

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.

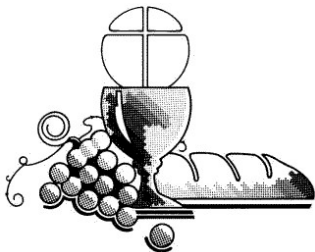
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON.** **APRIL 22, 2024**
 8:30 All Deceased Neighbors & Friends
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- TUE.** **APRIL 23, 2024**
 8:30 Frank Foglia
- WED** **APRIL 24, 2024**
 8:30 For Blessings Received
- THURS.** **APRIL 25 2024**
 8:30 Vergona & Polizzi Family
 BY: Diane Vergona
- FRI.** **APRIL 26, 2024**
 8:30 For The Poor and Forgotten
- SAT.** **APRIL 27, 2024**
 8:30 For All Cancer Patients
 5:00 Deceased of The Romano &
 Scotto Families
 BY: LouAnne & Michael Manus
- SUN.** **April 28, 2024**
 8:30 Theresa Geritano
 BY: Anthony Troiano
 10:15 St. Michael Society *
 Noon Madonna dei Maracoli*
 * To use Cabrini Hall afterwards



Bread & Wine for the
week of
April 20th has been
donated

In Memory of
EMMANUELE SANTAERA
BY: Maria Di Rosa

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/14 \$3,080.00
 *Envelopes & cash
 On Line Donatio \$2,732.00
 Total Sunday 4/14 \$5,812.00
 Annual Weekly Expenses **\$14,325.00
 Difference: \$ 8,513.00

**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 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 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 13TH & 14TH

5:00 PM	44
8:30 AM	49
10:15 AM	424
NOON	59
TOTAL:	576

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep. The Good Shepherd is present to his sheep. The Good Shepherd wills the good for his sheep. The Good Shepherd gives of his life, his energy and his entire being for the good of his sheep. The Good Shepherd will even die for his sheep. The sacred texts this week speak to us of: gathering in, consolation and healing. The Good Shepherd is God. In Christ, who is the incarnate Word of God, we see the compassionate, merciful, yet truthful face of God who provides for his people.

We read in the Gospel “My sheep hear my voice: I know them and they follow me.” How do we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? The world is full of voices, with words, communications, cell phones, e-mails, tweets and Face Book, there is too much. How can one know the inner silent voice of the Lord in our hearts? Perhaps the voice of the Lord speaks to us of mercy, love, peace, reconciliation. Perhaps we may recognize the voice of God when we are invited to be people who seek justice for those who lack a voice to speak for themselves. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is calling us to abandon attitudes and behaviors which do not contribute to our personal well being nor the well being of others. Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard when we are invited to re-examine motives for our good deeds. Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard when we are challenged in our self-centered behaviors. Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard when we are told that we are forgiven, we are loved by God. We all have the vocation to holiness and wholeness of being. Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard when we are given hope that life does not end but it does change. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard leading us through the valleys of darkness and uncertainty of our lives. Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in our self examination of our conscience.

Who speaks the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard through the preaching of the Apostles. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, it is Peter who proclaims the Good News and issues an invitation to all to come to faith in Christ. In our day the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the proclamation of the gospel as well as in the example of the believing community. We are told in the second reading of the First Letter of Peter that Christ is our example when we face suffering and persecution. It is the shepherd who suffers for and with his sheep. The Risen Lord lives with us, through us and in us. Oftentimes the suffering inflicted on the shepherd is done so by those the shepherd is seeking to serve and save. How many children weep over parents they are seeking to help in the face of the parent’s rejection?

The voice of the Good Shepherd can be heard in the innocent voice of a child reminding a grieving parent that grandma is with Jesus, reminding us of our faith. The voice of the Good Shepherd may be in the one who courageously speaks out for justice for the oppressed, the homeless or the immigrant. The gentle correction given to us by someone who loves us may be the voice of the Good Shepherd reaching out to us. The voice of a parent, friend or anyone who reminds us that we can be better than we are, may be an invitation to a change of life for the better.

The Good Shepherd does speak. How do we listen? Silence and reflection on one’s life is essential to hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. Can we be silent internally as well as externally? Can we learn how to listen without speaking? What is your life saying to you? What do you hear? To whom do you address your questions? God is speaking. Can we listen? We may learn something we do not yet know.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie