

# ***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**

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*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](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**

**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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<b>MON.</b> 8:30	September 8, 2025 Louis Trani BY: Loving Wife, Children & Grandchildren
<b>TUE.</b> 8:30	September 9, 2025 Carmine & Raffaella Graziani BY: Daughter Teresa
<b>WED</b> 8:30	September 10, 2025 John, Rose Groccia & Daughter BY: Loving Family
<b>THURS.</b> 8:30	September 11, 2025 All Survivors of the 9/11 Attack BY: Joseph Gagliardo
<b>FRI.</b> 8:30	September 12, 2025 Joseph & Restituta Marchetti & Family BY: Catherine Dellaporte
<b>SAT</b> 8:30 5:00 PM	September 13, 2025 Anthony Massie Ciro "Jerry" Geritano BY: Mom & Dad
<b>SUN</b> 8:30 10:15	September 14, 2025 Holy Cross Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano Angela Favorito Jacek Pomianek & Anthony Malfi In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & For Leo XIV

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/14- Exaltation of the Cross, We will be blessing all crosses you may be wearing or crosses you bring from home to be blessed  
9/21- Parish Picnic in the Backyard of the Rectory. Come bring a dish you prepared, come enjoy being with parishioners and neighbors. We start after the 10:15 Mass  
9/28 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. The unveiling of the Church after repairs. Join us for the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's Church stay for brunch outside in the area way of the Church.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/31	\$1,739.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,683.00
Total Sunday 8/31	\$5,519.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,903.00
**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:

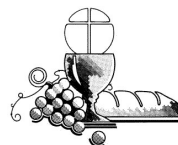


Laqueria, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto,, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinzel, 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 8/30 & 8/31

5:00 PM	72
8:30 AM	56
10:15 AM	125
Total:	253

Bread & Wine for the week of  
September 6th has been donated



In Memory of  
**ANGELA FAVORITO**  
BY: Laura & Mike Eng

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL:	\$39,901.00
PLEDGED:	\$43,446.00
PAID:	\$33,265.00

THANK YOU!

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Canonization Day for St. Carlo Acutis and St. Peter Frassati.

When one is in love, no price is too high. When one is in love, every request of the beloved is acceptable. In the Gospel today Jesus lays down his demands for discipleship. Upon reading them one would conclude that discipleship is personally costly. A loving relationship with Christ is the root of discipleship.

“To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan” St. Carlos Acutis

Discipleship is serious commitment to the Lord. Jesus lists the requirements for discipleship. We see the commitment to discipleship lived in our two saints. The first requirement is that the disciple's priority is his/her relationship with Jesus. This relationship must be the first among all other relationships. Secondly, discipleship must be willing to live for Jesus publicly yet not ostentatiously and to accept the cross that is the consequence for living the Gospel publicly. This cross may be the suffering which the Gospel will cause the disciple to suffer such as: rejection apathy and other forms of persecution.

How does one become a disciple? According to Pier Giorgio by being consumed by the Eucharist. “And when you become totally consumed by this Eucharist Fire, then you will be able to thank with greater awareness the Lord God who has called you to be part of his flock and you will enjoy that peace which those who are happy according to the world have never tasted. Because true happiness, young people does not consist in pleasures of the world and in earthly things but in peace of conscience which we can have only if we are pure in heart and mind.”

If one is consumed by the Eucharist, then ordering one's life in light of the real presence of Christ because a natural consequence. We can see and evaluate things in light of our determining factor for the disciple's life and behavior. Learning the mind and heart of Jesus as found in the Gospel and teachings of the Church becomes a natural desire. Can we live for Jesus? Can we order our priorities so as to reflect the value we place on our relationship with Christ? Possessions can be good or not so good. If we are possessed by what we have, then we are not free to accept the invitation of discipleship. If our possessions prohibit us from growing in the Holy Spirit we have a problem. If we measure our worth or the worth of others of possessions, then we are missing the point of the Gospel message.

The living for Jesus is a good definition of a disciple. The Cross is part of discipleship. The Cross of the Gospel may be that of rejection, mockery, ostracizing by one's family and friends. So, are you willing to speak about forgiveness in the face of those seeking revenge? Are you able to be kind and charitable even when your efforts go unaccepted, unappreciated and even rejected? Are you able to speak out for those who are unjustly treated especially if those people are considered on the margins of respectable society? The decision to life for Christ may be difficult, but it leads to eternal life for the disciple and a more human life for the world. “The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus. When we face the sun we get tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints.” St. Carlo Acutis.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie