

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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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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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

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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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/21	\$2,309.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,938.00
Total Sunday 12/21	\$6,247.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,078.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

- MON. January 5, 2026
8:30 Bruce O'Leary for
Health & Good Intentions
BY: Wife Constance

- TUE. January 6, 2026
8:30 Good Health for Constance
BY: Mom & Dad

- WED January 7, 2026
8:30 Kyle Kavanaugh
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Bruce & Constance O'Leary

- THURS. January 8, 2026
8:30 Maureen Fagan
BY: The Walsh Family

- FRI. January 9, 2026
8:30 For a Friend's Successful
Medical Procedure
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli

- SAT January 10, 2026
8:30 Evelyn Pellicchia
BY: Dana, Evelyn & Loving Grandchildren
5:00 PM Antonino Conti
BY: Conti Family

- SUN January 11, 2026
8:30 Anthony Massie
10:15 Anthony Malfi & Jaiek Pomianek
BY: Family


**In Need
of Your
Prayers**

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 Laquercia, 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 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, Marcella Gatti Beverly DiCovello, Michael DiMeglio, Lorraine Zanzonico

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL \$39,901.00
 PLEDGED: \$53,186.00
 PAID: \$51,370.00

Thank you for your support and generosity. All funds over goal are returned to the Parish to assist with our overhead expenses. If you have not yet sent in a pledge, please consider doing so to help your Parish.

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF 12/20 & 12/21

5:00 PM 50
 8:30 AM 49
 10:15 AM 222

Total: 321

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

How do we hear these Christmas stories? What are we hearing? Do we assume we know the story? Allow me to repeat what I said at the beginning of Advent: “we are hearing the readings again for the first time.” The text of the scripture remains the same, you and I have changed. The depth of our belief may have changed. Faith may be deeper or shallower. We may be hearing these readings after experiencing loss or sadness. We may be hearing these readings at a time in life when change for the better or worse seems eminent. You may be hearing these texts after having your own child or expecting your own child. How is God showing or not showing himself to you today?

Today is the great feast of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means to show or to manifest. Today’s feast is more catechetical than historical. This means the story is teaching us about Jesus. The story is addressing the identity of Jesus through the use of symbols. The liturgy recognizes three major epiphanies: The Arrival of the Magi, The Baptism of the Lord and The Wedding Feast of Cana. In many ways this feast is like a summation of the whole Gospel story. The entire Gospel shows us Christ. The ultimate question which the entire Gospel addresses to us after telling us about Jesus is “who is Jesus?” For the Gospel, Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer and above all else, Jesus is God made flesh. If you were asked “who is Jesus, how would you answer?”

If the celebration of Christmas was an epiphany to the shepherds and to the people of Israel, then today’s feast has a universal theme. Today is the manifestation of Christ to the world. The world is represented by gold, God represented by frankincense and the suffering servant who would die for his people is represented by myrrh.

The mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in the humanity of Jesus is so great an event that words, celebrations, poetry, music or art cannot adequately express the complete meaning of this event. In the mystery of the Incarnation we see that humanity can be a vehicle, a carrier, a minister of the divine. God is made present through the human relationships the Incarnation continues in the Body of Christ also known as the Church. Those in relationship with Christ in his day were encountering and interacting with God. Thus it is in and through our humanity, baptized into the body of Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, in prayerful conversation with God, anointed by the Holy Spirit that we manifest Christ to the world. It is through our frail humanity that mercy, love, kindness, justice, truth, peace, joy etc are carried to our respective worlds of home, work and school. Because of the Incarnation we carry God to a waiting world.

Yes, through the Incarnation God touches a broken, weak, dirty, sinful, not perfect humanity and brings healing and reconciliation. When believers in the Incarnation live their faith in every circumstance, then Christ is manifested to the world.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie