

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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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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- MON.** March 16, 2026
8:30 Michael Pacchia, Jr.
BY: The Russomanno Family
- TUE.** March 17, 2026
8:30 Concetta Battista
BY: Nieces & Nephews
6:00 PM Adoration
- WED** March 18, 2026-
8:30 Lucia Borrometi
BY: The Conti Family
- THURS.** March 19, 2026
8:30 Feast of St. Joseph
Pietro Rea
BY: Loving Family
- FRI.** March 20, 2026
8:30 Guy & Patrina DiManso
BY: Family
7:00PM Stations of the Cross
- SAT** March 21, 2026
8:30 Nicky Ingravallo
BY: Mom, Dad & Sister
5:00 PM Adeline Runfola &
Concetta Napoli
Birthday Remembrance
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- SUN** March 22, 2026
8:30 People of the Parish
10:15 Jaciek Pomianek
Louis Trani, Birthday Remembrance
Vincent Marino

*please
join us*

**SOUP SUPPER AT
ST. MARY HALL
3/20 @ 6:30 PM**

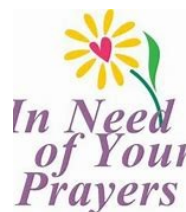
Join us for a Lenten Fasting Meal of soup and bread with conversation, fellowship and faith witness. Register at the doors of your church either SHSS or SMSS on Sunday March 15th.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/8	\$2,802.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$2,993.00
Total Sunday 3/8	\$5,795.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,530.00
**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,, 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 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 3/7 & 3/8

5:00 PM	62
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	189

Total: 302
Live Stream 1147

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

PARISH GOAL	\$43,891.00
PLEGGED	\$ 11,130.00
PAD	\$ 4,075.00

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GENEROSITY!**

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. In the Gospel we meet the Man born blind. In this text a man blind from birth comes to see Jesus as the Messiah. The Gospel story tells us about his faith journey. When the man born blind is first asked who healed him, he says the man named Jesus healed him. The second time he is asked about Jesus the man born blind says Jesus is a prophet. Finally the man born blind comes to believe that Jesus is the Son of Man. Thus, faith and insight into the identity of Jesus came gradually. The faith grew in him through his thinking and reflecting. The questions posed to him and the answers he offered illustrate the development of the faith in the blind man's heart. Notice the development of this passage. The questioning of the Man Born Blind seems to resemble the questions put to Jesus during his passion. The presentation seems also similar to the questioning of Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Beware of the contrast between the leaders of the people and the Man Born Blind. With each question the blind man comes to a deeper insight into the identity of Jesus. While the leaders seem to be blinded to the identity of Jesus due to their hardness of heart, the blind man comes to the faith.

Baptism in the ancient church was called illumination because faith gave us light to see beyond the literal or physical world. Faith enlightened the person. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told that faith is the conviction of things unseen. As we journey on to Easter and the renewal of our baptismal promises what questions about the faith do you have? Do you struggle with some of the aspects of faith? Has your faith grown over the years? May there be some blind spots in your thinking and perceptions of Jesus? Are there perception problems we may be having in seeing the truth about ourselves or someone we love? What actually blinded leaders? Were they really blind? Were they fearful of Jesus? Did they think they would lose their privileged position? Were they afraid of change? The life of the Man Born Blind changed after he was given sight. He could no longer beg, he could no longer claim to be ignorant. He had to take responsibility for his own life.

We are responsible for what we know. To know and understand is another way of being in the light. Ignorance is another way of being in the dark. Seeing can be a dangerous thing. If we confess Jesus, how does our life change? What attitudes in us need to change? What behaviors need to change in us if we profess our faith in the Lordship of Christ Jesus? What behaviors are not compatible with faith in the Lord? Lent calls us to deeper inner conversion to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus. Professing to believe in Christ carries a great responsibility. What prevents us from seeing? How do we see? Do we see what actually is or do we see what our minds wish us to see? God is light. In the Prologue of the Gospel of St. John, we read that Jesus is the light that the darkness cannot overcome. Do we really want to see?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie