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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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## **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN**

*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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*Parish Organist*

EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF

*Choir Director*

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*Youth Minister*

ANDREW DI MANSO

*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 10:00 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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 1/14	\$ 2,855.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,470.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## UPS AND DOWNS

We are grateful to our General Contractor Matthew who has completed 95% of the construction of our elevator project. The Choir loft portion has been completed for some weeks now and all of the plastic protection has been removed. The last element at this level to be installed is the new glass wall which opens to the atrium above the main church entrance. At the church main entrance, new terrazzo has been poured and polished, the walls have been plastered and are being painted. We have also installed a sink and counter for our Sunday coffee station in the newly opened space. New outside doors are being installed at the Hicks Street entrance and the new terrazzo floor here is being polished. Thanks to Lou Sergi, we have a new security glass wall separating Cabrini Hall from the entrance space of the Lower Church. We now also have a new ADA compliant restroom in Cabrini Hall and storage closets for all of our event supplies, a closet for Religious Education and the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, a sink was installed in the original concession stand with the hope that one day we will have enough money to install a functioning kitchen. Over the next few weeks, the electricians will be installing the reclaimed light fixtures from St. Edward's Church throughout the entry spaces. While our construction has made great progress, our elevator mechanics have not. We are still waiting on additional NYC Buildings Department certifications so that the elevator company can begin installing the elevator inside the new elevator shaft which has been constructed. During these last days of the year, please consider making an extra payment to your Generations of Faith pledge which will give you the largest charitable giving tax deduction possible for 2017 and also help us pay the expense of the project to date. We sincerely thank all who are keeping their pledges current, however, if you are behind in your payments, we ask you to consider catching up with your pledge so that we can complete the project for our parish as had been planned with your pledge in mind.

- MON. JANUARY 22, 2017**  
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JANUARY 23, 2017**  
 8:30 Ronald Lenzi  
 BY: Shonna Trinch & Edward Snajdr
- WED JANUARY 24, 2017**  
 8:30 Dennis DiMuro  
 BY: His Sister Maria
- THURS. JANUARY 25, 2017**  
 8:30 Jay Sisto
- FRI. JANUARY 26, 2017**  
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek  
 BY: Her Sister Gertrude
- SAT. JANUARY 27, 2017**  
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek  
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
 BY: Her Sister Gertrude  
 5:30 PM Toni Vallo  
 BY: Geritano Family
- SUN JANUARY 28, 2017**  
 8:00 Anthony Justice  
 10:00 Caterina Deserio  
 BY: Her Sister Anna  
 12:00 Jose Tito Vera & Sue & Tony Pedagno  
 BY: Johnny & Lucy Arocho and Family

# 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:

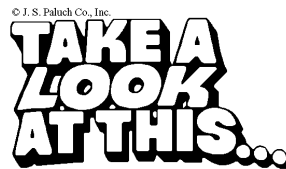
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| Jonelle Bernardo,  | Mario Austi             |
| Brad Hatry         | Matthew Ruggiero        |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen             |
| Dolly Vergona,     | Gloria Heyer            |
| Angelo Vergona     | Richie Boyle-Moriale    |
| Judith 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 |
| John Scotto        | Addy Wardrope           |



Bread & Wine for the week of January 21, 2018 has been donated In Loving Memory of REGINA LACQUA BRANTLEY Requested by: THE PARLATO FAMILY

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 6th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House to discuss STREET SABBATICAL by Paul Mast. All are welcome!



The 2017 tax letters for all parishioner contributions were mailed to all parishioners of the parish who use their envelopes, as well as those who make contributions by On Line Giving. These tax letters were mailed on Thursday, January 18th. You need not call to request one this year.

## TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS

Do you want to learn how to deal with technology? You have a problem on how to use a computer or a cell phone? Do you want to be more independent with technology? Come join us for a workshop on this technology on, January 30th at 4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. Bring your laptop/cell phone with you.



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## FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS LONG TIME HOME OWNERS

Is someone in your family thinking about investing in a new home? Are you curious about how owning a home impacts investment choices? Learn the answers to questions about buying a home in New York City and surrounding areas. Find out about refinancing and home equity loans. Join us on Sunday, January 28th for this informative workshop with guest speakers from Investors Bank. Workshop will be held right after the 10:00 AM Mass, between 11:15 Am and 12:15 PM in Transfiguration Chapel. Enter through the Blessed Mother Altar.

**From the  
Pastor**

Dear Parish Family:

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**“Jesus came proclaiming the Gospel of God.....  
Repent and believe in the Gospel”**

The unifying theme of today’s reading is **REPENT**. Repent means to turn constantly towards the Lord. Repent means to see things differently in light of Christ and the Gospel. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah and in the Gospel, we are called to repentance. In the second reading from 1Corinthians, we are told to see the world as temporary. The word “gospel” means Good News. Ultimately the Gospel is the good news about Christ Jesus. He is the good news for the world. The word; “repentance” means to turn around. Repent means to reorder our priorities. In order for us to hear the gospel, we need to change our thinking about our world and our lives. How we hear the gospel from one stage of our lives to the next should change us for the better.

The Good News of Jesus Christ continually opens new ways to see life. As a child we may just remember the headings of the stories of the gospel. We may know the story of the Good Shepherd, the Man Born Blind, the Good Samaritan, the Birth of Christ, The Passion of the Lord and the Resurrection, etc. As we get older and we have experienced life along with its joys, pain, loss, disappointments, disillusionments we may hear these same Gospels differently. We may begin to ask ourselves; “What is the meaning of these stories in my life?” Facing personal suffering, we may find consolation and hope in the sufferings of Jesus teaching us that God is close to the suffering nor does he abandon us in our pain. Faced with guilt or regret, the story of the Good Shepherd comes to life for us as we see God searching for us. We may pray to be found by the Lord. Facing the death of a loved one or oneself, we may find hope that life is not ended but changed in the great story of the Resurrection of Christ. Feeling alone and afraid, we may remember the words of the Gospel “ I am with you always.”

The Gospel is not a matter of knowing about Jesus. It is rather knowing Jesus in our lives. Christianity is not laws and regulations, rather it is a deep personal relationship with Christ in the context of the Eucharist, the sacred text and the community. Through coming to know Christ in our lives, we begin to view the truth of life. We learn what is important and what is not. We learn what is lasting and what is a passing. The Gospel has the power to change us for the better. So, we have a choice. We can hear the Gospel on the surface or we can allow it to change us. Remember, one can come to Mass every Sunday, receive the Eucharist as a matter of habit, pray as a matter of routine and never encounter the Lord Jesus. We can fulfill obligations but never have worshipped. One can be a priest, bishop, religious, lay minister and never have heard the Gospel of Christ in one’s heart. For us to hear the Gospel, from what must we repent?

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

## THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. If conversion means a turning around, a complete change, a new life, then Saint Paul is a perfect example of a changed life. The story of the Conversion of Saint Paul appears in the Acts of the Apostles three times. Read in your New Testament Acts 9: 1-19, Acts 22: 3-16 and Acts 26: 2-18. In these texts we learn that Paul encountered the Risen Lord. The result of this encounter changed Paul from being a persecutor of the Christians to being a great preacher of the faith. What changed Paul? How would he be accepted by the Christians? What is the end result of Paul's conversion? These questions are all resolved in Paul's Letters to the Christian Communities which he founded. Vicariously these letters are written to us. We read portions of these letters every Sunday at Mass. The point is Paul's encounter with the Lord changed him.

So, where are we in this story of faith? Are you Catholic by choice? Have you ever thought of the reasons why you are Catholic? Do you know why you believe or do not believe? Is celebration of the Eucharist important to you? Do you find the practice of the faith difficult? Are you more concerned with the religious questions rather than faith related questions? Is your prayer life routine or alive? These questions are addressed to all laity and clergy alike.

We are all in need of conversion. We all need a new zeal in our faith. We all need to know that we must respond to Christ's invitation to a deeper relationship with him, a relationship which is deeper than simply going to Mass as a habit. Converting the habit of going to Mass to participating at Mass and to a longing for a communion with the Lord is what we are called to do. We all need to discuss our spiritual lives in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We all need a wake up call to grow in the faith. How is your belief in the Gospel changing your life for the better? Can you forgive? Can you be less self-centered? Can you address issues from a point of reconciliation and freedom rather than holding on to a hurt?

CONVERSION IS THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL. The story of Saint Paul is a great example of someone who converts, turns his life around and makes a positive contribution to the world. Where are we in our processes of ON GOING CONVERSION AND LIFE IN THE SPIRIT?

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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