

# 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*  
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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](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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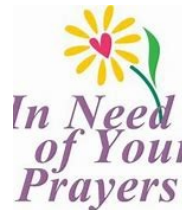
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 2/2	\$2,583.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,092.00
Total Sunday 2/2	\$5,675.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,650.00

\*\*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. Jami Domanoski & unborn infant



- MON. FEBRUARY 10, 2025**  
8:30 Concetta Battista  
BY: Nieces & Nephews & Grand Nieces & Nephews
- TUE. FEBRUARY 11, 2025**  
8:30 Andrew & Carmela Di Manso
- WED FEBRUARY 12, 2025**  
8:30 Connie Pace  
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
- THURS. FEBRUARY 13, 2025**  
8:30 Mary & Gaspare Spano  
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- FRI. FEBRUARY 14, 2025**  
8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
BY: Lenny & JoAnn
- SAT. FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
8:30 For the People of The Parish  
5:00 Rose Palmieri  
George Magliocco
- SUN. FEBRUARY 16, 2025**  
8:30 Joyce Sisto  
10:15 Evelyn & Robert Sharp  
Lawrence & Rosalee Russomanno  
Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
Joaquin & Encarna Otero

**MASS COUNT  
FOR 2/1 & 2/2**

5:00 PM	83
8:30 AM	48
10:15 AM	156

**TOTAL: 287**

Tax Documents were mailed to all parishioners who donate on line as well as those who use envelopes. They were mailed on Tuesday 2/4/25.

We thank you once again for your continued support and generosity.

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family,**

In today's Liturgy of the Word, we meet three people whose lives are completely changed due to an encounter with the Divine. The first reading presents us with the Call of Isaiah. In the second reading St. Paul proclaims the Resurrection of Christ. The Resurrection of Christ is the event which changed the apostles, if not the world. In the Gospel we read how Peter is completely changed and he is given another insight to the identity of Christ.

Each of the readings speaks to us about a WOW moment. A WOW moment is when something happens to us which leads us to come to a deeper realization of things beyond us. These moments may be an experience of being loved by another, the realization of the one's hidden talents or the realization of the existence of God which goes beyond faith. The realization changes our lives. We may see things with a greater clarity. We may act differently for the better. We may experience an inner healing or greater peace in our hearts. When did faith in Christ become your faith and not a faith just handed on to you?

The three readings have a common thread: in each reading the main character changed. If we truly hear the gospel, if we truly and openly encounter Christ in the Eucharist then we must change. We will be able to forgive the past and people who have wronged us, let go of anger, have compassion which is creative in seeking solutions when possible, be more self giving and even have a greater appreciation of ourselves. The closer we are to God the more we realize the areas of our lives which need healing and change. It is only when the light of the sun shines through the windows do we see that the window needs to be washed.

Look at Isaiah. He draws near to God and the encounter moves him to confess his smallness and sinfulness, yet God will make him a great prophet. Paul, the former persecutor of the Church experiences Christ on the road to Damascus. As a result Paul is changed and proclaims the Resurrection of Christ. Finally, look at Peter who is overwhelmed by the great catch of fish. He knows he is in the presence of someone great. His reaction is to confess his sinfulness. In each case, the three are changed and become vessels of carrying the message of the Lord to those around them. In each case, the divine touched the human heart and changed it. In each case, there was a realization of human limitations and the overwhelming transcendence of God.

Where are we? While Catholicism is our religion, is it also our faith? When we pray, receive Eucharist or reconciliation do we really reflect on our relationship with the Divine? How much affect does faith have on your every day choices, activities and relationships? It is only when we are convicted of the faith as was Iasiah, Paul and Peter, that we can share our faith with others? When was the last time you shared your faith in Jesus with your questioning teenager, your spouse or even your child? Why do you believe in Jesus?

**Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie**