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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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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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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 12/31	\$ 2,600.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,725.00

\*\*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 8, 2017  
Noon Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero  
BY: The Reca Family
- TUE. JANUARY 9, 2017  
8:30 Rita Pellicano  
BY: Catherine Dellaporte
- WED JANUARY 10, 2017  
8:30 Anna Liguori  
BY: Beloved Son John and  
The Liguori Family
- THURS. JANUARY 11, 2017  
8:30 Anthony Massie
- FRI. JANUARY 12, 2017  
8:30 Antonino Conti  
BY: The Conti Family
- SAT. JANUARY 13, 2017  
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph  
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda  
5:30 PM Guiseppina & Guiseppe Borrrometi  
BY: Carmela DiRosa & Family
- SUN JANUARY 14, 2017  
8:00 Louis Valentino, Sr.  
10:00 Feast of St. Stephen  
12:00 Theresa & Loreto Schiano &  
Lee Andrew Hirsch  
BY: Daughter & Mom

# 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           |

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
of  
January 7th have  
been donated

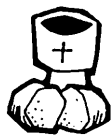


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In Loving Memory of  
**JANET CACCIOPPOLI**

By: **Joe & Aida DeFalco & Family**

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of  
January 7th has been donated



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In Loving Memory of  
**RICHARD PYLE**

BY: **The Favorito &  
Zodda Families**

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Start the year off with a good read and lively conversation! Please join our next meeting on Monday January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing Year of Wonder by Geraldine Brooks. New members are welcome!

## TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS



**SENIORS**

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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 9th, January 16th and January 30th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Rectory Hall. Bring your laptop/cell phone with you.

*Feast  
of  
Epiphany*



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# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Community:**

**How do we hear these stories of Christmas? What are we hearing? Do we assume we know the story? Allow me to repeat what I said at the beginning of Advent: “we are hearing the readings again for the first time.” The text of the scripture remains the same, you and I have changed. The depth of our belief may have changed. Faith may be deeper or more shallow. We may be hearing these readings after experiencing loss or sadness. We may be hearing these readings at a time in life when change for the better or worse seems eminent. You may be hearing these texts after having your own child or expecting your own child. How is God showing or not showing himself to you today?**

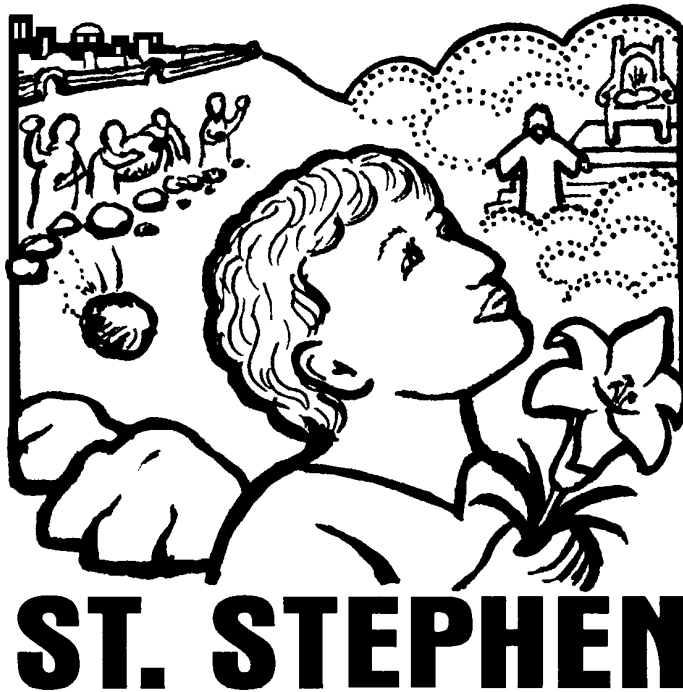
**Today is the great Feast of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means to show or to manifest. Today’s Feast is more catechetical than historical. This means the story is teaching us about Jesus. The story is addressing the identity of Jesus through the use of symbols. The liturgy recognizes three major epiphanies; The Arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord and The Wedding Feast of Cana. In many ways, this feast is like a summation of the whole Gospel story. The entire Gospel shows us Christ. The ultimate question which the Gospel addresses to us, after telling us about Jesus is “who is Jesus?” For the Gospel, Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer and above all else, Jesus is God made flesh. Who is Jesus for you?**

**If the celebration of Christmas was an epiphany to the shepherds and to the people of Israel, than today’s feast has a universal theme. Today is the manifestation of Christ to the world. The world is represented by the arrival of the Magi who were seekers of wisdom from nations other than Israel. The gifts presented to the Christ Child tell us that Jesus is King, represented by the gold, God, represented by the frankincense and the suffering servant who would die for his people represented by the myrrh.**

**The mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in the humanity of Jesus is so great an event that words, celebrations, poetry, music or art cannot adequately express the complete meaning of this event. In the mystery of the Incarnation, we see that humanity can be a vehicle, a carrier, a minister of the divine. God is made present through human relationships. The Incarnation continues in the Body of Christ also known as the Church. Those in relationship with Christ in his day were encountering and interacting with God, thus it is in and through our humanity, baptized into the body of Christ, nourished by the Eucharist in prayerful conversation with God, anointed by the Holy Spirit that we manifest Christ to the world. It is through our frail humanity that mercy, love, kindness, justice, truth, peace, joy etc. are carried to our respective worlds of home, work and school. Because of the Incarnation, we carry God to a waiting world. Yet through the Incarnation, God touches a broken , weak, dirty, sinful, not perfect humanity and brings healing and reconciliation. When believers in the Incarnation live their faith in every circumstance, then Christ is manifested to the world.**

**How will you show Christ to the world in which you live in today? Will you allow the Incarnation of Christ to happen in you and through you? Will you be for someone an epiphany of God today? Will you recognize the epiphany of God taking place in your world today?**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 14TH  
@ 10:00 AM**

**FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN,  
OUR PATRON SAINT.  
THE VERY REVEREND PETTEI, VICAR FOR QUEENS  
WILL BE OUR MAIN CELEBRANT.**

**JOIN US AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH FOR  
LIGHT BREAKFAST IN  
ST. STEPHEN'S HONOR**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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