
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:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 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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BAPTISMS:

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting. Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

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.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Office closed 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.

MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. MAY 15, 2017**
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. MAY 16, 2017**
8:30 Restituta Marchetti & All Deceased
Members of The Marchetti Family
BY: Catherine
- WED MAY 17, 2017**
8:30 Pasquale Scotto
BY: Children
- THURS. MAY 18, 2017**
8:30 Anna & Frank Santisi
BY: Loving Daughter
- FRI. MAY 19, 2017**
8:30 John Marchesano
BY: Wife Virginia
- SAT. MAY 20, 2017**
8:30 Joseph F. Sgro
BY: His Children, Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren
5:30 PM Luisa Gangemi
BY: Delgado Family
- SUN MAY 21, 2017**
8:00 Holy Spirit
10:00 St. Restituta
BY: Giustina Pavone
10:00 Holy Communion Group "B"
12:00 Mary Tarsio
BY: Loving Family

MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting Baby Shower gift donations to be distributed by the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely chose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: Diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate gifts unwrapped in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the Altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 14th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event!

FIRST FRIDAYS

The First Friday is always dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of every month affords us a special day of prayer. We offer a Holy Hour in adoration prior to Mass before the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday. The intentions of the heart of Jesus are the conversion of sinners, reparation for sins and the unity of all of Christianity. Please consider joining us on the First Friday from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM. Consider joining us every Saturday for adoration from 4:00 PM-5:15 PM. The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is time spent with Jesus. Such prayer is always fruitful, filled with blessings and is joy filled.



Sick Relatives & Friends

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

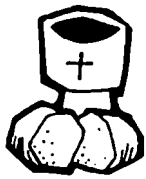
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| Jonelle Bernardo, | Mario Austi |
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| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
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| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of May 14th have been donated In Memory of **ROSE MEGLIO**
BY: Lucille Gaudino



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of May 14th has been donated In Memory of **CONCETTA FOGLIA**
BY: Daughter, Rose Marie

A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS DAY

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that their sons and daughters honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Amen

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 5/7/17	\$3,486.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-10,839.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

UPS AND DOWNS

The booming construction market in the City is currently working against our efforts to obtain three cost bids for the elevator project. While we have three contractors who have committed to providing estimates, two have given full itemized costs, while the third has only given a total amount. Our architects, who have been managing the selection process, feel confident that we will soon receive full cost estimates from our three contractors and advise that it will be more time consuming to begin the process with a different one (assuming we could identify another one). We are disappointed by the extended time this selection is taking, however we must ensure that a fully transparent and fair process is used to ensure the best results for the parish and those donors who have committed to this project through the Generations of Faith Campaign.

From the Pastor

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“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Dear Parish Community:

The gospel today is thought provoking and prayer inspiring. The second reading from 1 Peter reminds us that the rock foundation of our faith is Christ Jesus. In the first reading from Acts, the apostles need to face the first crisis of the early church. They need to make an administrative decision which will bring peace to a difficult situation. In the Gospel, we hear the comforting words: “Do not let your hearts be troubled...I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Seeing the words “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,” as our guide, let us look at the message of today’s readings. In the first reading, the apostles are confronted with a problem. There seems to be disagreement in the community between those of Hebrew background and those who are of gentile origin. Remember, the first to be part of the church were those of Jewish background. The gentile population, those of Greek origin, came as a result of the preaching of the community. The apostles needed to resolve this issue. How would they proceed? By what would they be guided? Look at the second reading. This text reminded them and us that Christ is the foundation of the community. Christ and following his example had to be the way of the problem. The truth of the issue had to be determined and finally the decision had to bring new life to the community. Thus, the Way and the Truth and Life (Jesus) becomes the guiding principle of the discussion and the solution.

Facing a crisis in the church, our families and in our personal life can be a daunting task. The church is always facing serious issues; scandal, diminishing attendance, financial stress and many other pressures. The second reading reminds us: The cornerstone of our faith is Christ. We who are baptized into Christ are made living stones quarried in the waters of baptism and set fired in the kiln of the Holy Spirit. Being living stones, we build the Body of Christ. We are the Church. We are called to face life and its problems not in fear but in knowing that Christ is the Way through life’s problems. This is also true when facing personal problems. Christ is the way that brings us to the Father. Christ is the Way to live here and now. The Way is the path of love which means willing the good for the other. Christ is a way of mercy, meaning the bringing of love to the brokenness of life. Christ is the Way to walk through life. Seeking to know the mind and heart of Christ is the way for Christians to live the gospel. Christ is the Truth. Christ is the truth about God. Christ teaches us that God is a God of love not of wrath. Christ is the Truth of God’s constant presence with us. Christ is the Truth: telling us that God in Christ Jesus pours himself out for love for us. Christ is the Truth about human lives. We find the meaning of life in Christ. We exist for the praise and glory of God, for our good and the good of the world. Christ is Life. Christ is the Life of God. Christ teaches us that life is worth living. A life worth living is the life worth giving away in service to God and others. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians, tells us that Life is Christ. For us who are baptized into Christ, Christ is all in all. “In the Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” We are the dwelling places of God in the world: we dwelling in Christ, Christ and the Father dwelling in us.

How do we know that such faith works in real life? Look around the Church. See the statues of our many heroes, the saints who lived Christ. They made it to God. Christ has walked through the passageways of death. He leads us, he goes before us and he is Our Way, Our Truth and Our Life.

“All the way to heaven is heaven because Christ said: I am the Way.”

(St. Catherine of Siena)

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

A MOTHER'S MARVELOUS LOVE

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1952, when Korea was in the throes of civil war, one young woman struggled along a village street, obviously to deliver a child. She pleaded with passersby. "Help me! Please. My baby." No one paid attention to her. A middle-aged couple walked by. The wife pushed away the young mother and sneered, "Where's the father? Where's your American man now?" the couple laughed and went on. The young woman almost doubled up from a contraction as she watched them go. Please....." she begged.

She had heard of a missionary living nearby who might help her. Hurriedly, she began walking to that village. If only he would help her baby. Shivering and in pain, she struggled over the frozen countryside. But the night was so cold. Snow began to fall. Realizing that the time was near to deliver her baby, she took shelter under a bridge. There, alone, her baby was born on Christmas Eve.

Worried about her newborn son, she took off her own clothes, wrapped them around the baby and held him close in the warm circle of her arms.

The next day, the missionary braved the new snow to deliver Christmas packages. As he walked along, he heard the cry of a baby. He followed the sound to a bridge. Under it, he found a young mother frozen to death, still clutching her crying new born son. The missionary lifted the baby out of her arms.

When the baby was 10 years old, his now adoptive father told him the story of his mother's death on Christmas Eve. The young boy cried, realizing the sacrifice his mother had made for him.

The next morning, the missionary rose early to find the boy's bed empty. Seeing a fresh set of small footprints in the snow outside, he bundled up warmly in a winter coat and followed the trail. It led back to the bridge where the young mother had died.

As the missionary approached the bridge, he stopped, stunned. Kneeling in the snow was his son, naked and shivering uncontrollably. His clothes lay beside him in a small pile. Moving closer, he heard the boy say through chattering teeth: "Mother, were you this cold for me?"

This story reminds us of another mother and Son who sacrificed so much. One winter night, Jesus left his home, His glory and the warmth of heaven to be born in a stable to an unwelcome world. Just before He was born, Mary, His mother was not welcome in any of the cozy inns in Bethlehem. Instead, she delivered her baby in the darkness of a cold stable. The Creator of the Universe, the Perfect Judge who could destroy the world with a single word, was willing to endure this inauspicious beginning for you and me. That is unconditional love!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER KINDLY MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 4TH PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 4TH FATHER KAMIL'S FIRST MASS AT NOON
JUNE 11TH FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AT NOON FOLLOWED BY A
PROCESSION TO THE POZZALLO CLUB
JUNE 18TH CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS
JUNE 23RD FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
ADORATION FROM 3:00 PM-6:30 PM FOLLOWED BY
PROCESSION TO CABRINI PARK FOR ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS

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