

# SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH



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*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. JUNE 3, 2024**  
8:30 Joseph & Lia Cerato  
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
  
- TUE. JUNE 4, 2024**  
8:30 Concetta Battista  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
  
- WED. JUNE 5, 2024**  
8:30 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe  
BY: Son Louis
  
- THURS. JUNE 6, 2024**  
8:30 Leonard Bik  
BY: Salvatore Masotto
  
- FRI. JUNE 7, 2024**  
8:30 Anthony Polito &  
Deceased of DeLosa &  
Polito Families  
BY: RoseMary & Family  
7:00 PM Feast of the Sacred Heart,  
Mass in Cabrini Park
  
- SAT. JUNE 8, 2024**  
8:30 In Honor of  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 Francesco "Frankie" Muro  
BY: Barbara & Loving Family
  
- SUN. JUNE 9, 2024**  
8:30 Danny & Carmella Pipitone  
10:15 Devinne Teresa Gallagher  
BY: The Walsh Family  
Noon Feast of St. John The Baptist  
BY: Pozzallo Society



Please join us on Tuesday 6/11 @7PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about Mott Street by Ava Chin. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 7/9. Of special interest, we will be discussing Beef with Tomato by local author Dean Haspil. We are excited that Mr. Haspil will be joining our meeting to answer questions and sign his books. As always, all are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/26 \$1,869.00  
 \*Envelopes & cash  
 On Line Donation \$1,897.00  
 Total Sunday 5/26 \$3,766.00  
 Annual Weekly Expenses \*\*\$14,325.00  
 Difference: \$ 10,559.00

\*\*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



## In Need of Your Prayers

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, Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg

## MASS COUNT FOR MAY 25TH & 26TH

5:00 PM	36
8:30 AM	49
10:15 AM	86
NOON	20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>191</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: \$51,443.00  
 Amount Paid: \$33,111.63

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** Dear Parish Family,

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**“Do this in memory of me”**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. The readings invites us back to Holy Thursday when we celebrated the institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Due to the proximity of Good Friday and our meditation and contemplation of the Death of the Lord, the Liturgy lacked the time to reflect on the mystery of this great sacrament.

The Eucharist (Blessed Sacrament) is the center of Catholic life. The celebration of the Eucharist is in direct obedience to the command of Jesus. Jesus tells us he wished to be remembered in doing this in his memory. It was this way in which Jesus is really present with us and to us. So, when someone says to me “O yes, I pray in my own way. I really do not need to come to Mass.” I have a problem. It means you and not Jesus is the center of your prayer. We have been told how to pray by Jesus and your private prayer is not obeying Jesus. So, Eucharist is essential for every Catholic. The Eucharist is the heartbeat and pulse of parish life. We both celebrate this sacrament and adore the divine and mysterious presence of the Lord in this sacrament. We believe that the Blessed Sacrament is the Body and Blood of the Lord. We believe that the Lord is really present in this sacrament. We believe that when received or adored we are encountering the Risen Lord.

For us the Eucharist is not a symbol or a sign of just a memorial, the Eucharist is Jesus. The celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) is the making present to us in this sacrament the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Eucharist or the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in our Tabernacle which is located behind the statue of Mary to the left of the main altar. The Eucharist is reserved for the purpose of prayer and for the sick to whom the Eucharist is brought.

#### **Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist**

Encountering the Lord Jesus in this great sacrament is a special time for us. The Sunday obligation to attend Mass in person is restored. Why do we have this obligation? The main reason is because of the love of Christ in this sacrament of the Eucharist is so great we must make a faithful response in thanksgiving for so great a love. Most of us do not need to be reminded of our obligations because we just know in our hearts how important the Eucharist is, others need a reminder.

So important is the reception of the Eucharist that after receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, one should spend time in silent prayer with the Lord. In the sacrament we are united with Christ and in communion with the whole church. The time after communion is a time of silent conversation with the Lord. This is not a time for private conversation with our neighbor or even for visiting the statues of the saints. This is your time with Christ. As we receive Eucharist, we are also to remember that we receive the Eucharist as a member of the Body of Christ. We are in communion with Christ and all who are receiving Eucharist in this church and with those who are receiving Eucharist throughout the Catholic World. In the Eucharist the Lord Jesus says “Do this in memory of me.” We who receive the Eucharist are called to live in memory of Christ in all we do and say.

#### **Do we realize the greatness of the Eucharist?**

The reason for our parish to exist is our faith in Christ Jesus. Therefore, the Eucharist is the center of our worship, prayer and adoration. Do we truly realize how great this sacrament is? Do we truly realize who this sacrament is? To realize means to have the reality of the Eucharist deep within us. If we did, we would never miss Mass except in time of serious illness. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. Together we are the Body of Christ in community and in the world.

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**