

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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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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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 10:15 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.

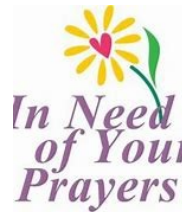
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**



<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
Sunday Collection 12/8	\$2,778.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,297.00
Total Sunday 12/8	\$6,075.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,250.00
**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, 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, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Joseph Pugliese, Jr. Jami Domanoski & unborn infant



- MON. DECEMBER 16, 2024**
 8:30 Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Their Children
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. DECEMBER 17, 2024**
 8:30 Michele Reca & Salvatore Arezzo
 BY: The Reca Family
- WED. DECEMBER 18, 2024**
 8:30 Andrew Di Costanzo
 BY: Anna Scotto
- THURS. DECEMBER 19, 2024**
 8:30 Dimesa Family
 BY: Marie Caria
- FRI. DECEMBER 20, 2024**
 8:30 For the Pope & All Clergy
 BY: Lorriane Zanzonico
- SAT. DECEMBER 21, 2024**
 8:30 Living Remembrance
 For Jenevive Joerger
 102nd Birthday
 BY: Caroline Barker
- 5:00 Dominick Dellaporte & Family
 BY: Catherine & Family
- SUN. DECEMBER 22, 2024**
 8:30 Richard O'Leary
 BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- 10:15 Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia

MASS COUNT
FOR DEC 7TH & DEC 8TH

5:00 PM	105
8:30 AM	49
10:15 AM	137

TOTAL: 291

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following individuals for once again donating the Little Blue Books for Advent. Through their generosity many times over we are able to utilize this tool to reflect upon during the Advent Season:

Laura Eng
 Fran Chiariello
 LouAnne & Michael Manus
 Anna Scotto
 Diane Vergona

Thank you once again for your kindness.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Is there a difference between Christmas Joy and Christmas happiness? Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This day has been called the Sunday of Joy or Gaudate Sunday. The color of the day is rose which signifies Joy. What if you are not filled with happiness this year? What if you feel these days difficult to navigate? What spiritual insight might we find in this season?

Christmas seems to bring with it nostalgic memories. We think Christmas past.

We see our Christmas table with many family members who have gone home to God. We think of the perfect Christmas when our family was all together. Is there a perfect Christmas ever? Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy is a grace. It has nothing to do with things being perfect. It is not related to our surroundings. It is joy in the presence of the Lord. Happiness is dependent on all being in order. Happiness is momentary. Joy is a gift that endures.

We need to recognize that Christmas is now. It is not in the past. Christmas celebrates not merely the birth of Christ. It truly celebrates the INCARNATION of the WORD OF GOD among us. This is a great mystery and it is the cause of our joy. The Word of God spoke to Abraham, to Moses to the prophets. That very same word now becomes illustrated in the life, teachings and death and resurrection of Christ.

What does the Word of God say to us? The Word of God who is Jesus tells us that God loves us and God invites us to cooperate with his love. The Word tells us that in the end, God and good win the day. The Word teaches us that life and truth win the day as we see in the Resurrection of Christ. The Word who created the world shows us that life in the spirit is opposed by evil, that life experiences doubt and darkness. The Word, who is Jesus, shows us that life which searches for certainty is sometimes frustrating while faith saves us. The Word made flesh in Christ Jesus teaches us that it is normal to experience the feeling of abandonment by God and even loved ones. The Word made Flesh teaches us we need to be open to the presence of God in our lives and to make room for God in our lives. This is the cause for JOY,

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie