

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
Pastor

REV. CLETUS FORSON
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REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU
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REV. NGOZI
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MR. EDWIN RIVERA

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ANNIE FLOOD
Choir Director

ANDREW DI MANSO
Sacristan

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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. February 23, 2026
8:30 The Illiano Family
BY: Ann Marie Illiano

TUE. February 24, 2026
8:30 Louis Valentino Jr.
6:00 PM Adoration

WED February 25, 2026-
8:30 Rina Colombo
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families

THURS. February 26, 2026
8:30 Dr. Frank & Gladys Zodda
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

FRI. February 27, 2026
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SAT February 28, 2026
8:30 Joan Di Tucci
5:00 PM Marie Hertsel
BY: Daughter Marlene Olivieri & Family

SUN March 1, 2026
8:30 People of the Parish
10:15 Anthony Malfi
Giacomo "Jack" DiCostanzo
Agustin "Alex" Alvarez Guzman

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/15	\$1,669.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$3,830.00
Total Sunday 2/15	\$5,499.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,826.00

**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

In Need of Your Prayers

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 Montevocchi, Louann Gambardella, Edna Lamboy , Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Jami Domanoski & unborn infant, Joan Sawaya, Mary Martir, Marcella Gatti Beverly DiCovello, Michael DiMeglio, Christopher Iacono, Jackie Leone

MASS COUNT WEEKEND OF 2/14 & 2/15

5:00 PM	61
8:30 AM	47
10:15 AM	140

Total: 248
Live Stream 1562

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO KENYA

Join the parish of St. Boniface on a pilgrimage to our sister parish of St. Mark's in Turkana, Kenya. The trip will be led by Br. Andy Richards with approximate dates of 6/14-6/26 with the option for personal travel. The estimated cost, including flights will be about \$4,000. Deepen your Catholic faith with our friends in Turkana and learn about their daily lives. Please indicate interest in learning more, contact Marcela at Marcela.hahn@gmail.com.

*please
join us*

SOUP SUPPER AT ST.MARY HALL

2/27 @ 6:30 PM & 3/20 @ 6:30 PM

Join us for a Lenten Fasting Meal of soup and bread with conversation, fellowship and faith witness. Register at the doors of your church either SSS or SMSS on Sunday February 22nd and March 15th.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The theme of this day is the Temptation of Christ. Remembering that Jesus is fully human and fully divine we are concerned about his human temptation. Jesus is like us in all things but sin. Jesus suffered temptations especially as he discerned how he would be the messiah. Studying the temptations of Jesus gives us an insight to the nature of and premise of all temptations. Keep in mind that all if not most temptations are united by one aspect. The evil one tempts us to disobey or to be unfaithful to God. Remember Jesus redeems us because of his human obedience and by his absolute faithfulness to God. He undoes our unfaithfulness. In today's Gospel Jesus conquers the evil one thus telling us that all temptations are conquered if you turn to him in your temptation.

Let us explore the temptations of Christ. The first temptation is for bread. While on the surface it seems that Jesus is tempted to satisfy his own hunger. In reality this is a temptation to use one's authority, power or position for one's own advantage. Remember temptations always tempt us away from obedience to God for the glory of self.

In the second temptation Jesus is tempted to do something spectacular so that the people will believe how great he is and accept him. Now this presents Jesus with a half truth. Yes, some would think he was great but in the long run this is not how God sought to address messiahship. Those who would believe would be very superficial. Messiahship meant addressing the root of evil which is sin. Addressing sin and the result of sin is never popular. Jesus would not be successful addressing sin. Well, how often have I heard people say the homily should make us feel good, tell us a joke in short tell us the nice things we want to hear, not challenging things we need to face.

The last temptation is one to power, wealth, influence and serving the evil spirit of the world. Jesus is tempted to align himself with the poor and the poor in spirit. Thus he is not going to have influence as the world sees it. How many of us are tempted to climbing the ladder of power and influence even in the Church and in so doing can lose their souls and their humanity. Thus they may become those who did all the right things for all the wrong reasons.

The first reading from Genesis tells us how difficult it is to sometimes distinguish good from evil. Evil is like a snake that can hide in the most interesting and surprising places in our lives. Just like we are surprised by the snake we are when we realize the evil that may surround us even in people we least expect or who should know better. Being faithful to Christ helps us see clearly.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of Feb. 15th were donated
In Loving Memory of
FRANK & ELIZABETH LO PORTO
BY: Their Children & Grandchildren