

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
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Parochial Vicar

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Sacristan

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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 1/4/26	\$2,550.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,493.00
Total Sunday 1/4/26	\$5,043.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,282.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

- MON. January 12, 2026
8:30 Anthony Polito
BY: Carolyn & John

- TUE. January 13, 2026
8:30 Nick Trani
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Sister-in-law MarieTrani

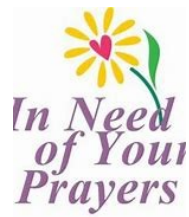
- WED January 14,2026
8:30 Louis Valentino, Sr.

- THURS. January 15, 2026
8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
BY: Rose Ann Illiano

- FRI. January 16, 2026
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY: Son Joseph Ortato

- SAT January 17, 2026
8:30 Edward Illiano
BY: The Illiano Family
5:00 PM Anthony "Scottie" Scotto
BY: Loving Grandchildren &
Rose Scotto

- SUN January 18, 2026
8:30 Nina Muino
BY: Dee Hudson
10:15 In Honor of St. Stephen
DeSalvio & Russo Family
Giulia Rontondi
Joseph Finochiaro
Concetta & Concetto Gentile



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 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, Marcella Gatti Beverly DiCovello, Michael DiMeglio, Lorraine Zanzonico

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF 1/3 & 1/4

5:00 PM	58
8:30 AM	53
10:15 AM	209

Total: 320

Live Stream 1760

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL \$39,901.00
PLEDGED: \$55,546.00
PAID: \$54,096.00

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.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

The Baptism of the Lord is another major Epiphany of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus. In this feast we have a manifestation or a showing of Christ. In St. Paul's Letter to Titus we read "the grace of God has appeared saving all and training us to reject godless ways..." From the same Letter to Titus we read "when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared..." Seeing is the main theme of the readings. The invisible God is seen in Jesus. Notice on Christmas Christ manifested to the shepherds by the angels. On the Epiphany Jesus is manifested to the magi by Mary. In today's liturgy Christ is manifested to us by the Father and Holy Spirit.

The feast closes the Christmas Season. The Feast is the Manifestation of Christ Jesus the Incarnate Word to the world by the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of the Lord begins the public ministry of the Lord. In this baptismal event Jesus aligns himself with sinful humanity which struggles to be sinless, while faced with human weakness. In the Mystery of the Incarnation God touches our weakness, our spiritual wound and heals them. The baptism which John the Baptist administered is not the same baptism we as Christians receive. The baptism of John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance. It was a sign that the one being baptized would try to change one's life. The baptism John administered has its roots in the Jewish Mikvah bath. The Mikvah is a cleansing. It signified a new beginning. Our baptism is an emersion into Christ Jesus. We are immersed into the redemption which Christ has brought about through his passion, death and resurrection.

Jesus preached a baptism of repentance, in the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus who is sinless does not need the baptism of John. Jesus is not a repentant sinner. Yet Jesus accepts John's baptism as a sign that Jesus stands with all struggling sinners who wish redemption long for healing and who want the reign of God. The Baptism of Jesus begins his public ministry. The redemptive ministry of Jesus will lead to the Cross. It will be Christ's faithfulness to his ministry that will ultimately redeem our unfaithfulness. Truly, the Mystery of the Incarnation is astounding when one realizes that God became human to take on our weaknesses and to make atonement for us. The event of the Baptism of the: Lord resembles Easter. The baptism begins the redemptive work of Jesus which will culminate in events of Easter. The Baptism of the Lord begins the victory of Christ over all forms of evil and death.

Each of us because of our baptism, Confirmation and especially the Eucharist are called to be manifestations of Christ to those around us. Yes, Christ acts through us for others. In the same way Divine of the Holy Spirit who comes to us in every sacrament enables us to recognize the manifestation of Christ in those around us especially in the poor, the vulnerable, the innocent, the wise and those in need and even in the gifted. God's presence surrounds us. The universe is singing God's presence. We need to be alert to this Divine Presence. The feast is one of hope and comfort for all of us. It reminds us that Jesus walks with all people of good will who are striving to be faithful and yet fail from time to time. The Epiphany events of the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord and Wedding Feast at Cana remind us that nothing will separate us from the love of God which comes to us in Christ Jesus.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie