
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
Tues. through 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. NOVEMBER 6, 2017
Noon Gino Masi
BY: Grandchildren

- TUE. NOVEMBER 7, 2017
8:30 Agnes Sweeny

- WED NOVEMBER 8, 2017
8:30 John & Dorothy Kenniff

- THURS. NOVEMBER 9 2017
8:30 Salvatore & Maria Grazia DiFilippo
BY: The Reca Family

- FRI. NOVEMBER 10, 2017
8:30 Robert Palmieri
BY: Loving Wife Rose, Children,
Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

- SAT. NOVEMBER 11, 2017
8:30 Antonio & Enrichetta Colendrea
BY: Daughter Melania Lubrano
5:30 PM Filomena & Angelo Lagana
BY Family

- SUN NOVEMBER 12, 2017
8:00 Janet Caccioppoli
BY: Sunday & Nick Spinelli
10:00 Robert Palmieri
BY: Loving Wife Rose,
Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren
12:00 Rocco Caminiti
BY: Loving Family

BLOOD PRESSURE/FLU CLINIC

Through a Program sponsored by NYU Langone Brooklyn, SHSS will be holding a Health and Blood Pressure Clinic. It will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with the exception of holidays. November Blood Pressure Screening will take place on 11/5 11/12 and 11/19. No Screening on Thanksgiving weekend. The Flu Clinic will be held on Sunday, 11/12 (changed from 11/5 due to the Marathon) from 11AM-1:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age and have your medical card available for Flu Shots only. There are a limited number of vouchers for those with no insurance. These activities will take place in the back of the church by the Statue of St. Rocco.



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CARMELITE INFO SESSION IN BAY RIDGE

Join the Carmelite Family!
You don't have to become a monk, or a nun to become a part of the Carmelite Family.

There are plenty of Carmelites who are just ordinary Catholics with jobs and families living in the world. What to know more? Come to our info session on Saturday, Nov. 11th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Angels Church, 7320 4th Avenue in Bay Ridge Brooklyn with guest speaker Msgr. Thomas Caserta. Please let us know to expect you. Contact Angela at 718, 234-0474.

NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

If you have a green card, you may be ready to apply for citizenship!! Catholic Migration Services is holding a workshop to help people apply on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at 191 Jouralemon Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York. To register, call our confidential hotline 212-225-4400 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call for further screening.

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 |
| Brad Hatry | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alicia Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Dominick Aiello, Jr. |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
November 5th have
been donated
In Memory of
YOLANDA & JOHN DIUCA
By: **Loving Family**



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Sunday Collection for 10/29 | \$ 3,021.00 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$ -14,325.00 |
| Difference: | \$ -11,304.00 |

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

PRIORITY GIVING

What is priority giving? Priority giving is making the parish of Sacred Hearts/St. Stephen a priority in your daily living expenses. It means the church and the ongoing work of the parish is a priority for you. It means that the formation of the Catholic Faith from one generation to the next is a priority to you. If the Parish is a priority, then please consider priority giving. Decide what your weekly priority giving will be.

The day to day expenses of our parish are not being met through our collections. Thanks to donations from a few people, we have been blessed, but this means that the community at large is not pulling their share. So, I ask you if you can consider priority giving. With the exception of people who are on fixed incomes, I ask you to consider the following. If you are giving \$1.00 now, can you increase it to \$5.00. If you are giving \$5.00, can you consider \$10.00. If you are giving \$10.00, can you consider giving \$15.00. For those who have already increased their donation and for those doing the best they can, I thank you. I thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi and the Gospel are pointed, direct and correcting. The readings are addressed to religious leadership of Malachi's time and to the religious leaders of the time of Jesus. Secondly, they are addressed to the attitude with which we, both leaders and people, practice our faith.

"Practice what you preach," comes to mind when I read these texts. Probably the most condemning of the believer is the lack of putting into practice the good behaviors which one's religious community teaches. In the first reading, the leaders are telling the people what they should be doing, while the leaders themselves are not listening to the voice of God. In the Gospel, leadership found in some of the Pharisees is criticized by Jesus. It is not the belief system which comes under fire from Jesus, but lack of practice and compassion found in the self-styled religious attitudes which causes Jesus to castigate them.

For Jesus, religious leaders must be at the service of humanity. The leadership must lead by good example as well as with words. The leader must be proud of his position but compassionate towards those whom he serves. The leaders are not to misuse their position of trust which the community has invested in them. If an error is made, the leader must ask for forgiveness.

Let us look at these texts in light of our own religious leadership. From my perspective, there are many good priests who give of themselves to their ministry. Some of our priests, even in this diocese, have endangered their lives for the good of the people. Many have been an inspiration to others. However, sad to say, some have been the exact opposite. In some cases, people have walked away from the Church because of some of these leaders. Granted that all are human and all of us have not so good days from time to time. I think we cannot excuse too lightly those who have caused scandal, hurt others and mistreated children. Nor can we excuse those who have used their ecclesiastical titles to advance their own self interests. Nor can we excuse a priest or sister or a brother or a deacon who presents themselves as self righteous, "holier than thou." The priest, the sister, the brother and deacon must realize that they depend on God's grace to preserve them in their ministry. Left on their own, they will falter. In order to live the life of a priest or a sister or a brother or a deacon, they must realize their lives are in the mode of constant and ongoing conversion to the mind and heart of the Lord Jesus. Once they think they know the Lord and that they are fully converted, you can be assured they are not listening to the Word of God.

While there is a public leadership in our community, there is also us, the members of the Body of Christ. The members of the laity who also exercise a great deal of faith leadership in homes, workplaces, those of us who pray, participate at the Eucharist and know the faith, are recognized as people whose lives should reflect the beliefs and the behavior they espouse on a Sunday morning. When we fail to give good example, we too give scandal. This is an area that we are most prone to fail. We must reduce the gap between the faith we profess and the not so good attitudes which are expressed in our speech, actions and even in our thoughts which are expressed in many non verbal ways. So, racist attitudes, lack of compassion, lack of kindness toward those we may not like, holding on to hurts and refusing forgiveness, the refusal to correct behavior, makes us a cause of scandal. So, for those who wish to be disciples of the Lord, we need to practice what we preach. When we fail at this call, we are invited to admit our fault and ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is not only the priests, bishops or the sisters or the deacons who have caused scandal and hurt in the community, it is all who profess faith on Sunday morning and forget about it on Monday morning.

WE ARE CALLED TO PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK
FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018
JANURAY THROUGH JUNE

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2018, January through June, will open on Tuesday, November 14th in the Parish House (Rectory Office) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. Please take a number as you enter the office. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request ONE Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass Book. After the book has been opened ONE WEEK, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means suppose Mr. & Mrs. X come to request mass intentions. Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. ONE for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early to too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

1. The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass, not the requesting party.

2. Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved one or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for every day universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tell us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on November 29th @ 8:30 AM. Please fill out a prayer intention card and place it in the intention basket located in the back of the church.

I pray for you though I may not know you. The Weakest and the Sick. I pray Dear Lord, comfort them with your great Love and Mercy.

INFORMATION SHEET

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