

# 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  
*Pastor*

REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU  
*Parochial Vicar*

REV. NGOZI

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

JOHN L. HEYER, II

*Deacon & Pastoral Associate*

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*Deacon*

MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY

*Director of Faith Formation*

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*Business Manager*

JAMES LAKE

*Parish Organist*

ANNIE FLOOD

*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 10:15 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](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. DECEMBER 23, 2024**  
 8:30 Anthony Polito  
 BY: Carolyn & John
- TUE. DECEMBER 24, 2024**  
 8:00 Morning Prayer  
 8:30 James & Gertrude Zagarella  
 4:30 Parish Family Mass  
 Midnight Traditional Midnight Mass
- WED DECEMBER 25, 2024**  
 8:00 Morning Prayer  
 8:30 Christmas Day Mass  
 11 AM Christmas Day Mass
- THURS. DECEMBER 26, 2024**  
 8:30 St. Stephen for the Parish
- FRI. DECEMBER 27, 2024**  
 8:30 Gary Cushing
- SAT. DECEMBER 28, 2024**  
 8:30 Joan Dowd  
 5:00 Frank, Lottie &  
 Janet Illiano  
 BY: Rose Ann Illiano & Family
- SUN. DECEMBER 29, 2024**  
 8:30 For The People of The Parish  
 10:15 Michael Deacomanolis

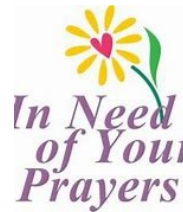
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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

## MASS COUNT

FOR DEC 7TH & DEC 8TH

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

**TOTAL: 291**



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,**

**Today is the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent. As we approach Christmas, I wish all of you a blessed Christmas. Keep in mind the great gift of Christmas is God. God gives of himself to us in the mystery of the Incarnation. What does Christmas teach us about God, about humanity and about ourselves? God is the answer to all our longings, humanity is the vehicle of divinity and God loves us.**

**“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jn 1:14**

**What does Christmas teach us about God? The gift of Christmas is God. In Jesus we learn that God loves us. Jesus longing for us and our longing for God meet. We all longing for God when we long for all that is good and peaceful. We are searching for God when we seek reconciliation and forgiveness. Our search for truth is a search for God who is truth. When we recognize the beauty of creation and the order of the universe, we are seeking God’s work. Seeking the meaning of life or the meaning of suffering, we are seeking God. When we realize that we are finite and we will die and we long for life that never ends, we are crying out for God. When our heart is restless and we seek fulfillment in life, we are screaming out for God. In the mystery of the Incarnation, who we meet is Jesus. It is in our encounter with Jesus that we realize how close God is to us and we to God. Christmas teaches us God loves us. Through our imitation of Christ, we learn by his humanity to be faithful to all God teaches us. It is through our faithfulness that we come to realize that Jesus came to give us the fullness of life.**

**“Man remember our dignity.” ( St.Leo’s letter on the Birth of Christ)**

**What does Christmas teach us about humanity? Christmas teaches us that humanity in all of its diversity is good. It is through our humanity that God in Jesus has come to us. Humanity we learn is the carrier of divinity. We learn that each person is unique, non-repeatable and has dignity. We learn that human life is precious in every stage of life: young, old, impaired or dying. We learn that if God loved humanity so much that God incarnated himself to become one with us in all things but sin, then we too must love humanity for God’s glory and for our good. We learn through our relationship with Christ that the good wins and God in Christ triumphs over all evil.**

**“He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God.” Col 1:15**

**What does Christmas teach us about ourselves? We learn that if we want to know how God acts, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. We learn through our encounter with Jesus in the Gospel and Eucharist that we are loved. We learn that we are made to be people of relationships. We learn that no matter what mistakes we have made, repentance and forgiveness are always possible. We have learned that God is not out to punish us, but to love us. We learn that suffering comes to us either through sickness or persecution, yet God remains faithful to us. We learn that in the darkest times, hope remains alive and even when all is ended, God is here to bring us home.**

**Msg. Guy A. Massie**