celebration of Easter never comes too early nor does it come too late. It comes when we most need it. Easter begins in the darkness of the tomb. It begins in our dark nights of the soul. The victory of Christ continues in our present day. The wounds of the Church will heal, the truth that makes us free will have the last word, our nation will wake up to the dangers of racism, anti-Semitism and violence, our pains we will see our loved ones again and our disappointments will have hope, not wishful thinking or even positive thinking. Our hope is based on the sure foundation that Christ is Risen. For every Cross there is a Resurrection even if it is on the other side of life. Yes, it seems that tough times will not end. Yet it is God who is holding back the victory of good. Perhaps the world with preoccupation with power and money is not open to the victory already won. In the end, Christ wins.

So, why am I preaching, celebrating the sacraments, encouraging hope? Why do I stay in a church rocked by scandal and disappointment? Why do I continue to challenge the dark forces of our world and community? I do this for one reason. I believe in the Resurrection of Christ. Christ my hope is risen. Join us in this great faith and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday. It gets you through the dark days and even brings us to new hope and new life.

Happy Easter

Msgr. Guy A. Massie