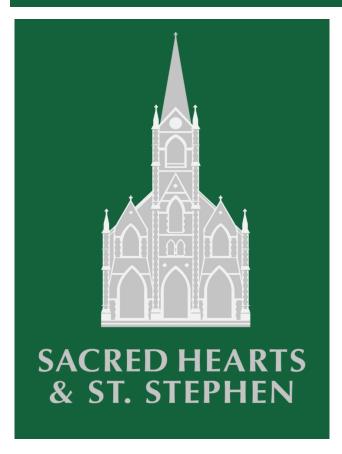
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C.CHURCH



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.



MON. JUNE 17, 2024

8:30 Elisa Puglise & Frank Lo Porto

BY: Loving Family

TUE. JUNE 18, 2024

8:30 Carmine & Raffaella Graziani

BY: Teresa Delgado

WED JUNE 19, 2024 8:30 Gary Cushing

THURS. JUNE 20, 2024 8:30 Frank Agosta BY: Loving Family

FRI. JUNE 21, 2024 8:30 Maria Nardi

BY: The Reca Family

SAT. JUNE 22, 2024

8:30 Rosalie Minnesali DeCarlo

BY: Classemates of 1967

5:00 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano

BY: Illiano Family

SUN. JUNE 23, 2024

8:30 Stephenie Starna Glockner

BY: The Eng Family

10:15 Pasquale & Anna Schiano-Moriello

BY: Andrew, Carolyn & Family

Noon NYPD Members of the 76th Precinct

BY: Joseph Gagliardo

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

June 15th has been donated In Loving Memory of JOSEPH FOGLIA

BY: Rose Marie Foglia

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

June 15th have been donated
In Loving Memory of

ELIZABETH LO PORTO & MARIE AGNESE BY: Loving Family FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 6/9 \$2,944.00

*Envelopes & cash

On Line Donation \$1,297.00 Total Sunday 6/9 \$4,241.00

Annual Weekly Expenses ** \$14,325.00 Difference: \$10,084.00

**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

In Need of Your Prayers

Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Wardrope, Carol DeMairo, Addy Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Tilocca, M Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy Ul DeMarino, Ann Curcuru. Lemar McNabb. Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre. Celeste Internicola, Emma Hukerby,

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, Morgan Spurlock

MASS COUNT FOR JUNE 8th & JUNE 9th

5:00 PM 55 8:30 AM 48 10:15 AM 107 Noon 98

TOTAL: 308

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 renumber 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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What affects does your Catholicism have on your every day life?

The summer season is upon us. Last week I had mentioned that we are now in ordinary time. The color of ordinary time is green. Green is the color of hope and spiritual growth. Our growth and life in Christ comes from our reflections on the readings at Mass and our reflective receptive of the Eucharist. Today's readings speak to us about the slow but steady growth of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus preached the coming of the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes found in Matthew 5, the Acts of Mercy found in Matthew 25 are two examples of the actions which bring about the Kingdom of God. In the Lord's Prayer we pray "Your Kingdom come." What we are asking for is God's way or God's rule for the world. In praying for the Kingdom of God, we are actually saying that our world, our lives, our relationships are not what they can be or should be. We are asking that our lives be ruled by God. The Kingdom for which we long is one where there is harmony among all. This Kingdom will be marked by love, peace, joy, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, humility, modesty, patience, generosity, gentleness, self control, forgiveness, and healing. The Kingdom would restore harmony in the cosmos, nature and humanity will be at peace. In short, the world would be a better place. Our own worlds would be peace-filled.

How does this dream of Jesus come about? It comes about by following the Gospel. Has the world improved over the years? I think it has. With the growth of mutual understanding, lessening of fear through dialogue and the advances in the sciences, life on this planet has gotten better. However, do we have deep problems? I think we have a long way to go. The Kingdom of God comes about in our own small worlds by having the attitudes of the Gospel. One of the affects of worship and reception of the Eucharist is to be the body of Christ in the worlds in which we live by making our worlds better.

How can you and I make a difference and make our worlds better? There is an increase in violence in our world. Try to respond to difficult situations without violent language no matter how difficult this may be for you. We are living at a time where there seems to be a growing fear of the other who may be different due to race, religion, color or orientation. When tempted to be hateful or prejudice towards another, try to see that person also made in the image of God. We are living in a world of self centeredness. Choose to be other centered even when this is frustrating. We are living at a time when many people are angry and not open to hearing the ideas of others. Listen more and challenge without arguing. We are living at a time when we need to let go of negative past experiences through forgiveness of the past and moving on to the future. We are living at a time and in a church when the message of the Gospel has to be more shown than preached.

Preaching, giving good example, teaching the Gospel value to the next generation is an ongoing process which we may never see completed or we may see little results in the faith. We pass on the Gospel in the hope that it will grow in the hearts of others by the grace of the Holy Spirit Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie