

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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Deacon & Coordinator of OCIA

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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

Web: shssparish.com

Mass Intentions For The Week

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MON. 8:30	August 10, 2026 Fr. Simon Joseph & Fr. Michael Carrano BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
TUE. 8:30	August 11, 2026 Concetta Battista BY: Nieces & Nephews Grand Nieces & Nephews
WED 8:30	August 12, 2026 Lorraine Sullivan BY: The Walsh Family
THURS. 8:30	August 13, 2026 In Thanksgiving for a Gift and For Blessed Michael J. McGivney BY: Louis Pepe
FRI. 8:30	August 14, 2026 Vincent Porcelli Anniversary Remembrance BY: Mom, Guido & Roseann & Family
SAT 8:30	August 15, 2026 In Thanksgiving for My Donor BY: Louis Pepe
Noon	In Honor of our Blessed Mother BY Figlia Di Monte Di Procida
5:00 PM	Jack DiMuro BY: His Cousins
SUN 8:30	August 16, 2026 In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers BY Louis Pepe
10:15	Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni BY: Their Family

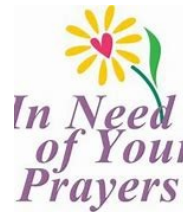
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sun here 8/2	\$1,976.00
*Envelopes	
On Line Donation	\$2,233.00
Total Sunday	\$4,209.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,116.00

otal 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 Laquercia, Irene Balen,, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrobe, 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 Montevicchi, 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, Vito DiMeglio Catherine Dellaportte Vicky Saraceno, Rose Salzone Zangrillo, Patrick O'Leary,,Leandro Villanueva, Roberto Estacio, Anna Marie MistrettsaPaunetto Janice Shaffer

MASS COUNT

8/1 & 8/2

5:00 50

8:30 66

10:15 125

Total: 241

Live Stream 899



OCIA THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

If you feel called to become Catholic and you are 16 years old or older, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory. Become part of our OCIA which will begin the end of August and with the celebration of Baptism and the Sacraments at Easter on Marh 28 2027. The OCIA meets every Sunday after the 10:15 Mass in the Rectory. If you are above 16 years old and have been baptized but you did not receive Eucharist or Confirmation and you want to receive these sacraments, join our OCIA. Contact Msgr. Massie at the rectory.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

PARISH GOAL	\$43,891.00
PLEGDED	\$41,846.00
PAID	\$30,305.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPRORT AND
GENEROSITY!

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are presented both in the Gospel and the first reading with people who are facing storms. In each reading we the characters are told not to be afraid. Both Elijah and the Apostles are told that God is in the storm. Storms are part of nature and storms can be weather related or they can happen inside our hearts and minds and psyche. Storms are upsetting because we have no control of them and they have the possibility of changing our lives forever. In the first reading from the I Kings Elijah has been involved in a big political storm. He is running to save his life from Queen Jezebel who has vowed to kill him. His crime was that he defeated and killed four hundred of the Prophets of Baal who was a pagan god. Elijah had spoken the truth and now he is running for his life. He is exhausted not only from his travels but also from all the work he has done as a prophet. He requests that God take his life. He is told that God will speak with him and he recognizes the voice of God not in the fire or the storm or the wind where one might expect but in a small whisper.

God does speak with us not always in words or in places we would expect but sometimes in the most unexpected ways at the most unexpected times and from the most unexpected people. Graced moments do happen but one must listen for them. Sometimes a homily speaks directly to you. Sometimes a child will say something quite innocently and you can relate the simple words to what you are presently experiencing. Sometimes silence itself can speak to our hearts. Yet we must be ready to hear.

In the Gospel reading we are presented with a great message. This text is important not only for the lesson it teaches us about Christ but it presents us with a prayer for all who are stressed, and filled with anxiety. This event tells us a great deal about Christ. The story has the apostles in the midst of a storm in their boat. The sea is unpredictable. While the sea can be pleasant it can also be very threatening. In this case the sea is threatening the lives of the Apostles and they are frightened. Jesus calls out to them saying; "take courage it is I, do not be afraid." Notice what Jesus says. Jesus uses language which appears in the Hebrew text which is used to describe God. In Isaiah 43:10, we read; "To know and believe in me and to understand it is I." In Isaiah 43:13, we read; "I am God, yes from all eternity I am He." In Isaiah 46:4 we read; "it is I who have done this." In Isaiah 49:12 "I it is I who am the first and also the last am I." Jesus comes to the Apostles walking on the water. Look at Job 9:8, we read; "He alone stretches out the heavens and walks upon the crest of the waves." In Psalm 77:20 we read; "Though the sea was your way and your path through the deep waters though your foot steps were not seen." In each of these quotes, the message is only God can control the sea. Jesus by walking on the waves and calming the sea is clearly God. The language used by the writer carries the message that Jesus is God incarnate.

Storms come in our lives. Things happen that we cannot control and which may even be unfair. Fear grips us and we do not know what to do. So many of us go through panic attacks, anxious moments. When we are in the grip of these storms in our life, it feels that we have no control. We feel alone and are afraid. When these feelings happen, pray this Gospel we have just heard. Try to hear Jesus say to you; "take courage it is I do not be afraid. Perhaps you can use these words as a mantra repeating them over and over again until you are at peace. Let us try together to keep our eyes on Christ. Do not sink as did Peter and know that God is in your storm and Christ will bring you to a safe shore even if that shore be a surprise. God is forming us always anew. We as Church, and we as individuals must focus on Christ and take courage. We are all in this together we are not alone