

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.

Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
Pastor

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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.**



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/16	\$1,845.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,152.00
Total Sunday 2/16	\$4,997.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,328.00

**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. FEBRUARY 24, 2025**
8:30 Antonino & Giuseppina DiNieri
BY: Recca Family

- TUE. FEBRUARY 25, 2025**
8:30 Rina Colombo
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families

- WED FEBRUARY 26, 2025**
8:30 Vincent Favorito
Louis Valentino, Jr.

- THURS. FEBRUARY 27, 2025**
8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda
BY: Children
Carolyn & John

- FRI. FEBRUARY 28, 2025**
8:30 Joan Di Tucci
John & Rose Groccia
Danny & Carmella Pipitone

- SAT. MARCH 1, 2025**
8:30 People of the Parish
5:00 Souls in Purgatory

- SUN. MARCH 2, 2025**
8:30 Filomena & Antonio Massa
BY: Loving Family
10:15 William Webb
BY: Rose Marie Foglia

MASS COUNT
FOR 2/15 & 2/16

5:00 PM	36
8:30 AM	31
10:15 AM	142

TOTAL: 209
252 watched On Line

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
UPDATE

GOAL	\$36,274.00
PLEDGED	\$66,480.00
PAID	\$63,358.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. All amounts over goal are returned to the parish for our overhead.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

We are called to be people of mercy in a world that seeks revenge, retribution and grudge holding.

Can we really imitate Christ in the world we are now living in or is the demand of the Gospel outdated?

Today, the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Liturgy of the Word presents us with a great challenge. The first reading from 1Samuel and the Gospel seem to be held together by the second reading from 1Corinthians. In the second reading it reminds us that we as believers of Christ are called to a higher morality. We bear the image of Adam who was created from the earth, on the other hand, we also bear the image of Christ who was from heaven, thus admitting our propensity for sin we are called to a higher behavior because of our baptism into Christ.

In the first reading from 1Samuel we meet David who is being hunted down by King Saul. Saul was envious of David. He believed David wanted to be King. Saul almost killed David which caused David to seek refuge outside the royal family. In doing so David gathered around himself many who did not like Saul or follow him. In this episode in the story, David comes upon Saul's camp. Saul's guards have fallen asleep. David could have killed Saul thus defending himself and saving his own life. Yet, David does not do such a thing. David's faithfulness to God, his integrity as a son of Israel and his integrity as a soldier would not allow him to commit such an act. David held himself to a higher morality. David says "the Lord will reward each man according to justice and faithfulness." David is faithful to God and he is just to Saul.

In the Gospel, called the sermon on the plain, Jesus sets forth some challenging behaviors which he not only follows himself but expects his followers to follow. While we all expect God to behave the way Jesus lays out, Jesus expects us to do the same. This is a tall order, yet we, like David are to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Directives by Jesus stating that we should strive to: love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, give to those who ask, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, are very challenging. How do we hear this Gospel?

These behaviors are directives for the Christian Community. Are they practical? Are they normal? Do they work? Can we just give of ourselves to all who ask? Can we be merciful? Can we not judge? Let us remember love means the effective willing of the good for the other regardless of who they are, regardless of human liking or disliking. Willing the good for another can mean getting someone the help he or she needs or even wants. Praying for those who have wronged you may be the cure for our resentments, anger and our desire for retribution. Treating others the way you may want to be treated may be a way of cultivating human respect for all. Giving to those who ask may be a way of helping others to help themselves and not enabling poor behavior. Forgiving others who have wronged us may be a way to personal freedom and inner healing. Do we keep in mind that violence in either action or words just begets more violence?

I have a few questions: Upon what standard do we build our moral behavior? Do you act kindly because you expect to be recognized for your good deeds? Do you expect people to have the same value system as you have? Why do you do the good you do? What anger are you holding in your heart? For whom do you hold a grudge? Have you been rejected when you tried to forgive or to reconcile? When was the last time you told your story of how someone hurt you and how many times have you repeated the same story? How would you like to be treated? Can you do the same? St. Paul states "the love of Christ impels us" Has the Love of Christ impelled you to act in a more just way, a kindly or a more merciful way?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie