

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.** **APRIL 8, 2024**
 8:30 Mary & Luciano Bellocchio
 BY: The Reca Family
- TUE.** **APRIL 9, 2024**
 8:30 For the Health & Well Being of
 Pope Francis
 BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
- WED** **APRIL 10, 2024**
 8:30 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe
 BY: Son Louis
- THURS.** **APRIL 11, 2024**
 8:30 Frank Sofo
 BY: The Delgado Family
- FRI.** **APRIL 12, 2024**
 8:30 Louis Castiglione
 BY: Laura Eng & Family
- SAT.** **APRIL 13, 2024**
 8:30 Deceased Members of
 The Azzarelli Family
 BY: Carmela DiRosa
 5:00 Carol Jacob & Philip Olivieri
 BY: Marlene Olivieri & Family
- SUN.** **April 14, 2024**
 8:30 Anna Ruggiero
 BY: Loving Family
 10:15 Ann Troiano
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
 Noon Deceased Members of
 The Manus Family
 BY: Michael & LouAnne Manus



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.

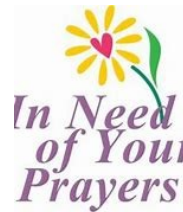
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/31	\$6,916.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$1,055.00
Total Sunday 3/31	\$7,971.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 6,354.00

**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



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 FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY	116
GOOD FRIDAY	121
EASTER VIGIL	161
EASTER 8:30 AM	51
EASTER 10:15 AM	313
EASTER NOON	108
TOTAL FOR WEEK	870

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Easter is too big to be contained in one day. The Easter celebration which started on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Supper of the Lord led us to Good Friday which in turn led us to Easter and the Resurrection. Easter Sunday led us to the eight days of Easter called the Octave of Easter which concludes today. Notice that all the activity read gospels this past week actually took place on one day, Easter Sunday. Today, part of our Gospel is taking place on the evening of that first Easter. The second part of the Gospel is taking place one week after the Resurrection of Christ which would be today.

Let us use our imagination in our praying these texts this week. Let us imagine the feelings of the apostles who meet in the upper room. Let us consider Peter who was close to Jesus. Peter truly had his heart in the right place but did not follow through. Professing his love for Jesus at the Last Supper, nevertheless Peter denies knowing Jesus three times. Peter was not there for his friend. He leaves Jesus alone. What did Peter feel like on that Sunday morning? Did he visit the places of the trial of Jesus and the street where Jesus carried his cross? Did he weep because had he stayed he may have been able to defend Jesus or at least been there for support? How could he face Mary the mother of Jesus after having denied Jesus? What was his emotional state? What about Andrew who had been the first called, he even introduced Peter to Jesus, yet he too abandoned Jesus? What about all the guilt the others felt? How did John the faithful disciple feel about the other ten apostles? Did he say “where were you?” “What happened to you?” How did they feel about Judas who betrayed Jesus? Did they realize that all of them in some way except for John betrayed Jesus? Then there is Thomas who could not believe. Could not get past what happened to Jesus. Perhaps they were angry with Jesus too. How could he have left them this way? Now they too could be seen as criminals in the eyes of the Romans. The apostles were in a bad way.

Into this mess of human emotions comes Jesus. They are overcome. Jesus knowing all things greets them with the word “Shalom” Peace. He proves he is alive although changed. He gives them the Holy Spirit telling them they can forgive sins of those who are repentant or they can retain sins of those who are not repentant. All of the apostles in that room need forgiveness and spiritual rehabilitation. They all needed the mercy of God. All the apostles were wounded in some way. It is Thomas who accentuates the need that they all had. It was in the wounds of Christ that they were healed. Thomas touches the wounds and his faith is healed. All the apostles had to look not only on the wounds of Christ but their own in order to be healed.

The Sunday after Easter has been designated by St. John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday. Thomas in the Gospel is healed by touching the wounds of Christ. Christ redeems us through his passion. It is in facing our wounded nature both as community and as individuals that we can find healing. Seeing our wounded nature can be painful. Healing that nature can be difficult, yet Christ is our hope and strength that even the worst of sins can be forgiven and healed. Mercy is a word which comes from Latin. It is Misericordia. This word means to suffer pain in one’s heart for another. In asking God for mercy we are asking God to have suffering in his heart for us. Likewise we are asked by God to have pain in our hearts for the pain of others. Mercy is active. It does what it can to relieve the sufferings of others through prayer and actions. (Corporal and spiritual works of mercy) There are people who feel that their lives are so mixed up or that they have sinned most grievously that forgiveness or reconciliation for them is impossible. Today the readings remind us that is not true. Mercy is available. Lives can change for the better. We as individuals and as the body of Church are always in need of mercy. No one is perfect as to not need mercy either from God or from each other. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, forgive someone with whom you are angry. Mercy is given to us to be shared among us. In light of all that has happened to us with the virus, what is really important?

Msg. Guy A. Massie