

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

REV. CLETUS FORSON

Parochial Vicar

REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU

Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI

Prison Chaplain (In Residence)

JOHN L. HEYER, II

Deacon & Pastoral Associate

MR. EDWIN RIVERA

Deacon

MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY

Director of Faith Formation

ROSE MARIE FOGLIA

Office & 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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00

Office closed Saturday & 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. August 25, 2025
8:30 Anthony & Concetta Tesoriero
BY: The Reca Family

TUE. August 26, 2025
8:30 Vincent Sventora
BY: Wife

WED August 27, 2025
8:30 Elizabeth Trovato
BY: Lenny & JoAnn

THURS. August 28, 2025
8:30 Concetta Agnese
BY: Grandchildren

FRI. August 29, 2025
8:30 Joseph Trovato
BY: Lenny & JoAnn

SAT August 30, 2025
8:30 Gene Pacifico
BY: Jena & Blaise Latriano
5:00 PM Louis Trani
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Loving Wife, Children & Grandchildren

SUN Aug 31, 2025
8:30 People of the Parish
10:15 Giorgio Buono
Nina Isabel Muino
Elizabeth Spina
Justin James O'Rourke

Please join us for the Book Club on Tuesday, 9/2/25

@ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion of

Operation Mincemeat by Ben McIntyre.

Our next meeting will be on 10/7/25 where we will discuss the book Karen: A Brother Remembers by Kelcey Grammer.

We hope to see you there.

All are welcome

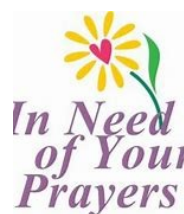


FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/17	\$2,216.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,848.00
Total Sunday 8/17	\$5,064.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,4261.00
**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:



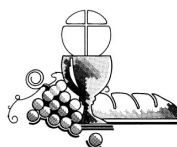
Jonelle Bernardo, Sarina Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Michelle Laqueria, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto,, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Ann Curcuro, Lemar McNabb, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan Hannan, , 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, Jami Domanoski & unborn infant, Joan Sawaya, Mary Martir

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF 8/16 & 8/17

5:00 PM	49
8:30 AM	53
10:15 AM	106
Total:	208
Live Stream:	785

Bread & Wine for the week of August 23rd has been donated

In Loving Memory of
CONCETTA FOGLIA
BY: Loving Daughter



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL:	\$39,901.00
PLEDGED:	\$43,446.00
PAID:	\$31,723.00

THANK YOU!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings suggest to me three words: universality, discipline and practice. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah we read the final prophecy of Isaiah. In this text the Israelites who have a special covenant with God that a time will come when even the gentile nations will have a part in God's covenant. Good and righteous people from all nations will come together with the people of Israel and worship one God. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples that the special relationship that they enjoyed with Jesus, that is those who ate and drank with Jesus is no guarantee of salvation. Salvation goes to those who lived the Gospel message. Those who lived the Gospel message will come from north and south, east and west and enter the Kingdom of God while those thinking they are most prepared to enter will not enter. Finally the lesson is: discipleship demands discipline. Being a follower of Jesus is not an easy road. The road to Jesus is made of a constant striving for perfection. Discipline is a rough word. It means learning boundaries. It means corrections. It means humility to learn from our errors. It means listening to the will of another and placing our own will at the disposal of another, in this case Christ. This is a lifelong process which never ends.

How do we hear such scriptures in our day? What do they mean to us? I can only answer these questions from my own experience. They tell me that those who are open to discipleship and to the discipline of the Word of God and act upon the Word in their lives are in good stead of salvation. Those who think that because I am Catholic or because I belong to such and such denomination, or who have special positions in the religious community have some upper hand on salvation are gravely mistaken. So, just because I am a priest or a bishop or the pope, just because I am a sister or brother or I am a lector or a deacon or extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist does not mean my salvation is guaranteed. It means I hold a position. For EVERYONE is called to deeper conversion to the Gospel. If we are not practicing the faith we show externally, we are missing the point. It is possible to be a priest or bishop and even the pope and never to have heard, know or have followed the Gospel. In the end it will be a surprise. Those who we think have a right to salvation will be surprised by those who actually enter the Kingdom of God. Those who were looked down upon may be the very people whose hearts were deeply converted to the Lord and who practiced their faith in Christ through charitable deeds.

So, where am I? I am trying. Not always succeeding, but always seeking mercy. Where are you?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie