

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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Parish Organist

ANNIE FLOOD

Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO
Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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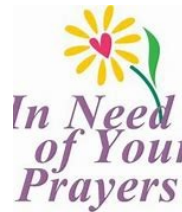
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 12/1	\$1,825.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,687.00
Total Sunday 12/1	\$4,612.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,813.00

**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

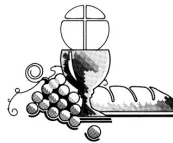


- MON. DECEMBER 9, 2024**
8:30 In honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary for our Parish
Noon Anthony Mazze
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- TUE. DECEMBER 10, 2024**
8:30 Vincent Sventora
BY: Wife
- WED DECEMBER 11, 2024**
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- THURS. DECEMBER 12, 2024**
8:30 Mary & John Lazzati
BY: Their Loving Family
- FRI. DECEMBER 13, 2024**
8:30 Rose Palmieri
BY: Louis Pepe & Joe Cerato
- SAT. DECEMBER 14, 2024**
8:30 Joan Morrissy
5:00 Joseph Finochiaro
BY: Wife Grace & Children
Karen & Joseph
- SUN. DECEMBER 15, 2024**
8:30 Robert & Rose Palmieri
BY: Loving Daughters Dana & Evelyn
10:15 Denise Deacomanolos

**MASS COUNT
FOR NOV 30TH & DEC 1ST**

5:00 PM	61
8:30 AM	44
10:15 AM	138

TOTAL: 243



Bread & Wine for the week of December 7th has been donated
In Memory of
Sara Modafferi
BY: Phyllis Edwards

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of December 7th have been donated
In Memory of
Sara Modafferi
BY: Diane Valentino

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The responsorial psalm captures the theme of the day. “The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.” Ps 126 What great things has God done for us? What great things did the Prophet Baruch in the first reading see the Lord doing in the midst of so much suffering? In his letter to the Philippians what great things had the Lord done for Paul as he writes to his community from prison? What great things is John the Baptist announcing in today’s Gospel? What great things has God done for you?

In the First text from the Book of the Prophet Baruch, the prophet tells the people of Jerusalem to stop mourning and have hope. At the time of Baruch, the City of Jerusalem was devastated by the exile which happened about 586BC and lasted until about 516BC. The City was destroyed by the Babylonians. Both Baruch and Jerimiah saw the destruction of the First Temple, the collapse of Jerusalem and the deportation of able-bodied people to Babylon present day Iran. They lost everything including their freedom. Yet, Baruch gives the people a message of hope. What does Baruch see? Prophets see events with the eye of faith and the reality of God’s presence in every circumstance even in suffering. We need this faith. We need to see our negative situations with the eye of faith that somehow all things and events in our lives are ordered to our salvation. This is a message of hope. In the end, God wins.

In Paul’s letter from prison to the Philippians, Paul is in a sorry state. Yet he prays with joy saying “I am confident that the one who has begun the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of the Christ. Wow! Can the suffering in me be God working to bring me to a deeper and abiding faith?

In the Gospel we meet John the Baptist. Luke mentions the historical context in which the New Testament has its beginnings to convince the reader and the hearer that Jesus is real. Jesus existed in a historical time and his existence can be verified by his contemporary situation.

Life for John the Baptist and his people was difficult living under Roman suppression. They longed to be free, yet John addresses a new freedom from sin. He addresses a new way of life through observance of dictates of Torah in preparation for the Messiah. For John the Baptist, God is close at hand. God is present in our here and now. We meet God in our personal spiritual journey.

If Jesus is the cause of our joy, what great things has God done for us even in the midst of sadness, suffering, ambiguity and darkness? God is the person of Jesus who has become human and dwells with us in every human situation. This is a great thing God has done for us in Christ Jesus. Why do some of us miss the presence of God in our lives?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie