

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

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 10:15 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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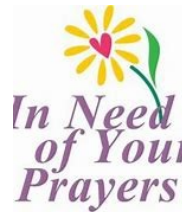
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11//3	\$2,593.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,360.00
Total Sunday 11//3	\$4,953.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,372.00

**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, 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 Montevocchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo, Edna Lamboy, Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Joseph Pugliese, Jr.



- MON. NOVEMBER 11, 2024**
8:30 Angelo & Dolly &
All The Vergona & Polizzi Family
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 12, 2024**
8:30 Vito Marinelli
BY: Joan V, Josef F, Paul, Filomena,
Bernadina, Alisha Marie
- WED NOVEMBER 13, 2024**
8:30 Henry Dellaporte
BY: Catherine & Family
- THURS. NOVEMBER 14, 2024**
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- FRI. NOVEMBER 15, 2024**
8:30 John & Dorothy Kenniff
- SAT. NOVEMBER 16, 2024**
8:30 Bernadina & Paolo Maisto
BY: The Marinelli Family
- 5:00 Elisa Puglise
BY: Her Loving Family
- SUN. NOVEMBER 17, 2024**
8:30 Matteo Deliso
BY: Anna Deliso
- 10:15 Deceased of The Amato Family
BY: The Illiano Family

**MASS COUNT
FOR NOV 2ND & NOV 3RD**

5:00 PM	57
8:30 AM	59
10:15 AM	102

TOTAL: 218



Please join us on
Tuesday 11/12
@ 7PM in the Parish House where we
will be discussing Three Bags Full by
Leonie Swann. All are welcome. We
hope to see you there.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings show Jesus' praise for the humble and his despising of hypocrisy. Jesus in the Gospel reading for the past few weeks has presented us with his agenda. Jesus has turned the tables on the secular world. Jesus has shown who he believes to be important in the world. He has shown the attitudes of which he approves. In doing so, he has upset the status quo of his time and of our time. In today's first reading and Gospel, the image of the widow is held up to us. Widows along with orphaned children were symbols of poverty. Both the widow and the orphaned were dependent on the mercy of others to care for them. Widows did not collect pensions or social security. If their husbands could not provide for them, if their families could not take care of them, they were at the mercy of the community.

In the Gospel it is the widow who is the heroine of the story. Similar to the story about Bartemaus the blind man whose cries come to the ear of Jesus in the midst of the noise of the crowd, so too the keen eye of Jesus notices this poor widow making a contribution to the temple. It is the faithfulness, goodness, kindness, compassion lived out in the people considered unimportant by the power structures who Jesus sees and accepts. In the first reading the heroine is the widow of Zarephath who places her faith in the words of Elijah the prophet who is commended by Jesus. According to Jesus, greatness was found in those who serve not in those being served. It is those who give of themselves quietly without seeking recognition for their good deeds that Jesus notices.

The two widows who Jesus praises stand out in sharp contrast to the religious leadership of the day. The scribes were educated, respected and trusted by the people. Scribes often assisted widows manage their property or their expenses. Many served the widows honestly. Some, on the other hand, pretended their religious piety in order to gain the trust of widows. These men treated widows dishonestly. Such behavior is called hypocrisy. When the internal piety is not reflected, the external behavior is called hypocrisy.

It is possible that the story called the Widow's Mite may be misnamed. A mite is a small amount. The widow gave all she could. This is what she could afford. Therefore for her, it was a great amount. Those on the other hand who could have given more, really only gave a mite or a small amount. Those who could give had little faith. The poor widow who trusted God gave a great amount. She gave in faith that God would provide for her. The wealthy really gave a mite because they could have given more. Their external behavior did not reflect their self acclaimed internal piety. They presented themselves as faith filled people, but in reality, they were not trusting in God.

In the beginning of the gospel Jesus is critical of religious clericalism. Some of the leaders of the religious communities of his time dressed so that they could be recognized and given places of honor. Their clothing separated them from the average person. The clothing and the attitude of some of the religious leaders communicated what some may call "holier than thou attitude." We are facing a similar situation with clergy today. Some priests and seminarians and even some bishops are carrying themselves in a very clerical way. This behavior of wearing cassocks, capes and barettas is intended to set the cleric apart from us. Their attire communicates their own perceived power and distinction as though they were holy. No one knows who is holy but God. Clerical attire is to communicate availability for service not of power or self righteousness. It is this very behavior that today's Gospel criticizes. All of us lay persons and clerics are walking the pilgrims way to holiness. None of us have yet arrived. All of us are sinners and all need God's mercy. Clericalism is another word of entitlement which in the church can be hurtful. Well if you are a cleric or a priest and you are offended by this statement, we can talk.

I ask you to consider the following questions: Where do you picture yourself in these readings? Are you one of the apostles listening to Jesus? Are you the widow who is at the mercy of those around her for constant help? Would you have found Jesus to be challenging of the status quo of his time? Do you sympathize with the established point of view of the scribes? What is your definition of hypocrisy? What would you have liked to discuss with Jesus with regard to this story? Why do we do the good that we do?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie