

**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](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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- MON. APRIL 29, 2024**  
8:30 Gene Pacifico  
BY: Latriano & Pacifico Family
- TUE. APRIL 30, 2024**  
8:30 Luigi & Giovanna Barrera & Elizabeth DeMeglio  
BY: Loving Family
- WED MAY 1, 2024**  
8:30 Lucille Abramo  
BY: Angela Castro
- THURS. MAY 2, 2024**  
8:30 Joan Di Tucci  
BY: Her Sister  
Terri DiTucci Daniti
- FRI. MAY 3, 2024**  
8:30 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomano  
BY: Loving Family
- SAT. MAY 4, 2024**  
8:30 Violet Massie/Rocco Massie  
5:00 Dora Zanzonico &  
In Honor of The Blessed Mother  
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
- SUN. MAY 5, 2024**  
8:30 Angelo & Dolly Vergona &  
All Deceased of The Vergona &  
Polizzi Family  
BY: Loving Family  
10:15 Vito & Carmelina DiTuri  
BY: Marie & Frank Gaudio  
Noon Janine Fuentes  
BY: Sebastian & Marilena Russo

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/21	\$1,775.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donatio	\$3,007.00
Total Sunday 4/21	\$4,782.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,543.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

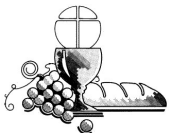
Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:



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 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 20TH & 21ST

5:00 PM	46
8:30 AM	55
10:15 AM	98
NOON	26
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>225</b>



Bread & Wine for the week of  
April 27th has been donated  
In Memory of  
**GIOVANNI DI STEFANO**  
BY: The Conti Family

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Live Jesus in us and through us. Live Jesus in our hearts, our minds, our attitudes and our actions. It is in the Eucharist that Christ lives in us. We receive the Body of Christ to become the body of Christ. It is only in union with Christ in the Eucharist that we can live out the Gospel message. Without Christ, we are helpless.

As we journey through the Easter Season, the readings today remind us of what God can do through those who believe in the Risen Christ. The Risen Christ is present in the community of the Church through the Holy Spirit. In the first reading we are told about Saul who we will come to know as Paul. Saul, who now converted to the Lord is proclaiming the faith he once sought to destroy. This great change can only happen through the grace of the Risen Christ in the community. In the second reading from the First Letter of St. John, John reminds us that if we are believers in Christ, than we need to keep his commandments. The commandment of Christ is that we love each other through our good deeds and truth. In the Gospel we are reminded to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. It is only in our unity with Christ that we can grow in the Spirit, that we can love and that we can keep the command of Christ.

It is through the Eucharist made present by the Holy Spirit that the life of the Risen Christ surges through us and forms us into the community. In the first reading we discover that it is only after Barnabas introduces Saul that the fear of Saul, the former persecutor, begins to subside. Why did Barnabas trust Saul? Perhaps they saw Barnabas as a man filled with the Holy Spirit and he lived his faith. What was the genesis of the great change in Saul? Perhaps it was the life of Christ moving in and through him which the community recognized. Let us relate this first reading to the second reading from the Letter of St. John. The second reading urges us to live the Gospel message in truth and in good deeds. In the readings from Acts we see the them united to Christ and living out the Gospel.

Where are we in these texts?

We cannot be Church, we cannot be disciple, we cannot be believer unless we are united to Christ. We are united to Christ through the sacraments especially the Eucharist and knowledge of the sacred text. We are united to Christ by our participation in the life of the Community of the Church. Christ is the Vine and we are the branches. The life that is in Christ follows from Christ through us for the up building of the community as well as our own spiritual life. We are asked to love through our deeds and truth.

What does this love mean? Is it emotional? Do I have to like everyone? Is not this kind of soft theology? Love means: effectively willing the good for the other. The reason we effectively will the good of the other is because we are followers of Jesus who taught us that to effectively will the good of the other, is the will of God. We do not love because we like a person or because we are looking for a reward. We love because we are followers of Jesus. We do not love because the other deserves our kindness or love, or because we are obligated in some way to the person. We love not because of who a person is, but because of who we are. We are followers of Jesus. This love which the disciple of Jesus is called to show has nothing to do with emotions, feelings or personal interest. The love we are striving for is the love called agape. This love is pure love for God because we believe that God has loved us, we in turn love God and because of our love for God, we love or will the good for the other. In short, the Love of Christ impels us. The love we received, we share. The forgiveness we receive we give to others. The mercy we experience we show to others. I am the Vine, you are the branches.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie