
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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 6/24	\$ 3,189.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,136.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
Month of May totaled \$3,742.52



Technology Classes will not take place during the months of July and August. They will resume again in the month of September. See you then!

Deacon Przemek

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them and to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to prepare for your child's religious formation this fall.

◇ For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms will be e-mailed this week. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you don't receive a form by June 15th, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or e-mail narkin1960@gmail.com.

◇ If you prefer to re-register in person, or **if you have a child who will be attending for the first time**, or have any questions or concerns, please call 718-596-7750 for assistance or to make an appointment.

- MON. JULY 2, 2018**
Noon For The People of The Parish
- TUE. JULY 3, 2018**
8:30 Dennis DiMuro (Deceased)
Anniversary Blessings
BY: His Sister Maria
- WED JULY 4, 2018**
8:30 John Vincent Verderame
BY: Mom & Dad
- THURS. JULY 5, 2018**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- FRI. JULY 6, 2018**
8:30 Andrew, Carmela & Guy Di Manso
- SAT. JULY 7, 2018**
8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda
BY: Carolyn & John
5:30 PM For a Personal Intention
- SUN JULY 8, 2018**
8:00 AM Angelo Vergona
BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli
10:00 Rev. Anthony S. Danna &
Sr. Barbara Leonardo
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
12:00 Pietro Ilardi
BY: Children & Grandchildren



The Sanctuary Lamps for the
week of July 1, 2018
have been donated

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Paul Patane
BY: Gail

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 |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Palma Caminiti | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | John Scotto |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Anthony Manfre | Michael Panariello |

Emma Huckerby

UPS AND DOWNS

We have received the final decision from the NYC Building's Department allowing us to install our church elevator, but limiting it to provide accessibility to Cabrini Hall, the street level at Hicks Street and the Main Church. While we had been advocating for the inclusion of the Choir Loft, since our shaft needed to extend to the height anyway, the NYC Building's Department would not allow it. The City would have only permitted a fourth stop had we changed the elevator selected and purchased a more commercial elevator adding an additional \$100,000 to the purchase price. Unfortunately, we do not have an additional \$100,000, and upon review, believe that what we have been granted will allow access to our primary facilities located in the Main Church and Cabrini Hall. Since receiving this decision, our architects have done a final sign off of the elevator drawings and met on-site with Msgr. Massie, John Heyer and Mobility Elevator Company to finalize all necessary options. Mobility has given us a maximum timeline starting from this week until final sign off by the New York City Elevator Inspectors of 10 weeks till completion. This means that we can look forward to riding in our new elevator at the end of the summer. Once again, thank you to all who have made this project possible by your donation to Generations of Faith. Please continue to make your regular payments ensuring our ability to see this project through to completion.

JUST A REMINDER

We welcome everyone to our Church. We welcome our parishioners, we welcome all those who are Catholic from other parishes, we welcome non-Catholic Christians from every denomination. We welcome those of the Jewish faith and Muslim faith. We welcome those who are Buddhists and those who are not affiliated with any faith community. We welcome the non believer as well as those who are searching. We welcome all regardless of age, gender or orientation. Unfortunately I cannot welcome everyone to communion. The present discipline of the Catholic Church admits baptized Catholics who are spiritually prepared for the Eucharist. I do invite all to pray with us. Last week we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. We focused on the Catholic Doctrine of the Eucharist. We believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord. The Eucharist unites us with Christ and with each other in a unity of faith. It is for this reason that the disciple of the Catholic Church cannot admit to Eucharist those who are not Catholic. We lament the lack of unity among Christians, we regret not being able to share the Eucharist. We hope and pray for the day when this will be possible but for now, we ask non Catholics to come up for a blessing rather than Eucharist. For a blessing, simply cross your arms over your heart and a priest will give a blessing. We ask those who are not able to receive Eucharist sacramentally to make a spiritual communion by asking the Lord to come into your heart and soul. If you are Catholic, you should be in a state of grace to receive communion. If you are married only civilly and not in the Catholic Church, you may want to refrain from receiving Eucharist and seek to discuss your situation with me or a priest of your own choosing. If you have not been to the sacrament of Reconciliation and you are conscience of having committed serious sins like being absent from Sunday Mass, being sick is an exception, you should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to be introspective. The Sacrament calls us to self examination of our actions, our thoughts and our intentions. The Sacrament calls us into the presence of Christ to experience his mercy and face the truth about ourselves.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we meet Jesus as he ministers to the daughter of Jarius and we meet Jesus as he interacts with an unnamed woman who is healed from a chronic illness. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom we are told that “God formed man to be imperishable, the image of his own nature he made him. But, by envy of the devil, death entered the world....” Thus God wants us to have life to the fullest and evil does not want us to share in this life. This situation makes redemption necessary.

