
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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ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 1/31	\$ 2,987.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,338.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

MON. FEBRUARY 5, 2017
 Noon For The People of The Parish

TUE. FEBRUARY 6, 2017
 8:30 Andrew, Carmela & Guy Di Manso
 BY: Andrew DiManso

WED FEBRUARY 7, 2017
 8:30 Biaggio Lubrano
 BY: Wife & Children

THURS. FEBRUARY 8, 2017
 8:30 Marie Gulotta & Rose Austi

FRI. FEBRUARY 9, 2017
 8:30 Leonard Scaffidi

SAT. FEBRUARY 10, 2017
 8:30 For The People of the Parish
 5:30 PM Maria Marrella
 BY: Teresa & Family

SUN FEBRUARY 11, 2017
 8:00 Kevin Sheehan
 BY: Michele & Michael
 10:00 Rita Pellicano
 BY: Vinny DiMartino &
 Associates from
 Brownstone Real Estate
 12:00 Louis Mortillaro
 BY: Daughter Lois

UPS AND DOWNS

Last week the temporary construction wall was removed from the entrance of the church revealing the section of the lobby where the elevator shaft has been installed. There are many new additions in these areas of the lobby including new lighting, handrails and a counter with a sink which will make weekly hospitality much easier for our volunteers. Our contractor will now be plastering the remaining two sections of the lobby so that he can paint everything at once. Likewise, most of the work in Cabrini Hall has been completed and the new entrance doors at Hicks Street have been installed. Our Religious Education program has begun to slowly return to Cabrini Hall once again as well as other parish organizations. Final approvals for the elevator apparatus are expected hopefully this month so that installation of the elevator can move forward allowing for 100% completion of the project thanks to your commitment to Generations of Faith.

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.



SENIORS
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We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday as follows: (February 6, 13, 20 & 27) @ 4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. All are welcome! Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.

Sick Relatives & Friends

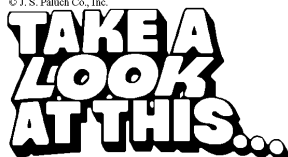
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

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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 |

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.



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of February 4th have been donated

In Loving Memory of
JANET CACCIOPPOLI

BY: Joe & Aida DeFalco & Family

ST. BLAISE

Blaise, the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is the only representative of the Armenian Church in the Roman liturgy. Biographical details are very scarce and therefore legend has embellished his life with many prodigious events that made him one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages. The first representation of the legend of St. Blaise is found in the lower church of the basilica of St. Clement in Rome, dating back to the ninth century. His relics were distributed widely, which is evidence of his popularity. It is said that during the persecution of Christians by Licinius (320-324), the governor of Cappadocia imprisoned the saintly bishop in a cave outside Sebaste and that wild beasts came to him to be cured. It is also said that a mother came to the bishop, asking him to cure her son who was choking on a fish bone stuck in his throat, and the bishop saved the lad with a prayer and the sign of the cross. For that reason St. Blaise is venerated as patron of those suffering from diseases of the throat. He was eventually condemned to death and was beheaded in 316. He is venerated in the East on February 11 and in the West on February 3.

**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
SPECIALSUNDAY 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.**

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“Everyone is looking for you.”

In the Gospel today we read that Peter says to Jesus; “Everyone is looking for you.” In the first reading from the Book of Job, we read: “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery...I have been assigned months of misery.. I shall not see happiness again.” This first reading seems to describe not only Job’s situation but also the situation of those who are gathering at Peter’s home seeking to see Jesus. Why would people be searching for Jesus? Was it in hope of a miracle? Was their search for Jesus about what Jesus might be able to do for them? Was their search inspired by a thirst for God? Was their search self centered or Jesus centered? Did they see in Jesus a sign of hope? Was their search all of the above? Why do you seek out Jesus?

Similar to the Gospels from the past few weeks, we are presented with a little epiphany. Jesus shows through actions and words his identity, answering the question: “Who is this who can do and say such things?” In today’s Gospel, we see that Jesus is a faithful Jew. He prays at the synagogue. We see that he observes the Sabbath as a day of rest at the house of Peter. While Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law because her condition was serious, it is only after sundown on Saturday evening that he begins to heal and minister. Notice that Jesus raises up the mother-in-law of Peter and she returns to her role of service to the community. The word raised up is the same word used to describe the resurrection of Christ. Jesus gives new life. This new life is given so that we may be people of service.

At the end of the Gospel, the agenda of Jesus is told. Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God brings reconciliation and peace. We see in the life of Jesus that his words are carried out in his action. Jesus heals bodies and restores souls. In himself, Jesus unites heaven to earth. Ultimately, Jesus is the Kingdom of God among us. It is for this Kingdom that all of us are searching whether we know it or not. If we are seeking peace in the world, in the home or peace of mind, we are searching for Jesus. “Lamb of God, grant us peace.” If we are longing for healing physically, mentally or spiritually, we are looking for Jesus. Jesus is the Divine Physician. If we are looking for meaning in our life, the way through a confusing and dark time or for what really matters, we are calling out for Christ. “I am the light of life.” If we are seeking how to live, how to behave, we are looking for Christ. “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” If we are searching for self worth and acceptance, we are looking for Christ: “God so loved the world He gave us his son.” If we want to be found, if we are seeking comfort, if we are seeking hope, we are looking for Christ. “I am the Good Shepherd.” If we are looking for life, we are looking for Christ. “I came that they may have Life and Life in abundance.” “Life is Christ,” says St. Paul. Peter was right. We are all looking for Christ.

Blessed are those who have found the Lord in the Eucharist, in the sacred text and the Community. They will never be alone. “I am with you always.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENT at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen

Ash Wednesday-February 14, 2018

7:30 AM-Prayer Service

8:30 AM-Mass

12 Noon-Mass

3:45 PM-Prayer Service

6:15 PM-Prayer Service

Engaging the Mind during Lent

Why do Catholics Do That?

(30 minute discussions at 11:15AM over three Sundays in the Main Church)

The Meaning and Structure of the Mass-**February 25** with John Heyer

Decoding Symbols of Scripture and Sacraments-**March 4** with Msgr. Massie

The Church Calendar as the Image of Christ's Life-**March 18** with Nancy Arkin

Engaging the Soul During Lent

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM in the Church

February 16
English/Italian

February 23
English/Italian

March 2
Stations for **Social Justice**

March 9
Stations re-enacted by the **Children** of the Parish

March 16
Contemporary Prayer Service centered on
The Passion according to Mark

March 23
Stations for those facing **Grief and Loss**

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays from 4:30-5:30 PM in the
Church

February 17
For the Intentions of Victims of **Migrants & Refugees**

February 24
For the Intentions of **Victims of Violence**

March 3
For the Intentions of the **Poor & Vulnerable**

March 10
Adoration with **Children**

March 17
For the Intentions of those who seek **Healing**

March 24
For the Intentions of those facing **Grief & Loss**

INFORMATION SHEET

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