

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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MR. EDWIN RIVERA

Deacon & Coordinator of OCIA
MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY

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Parish Organist
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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	SEPT. 7, 2026 Concetta Battista BY: Nieces & Nephews & Grand Nieces & Grand Nephews
TUE. 8:30	Sept. 8, 2026 Laura, Joey & Tara Costagliola BY: Anna Hamilton
WED 8:30	Sept. 9 2026 Laura Costagliola BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
THURS. 8:30	Sept. 10, 2026 Louis Trani BY: Loving Wife, Children & Grandchildren
FRI. 8:30	Sept. 11 2026 In Thanksgiving for 22nd Wedding Anniversary & In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Blessings Received BY: Bruce & Constance O'Leary
SAT 8:30 5:00 PM	Sept. 12, 2026 Anthony Massie Restituta Marchetti & All Deceased of the Marchetti Family BY: Catherine Dellaport
SUN 8:30 10:15	Sept. 13, 2026 Rocchetta D'Ambrosio BY: Anna Mark Anthony Spada Ciro "Jerry" Geritano Giovanni Scalia Jo Ann Martino

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.

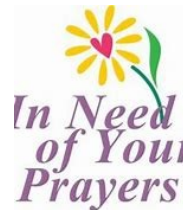
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sun here 8/30	\$2,041.00 *Envelopes
On Line Donation	\$2,268.00
Total Sunday	\$4,309.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,016.00

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: Sarina Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Michelle Laquercia, 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 Kinzel, Susan Hannan, , Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Edna Lamboy , Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, , Charlotte Ackerman, Jami Domanoski & unborn infant, Joan Sawaya, Mary Martir, Marcella Gatti Beverly DiCovello, Michael DiMeglio, Christopher Iacono, Jackie Leone, Vito DiMeglio Catherine Dellaport Vicky Saraceno, Rose Salzone Zangrillo, Patrick O'Leary, Leandro Villanueva, Roberto Estacio, Anna Marie MistrettsaPaunetto Janice Shaffer

MASS COUNT

8/29 & 8/30

5:00 60

8:30 55

10:15 121

Total: 236

Live Stream 1058

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

PARISH GOAL	\$43,891.00
PLEDGED	\$42,346.00
PAID	\$32,269.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPRT AND
GENEROSIITY!**



Pray for the Faith That Cares Enough to Speak

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Word of God today reminds us that faith is never merely a private possession. It carries with it a responsibility for one another. To be a Christian is not simply to seek our own salvation; it is also to care about the spiritual and human well-being of those around us.

The prophet Ezekiel presents himself as a watchman for God's people. A watchman cannot see danger approaching and remain silent. In the same way, when we see someone moving toward serious harm or sin, we cannot simply say, "That is his problem" or "That is her problem." Christian faith calls us to care because we belong to one another.

There are times when silence is necessary and wise. But there are also moments when silence becomes a failure of charity. In our families, communities, workplaces, and Church, fear, friendship, or convenience can make us reluctant to speak when something is seriously wrong. Yet Christian courage calls us to speak the truth—not harshly or judgmentally, but with humility, wisdom, and genuine concern for the dignity of the other person. This is where St. Paul helps us to hold truth and love together. Truth without love can wound; love without truth can mislead. Christian love therefore has the courage to speak the truth, but always with the intention of healing and building up.

Jesus gives us the practical way to do this in today's Gospel: "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Jesus' emphasis is not on condemnation but on restoration. We are not called to expose, humiliate, or defeat another person. We are called to "win your brother or sister." That means avoiding gossip, public embarrassment, and unnecessary judgment. We should speak directly, listen carefully, give the other person an opportunity to explain, and seek reconciliation rather than victory. When someone acknowledges wrongdoing, we should be ready to forgive. This spirit is at the heart of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sin is acknowledged, God's mercy is received, and communion is restored. The ultimate purpose is not simply to identify what is wrong but to bring the person back to the fullness of life and communion.

My brothers and sisters, the three readings therefore challenge us to reject indifference: Ezekiel says: do not remain silent when someone is heading toward destruction. Paul says: let love guide our relationships with one another. Jesus says: seek reconciliation when relationships are wounded. This has practical implications for our daily lives. Let us care enough to speak when necessary but let us speak with love. Let us listen before judging. Let us address problems directly rather than through gossip. Let us forgive rather than keep wounds alive. And let us never use truth as a weapon against another person. Our families, parishes, and communities need truth and mercy, courage and gentleness, accountability and forgiveness.

May God give us the wisdom to know when to speak, the courage to speak with love, the humility to listen when we are corrected, and the grace to seek reconciliation whenever relationships are broken. May our faith never make us indifferent to one another. Instead, may it make us people who care enough to help one another choose the path that leads to life.