The Gospel reading seems to illustrate the Wisdom reading. Jarius, the father of the young woman to be healed was beside himself with fear. His daughter was dying. He is desperate. He sends for Jesus. On his way, Jesus meets an older woman who is also ill. Due to her faith, without Jesus even knowing, she is cured.

The older woman and the daughter of Jarius have life issues. The older woman has suffered for a long time and life was flowing out of her. Due to this condition, she was unacceptable to worship with the community. The daughter of Jarius is a young girl whose life as a woman is just starting. The older woman is healed and the young girl is brought back to life. In the end, life wins the day.

Today we are facing many life issues in our society. In many ways we struggle to save our lives from death in all of its forms. Like Jarius, there are parents who are calling out to the Lord on behalf of their children. They are imploring the Lord to guide, to save, to give direction to their children in this very confused world. In every way, they are seeking to save their child from death. This can also be said for individuals who like the older woman, are extending her hands out just to touch the one who may heal her.

Where is Christ today? This Christ is found in us. Can we accept that role as baptized Christians? At times, all we can do is pray. At times we can be present to the life issues of the day. At times we raise a voice for the voiceless. We cannot afford to do nothing. We see children discarded, we hear of the mistreatment of woman, we see the affects of domestic abuse we see children separated from their parents at the borders of our country, we see the increase of gun violence, we hear of the rise of racism and anti-Semitism, we see the disregard for human life on all levels. Perhaps the victims of these life issues are raising their hands to see if they might be saved by a thread of hope and compassion which can only come from people who are convicted in their love for God and humanity. Perhaps the Gospel values which seems to be dying in our society will come to life again.

This Wednesday is July 4th. The founding fathers of this nation had a dream of building a country based on the belief that all are endowed with certain inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. “We are more than a nation based on a good economy.”

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

SACRAMENTS

If you or someone you know has not been baptized, received Communion or Confirmation and is interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please call Msgr. Massie at 718- 596-7750 and arrangements will be made for an appointment. If anyone would like to have their civil marriage con-validated by the Catholic Church, Msgr. Massie is available to discuss this with you. Please call for an appointment.

MASS BOOK

Our Mass Book for the months of July through December 2018 opened this past Tuesday, June 12th. If you wish to obtain Masses, you may visit the Rectory during office hours. Please have dates and alternates ready to move the process along quickly and smoothly. We thank all who came on the 12th for their cooperation and patience.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Annual Memorial Candles are available at the Rectory for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one or for anyone who has a devotion to a particular saint. Please call the Rectory Monday through Thursday and speak to Rose Marie Foglia for further details.

KIMBERLY GERITANO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On June 24th following the noon mass, the members of O.L. of Loretto #585 awarded three \$500.00 scholarships to children attending Catholic school. The winners were Christopher Fraser, Damian Torres and Stefano DiFlavia. All scholarship checks will be presented following the 10:00 AM mass on July 8th. We thank SK Anthony Troiano, PGK Jimmy Geritano, GK Joe Ilardi and Msgr. Guy A. Massie and the parishioners of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen for their support of all our programs. Congratulations to the winners.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, July 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing Vinegar Hill by A. Manette Ansay. All are welcome!

INFORMATION SHEET

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