

**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.

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*  
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**REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE**  
*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

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*Deacon*

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*Director of Faith Formation*

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*Parish Organist*

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*Choir Director*

**ANDREW DI MANSO**

*Sacristan*

**MICHAEL J. ENG**

**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](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.

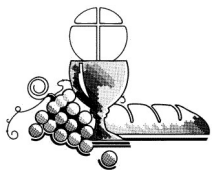
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. MAY 13, 2024**  
8:30 Carmine & Raffaella Graziani  
BY: Teresa Delgado
  
- TUE. MAY 14, 2024**  
8:30 Frank Foglia
  
- WED MAY 15, 2024**  
8:30 Luigi & Giovanni Barrera &  
Elizabeth DeMeglio  
BY: Loving Family
  
- THURS. MAY 16, 2024**  
8:30 Restituta Marchetti & Family  
BY: Catherine & Grandchildren
  
- FRI. MAY 17, 2024**  
8:30 Adam Rapino  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: His Parents
  
- SAT. MAY 18, 2024**  
8:30 Anthony Justice  
5:00 Leona & Joe Zagami  
BY: Catherine
  
- SUN. MAY 19, 2024**  
8:30 Anna Ruggiero  
BY: Loving Family  
10:15 In Honor of the Holy Spirit  
For the Parish  
Noon Michael Scotto  
BY: Vinny & Ann Scotto



Bread & Wine for the week  
of  
May 11th has been donated

In Memory of  
**CONCETTA FOGLIA**  
BY: Rose Marie Foglia

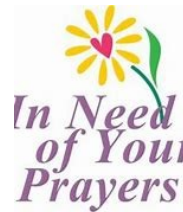
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/5	\$2,284.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,537.00
Total Sunday 5/5	\$4,339.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,504.00

\*\*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 Laqueria, 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

## MASS COUNT FOR MAY 4TH & 5TH

5:00 PM	45
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	77
NOON	28
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>201</b>

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to the 89 households who have made a pledge to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal from our Parish.

Parish Goal	\$36,274.00
Amount Pledged:	\$46,753.00
Amount Paid:	\$28,431.00

Please remember that all funds over our parish goal are returned 100% back to our parish for our needs. We hope to receive 100% participation from our parish no matter the amount.

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family,**

The readings today have us standing between the Ascension of Christ and the great Feast of Pentecost. The readings speak to us about prayer and bearing witness to our faith in Christ. In the gospel which comes to us from St. John 17:11-19, we meet Jesus while he is praying. Jesus is praying for both his apostles and for all those who will come to the faith through the preaching of the apostles. Therefore, Jesus is praying for us who are the results of the preaching of the apostles. He prays that his disciples will give witness to him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life by their unity.

Jesus' longing for unity is at the heart of his prayer. This prayer reveals a deep unity between Jesus and the Father. Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. The prayer asks that their unity be extended to the disciples. This unity would consist of Jesus' unity with the Father combined with his unity with the disciples thus God's indwelling in us. This indwelling would bind all the disciples together. The disciples living in Jesus and Jesus living in the Father would be the witness to the world of the work of Christ.

This unity for which Jesus prays is at the core of true discipleship. For the disciple of Christ, communion with God and others is most important. We are called to be part of the community of believers, we are never alone. We encounter Eucharist, we learn wisdom, we celebrate Eucharist together. When one realizes that one is called to such intimacy with God, then one must see discipleship as a way of life and a goal of life. One must discern how one will live one's life so as to enter into this intimacy more deeply. One may choose to be a committed lay person living in the world. One may discern religious life to enhance one's discipleship. One may discern a call to priesthood with hope that one's relationship with the Lord will grow. Whatever lifestyle one discerns, the call to the intimacy with the Lord must be first recognized. The question is which lifestyle may help us to grow in the Lord. It cannot really make us disciples if the call to intimacy is not first perceived. In my opinion, I discerned with the help of the church that I would live out my discipleship as a priest. The first vocation is to discipleship.

Most of us know about Christ. Most of us are Catholic because we were born into Catholic homes and cultures and we never thought anymore about the faith. While all are invited to grow in the faith, few really do. For the disciple Christ must be all in all. Living the gospel must be the goal. All behaviors which help us to love the gospel are seen as good and anything which pulls us away from living the value of Christ must be avoided.

How does one strive to live out one's intimacy with the Lord? How does one live the Gospel without preaching, being self-righteous and distaining others? One way is to effectively will the good for others. This means all universally. We will the good for those we like and those we do not like. Being a person of mercy, compassion, understanding and seeking justice for the oppressed. Living in the intimacy of one's relationship with the Lord.

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**