
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.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 1/21	\$ 3,128.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,197.00

** 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 29, 2017
Noon In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
BY: The Troiano Family

- TUE. JANUARY 30, 2017
8:30 Sue Kelly
BY: Mike Bannon

- WED JANUARY 31, 2017
8:30 Matteo Diliso
BY: Clara Stella

- THURS. FEBRUARY 1, 2017
8:30 Souls in Purgatory

- FRI. FEBRUARY 2, 2017
8:30 Elizabeth Lo Porto
BY: The Gambardella Family

- SAT. FEBRUARY 3, 2017
8:30 Toni Vallo
BY: Mia Espinosa
5:30 PM Janet Caccioppoli
BY: Cousins Joe & Aida

- SUN FEBRUARY 4, 2017
8:00 Filomena Massa
BY: Family
10:00 Jackie & Annette Martino
BY: Daughters & Grandchildren
12:00 Gene Kallacher
BY: Kathleen Kallacher

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 28, 2018 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
ROBERT CAMINITI

Requested by: Josphine Carita & Clara Stella

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!

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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.



SENIORS

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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.

PERSONAL PRAYER INTENTION MASS

The next personal prayer Intention Mass will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15th @8:30 AM. Personal prayer intention cards can be found in the back of the church. Fill one out and place it in the basket to have your intention petitions brought to the Altar.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The unifying theme of the readings seems to be summed up in the responsorial psalm: “If today you hear God’s voice harden not your hearts.” In a word, the theme is to listen. This is a challenging theme in our society. In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses speaks about the coming of a future prophet. Moses speaks about the coming of a future prophet. Prophets announce the Word of God to their people who need to listen to them. Through their questions, prophets acted as the conscience of the people. Prophets pointed out God’s presence in their contemporary circumstances and they told the consequences of not listening to the voice of God. Listening to the prophetic words was essential. In the Gospel, Jesus is not only the bearer of the Word of God, Jesus is the WORD of God incarnate. While the prophets taught about the Word of God, Jesus who is the WORD of God, speaks with authority. For both Jesus and the prophets, it is the Word of God which matters. The Word needs a listening ear.

In the Gospel today we see one of the affects of the Word of God in action that is the expelling of a demon. The power of the Word of Jesus heals and expels the evil which held a man in bondage. So, have you seen any demons lately? What do demons look like? How do you know they are around? Do you know any demons by name?

In am sure these questions seem strange as we begin to reflect on the Gospel for this Sunday, but demons do exist. Demons create obstacles to our spiritual life. They cause static in our spiritual lives. In the Rite of Baptism, we are asked: Do you renounce sin, the glamour of evil and Satan? These renunciations mean exactly what they say. We are called to renounce everything which is contrary to the Gospel or what may lead us away from following the Lord. Demons always separate us from God, from ourselves and from each other. Demons, however, are given power by us who cooperate with them.

In the Gospel today, Jesus expels these spiritual pests. These demons which may cause us problems, come in all varieties. The fear demon which causes us not to trust God’s providence. The fear demon tells us that we are to be afraid of not having, not getting, of not being remembered or not being recognized. The fear demon, which paralyzes us so much that we fear even helping ourselves to seek healing. There is the demon of anger which traps us into cynicism. We become incapable of seeing anything or anyone as being sincere and good. This demon causes a great deal of disruption in our spiritual and our social lives. There also is the demon of jealousy. This demon can destroy families, communities, work places and individuals. Some other behaviors which cause us separation from God and others are addictions such as over drinking, gambling and pornography. Now these behaviors are psychologically driven. They also have social and moral consequences. These behaviors need to be treated and healed through professional help and grace.

To listen to the Word of God allows us to be reflective and come to name our demons. Once admitted we can, with the help of the grace of God, expel our demons. We need to listen to ourselves. We need to reflect on our behavior and our words in the light of the Gospel. Such behavior leads us to conversion.

Evil does exist in the world. Evil is anything which drives us away from God, from our true self and from others. While powerful and alluring, evil is not equal to God. Evil can only have power over us if we allow it to have control over us. To free us from its grasp, we need the saving grace of Christ. In Christ all evil is conquered. If you are enduring any of these demons, call out to the Lord especially in the Eucharist. Seek guidance and healing is possible.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

An Invitation



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**INVITING ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS/MINISTERS
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN AN IMPORTANT
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DEDICATION AND
CONTRIBUTION BY CALLING YOU FORWARD AT A SPECIAL
SUNDAY MASS ON
FEBRUARY 11, 2018
@ NOON.**

**FOLLOWING THE MASS, ALL VOLUNTEERS/MINISTERS ARE
INVITED TO A THANK YOU LUNCH IN
CABRINI HALL
WHICH WILL INCLUDE A REFLECTION PREPARING YOU FOR
THE SEASON OF LENT.**

**PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE OR ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND
THE MASS/OR THE LUNCH BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
@ INFO@SACREDHEARTS-STSTEPHEN.COM
AND INCLUDE WHAT MINISTRY YOU ARE PART OF.**

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