

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.

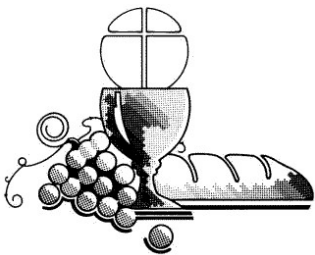
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. APRIL 15, 2024**
8:30 Carmine & Raffaella Graziani
BY: Teresa Delgado
- TUE. APRIL 16, 2024**
8:30 Grace Amato
BY: The Amato & Illiano Family
- WED APRIL 17, 2024**
8:30 Vincenzo Realmuto
BY: The Reca Family
- THURS. APRIL 18 2024**
8:30 Teresa Scissura
BY: Giovanna & Vincenzo
Carrieri-Russo
- FRI. APRIL 19, 2024**
8:30 Agatina, Concetto & Rosetta Conti
BY: The Conti Family
- SAT. APRIL 20, 2024**
8:30 For The People of the Parish
5:00 Dora Zanzonico
BY: Zanzonico Family
- SUN. April 21, 2024**
8:30 For World Peace
10:15 Ann Troiano
BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto
Noon Theresa Scissura
BY: The Bellantuono family



Bread & Wine for the week of
April 13th has been donated

In Memory of
GIUSEPPE BARONE

BY: M/M Frank Di Rosa

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/7	\$2,846.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$2,707.00
Total Sunday 4/7	\$5,553.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,772.00

**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:



*In Need
of Your
Prayers*

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 Curcuro, 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

MASS COUNT FOR APRIL 6TH & 7TH

5:00 PM	47
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	148
NOON	37
TOTAL:	283

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season. The Gospels will tell us about the Easter experiences of the apostles and the early Christian Community or the Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter boldly and confidently proclaimed the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Peter says that God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob glorified Jesus. This is a bold statement on Peter's behalf. In this statement Peter is saying that God, who in Exodus describes himself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob raised Jesus. This is an oath before God that God did in fact raise Jesus. If this oath is not true, Peter could be killed for making this claim if it were false. Why would Peter say it if it were not true? Peter strongly states that accepting Jesus is not a break with the Covenant of Moses but a continuation and a fulfillment. Notice the great change in Peter who denied knowing Jesus in the Passion narrative, now he boldly preaches about the Resurrection of Jesus. The second reading from 1John explains that the death of Jesus is redemptive. The way we can be sure we know Jesus is by living in obedience to the command of Jesus., which is to love God and others for the sake of God.

The Gospel for today is a wonderful and inspiring narrative. We actually learn a great deal about early Christian liturgy and early Christian belief. I shall like to propose the following points of study in this gospel: 1) Christ is Risen physically, 2) Christ is present in the community of believers, 3) Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text and 4) The Risen Christ brings about change in those who believe.

1) Christ is Risen physically. It is true that the body of Christ is changed after his resurrection and is no longer subjected to the laws of time and space, yet he is the same Jesus known to the disciples before the resurrection. Since God becomes incarnate in Jesus, God is always incarnate in the resurrection.

2) "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name there I am in their midst. " The dejected disciples in the gospel are gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. They are confused, fearful and perhaps disillusioned. They probably are grief-stricken and filled with guilt. While they are speaking among themselves, two other disciples join them announcing how they saw Jesus on the road and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. While they are speaking, Jesus enters the room. In the midst of speaking about Jesus, Jesus is made present. When we discuss the scriptures, Jesus is present. This is called the Liturgy of the Word. This is the first part of the Mass.

3) Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text. I cannot emphasize enough the belief we have in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe and so does this text believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of Bread. This term Breaking of Bread is an ancient name for the Eucharist. Jesus is recognized in the Breaking of Bread. When we receive Eucharist we are meeting a person. We are meeting Jesus. We are in union and communion with God. Do we think about Jesus? At adoration do we think and believe that you are in the presence of the Divine? In the text Jesus explains the sacred text to the two dejected disciples. Jesus shows the disciples how to read the text. Jesus is in the text of the prophets, psalms and other biblical writings. Our faith is nourished with scripture and sacrament.

4) The Risen Lord brings about change in the believer. The two disciples say "were not our hearts burning in us?" They change direction and go back to Jerusalem no longer afraid, no longer hopeless, no longer dejected. They are filled with new life. For all of us, the Risen Lord once allowed into our hearts and minds can affect change in attitudes, inner conversion and change in the direction of our lives. The key is to want to change for the better, to want to be healed, to want to let go of the past negativity. Suffering, disappointment, worry may come to us, but in and through these real human experiences, God is really present. Every experience is directed to our deeper conversion to the mind and heart of Jesus even in pain.

The Risen Lord is present here with us. In us and through us as we try to live in the light of his presence. The Risen Lord is present in Eucharist. The Lord is present in the Word. In short, today's Gospel told the story of the Mass. It told about the scripture and it told us about the Eucharist. Imagine for all these centuries, the Church in one way or another, has been proclaiming the Word and recognizing the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread. This is a good reason to believe in the Resurrection of Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie