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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

### **CONFESIONS:**

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.

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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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# MASSES for the WEEK

- MON.** OCTOBER 22, 2018  
Noon Sr. Anna Desiderio, CSJ  
BY: A Friend
- TUE.** OCTOBER 23, 2018  
8:30 John Cloonan & Joseph Cloonan  
BY: MaryAnn, Joey & Amy
- WED** OCTOBER 24, 2018  
8:30 Carolyn Giulietti  
Birthday Blessings (Living)  
BY: A Friend
- THURS.** OCTOBER 25, 2018  
8:30 Paul & Lucy Pensabene  
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- FRI.** OCTOBER 26, 2018  
8:30 Filomena Scotto  
BY: Children
- SAT.** OCTOBER 27, 2018  
8:30 Lorraine Jablonski  
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico  
5:30 PM Enrico Dellaporte  
BY: Wife, Children &  
Grandchildren
- SUN** OCTOBER 28, 2018  
8:00 AM For The People of the Parish  
10:00 Joseph Foglia &  
Jackie Martino  
BY: Family  
Noon Dr. Maria Musarella  
BY: Mom Antoinette

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/14	\$ 2,983.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,342.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
Month of September totaled \$2,287.35.



Technology Classes with  
Deacon Przemek will be held in the  
month of October as follows: 10/23,  
at 4:30 PM in the Parish House. All are  
welcome. Please bring your tablets, laptops or  
phones to the sessions.



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the  
week of 10/21/18  
have been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
GRACE YANCONE  
BY: Lana, Anya & Peter Hoerburger

## BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meeting will be on Monday, November 5th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **OUTLIERS: THE STORY OF SUCCESS** by Malcolm Gladwell. We hope to see you there. All are welcome!

# 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:

Jonelle Bernardo,	Mario Austi
Brad Hatry	Matthew Ruggiero
Michelle Laquercia	Irene Balen
Dolly Vergona,	Gloria Heyer
Judith DeArmen	John Nigro
Judith Miller	Alissa Aquino
Diane Barchuk	Addy Wardrobe
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardella
Dominick Aiello, Jr.	John Scotto
Roe Gambardella	Elizabeth Foley
Ann Curcuru	Dora Zanzonicco
Lamar McNabb	Anna Maria Marino
Carol Montelbano	Rev. Michael A. Carrano
Anthony Manfre	Theresa Colantonio
Emma Huckerby	Louis Janicke
Louann Gambardella	Robert Janicke
Celeste Internicola	Anthony Turco

## MINISTRY OF GREETERS

“Being a greeter has given me the opportunity to get to know the people I worship with. At the same time, I also welcome those in the community who come in, in search of our Lord and God. Being a greeter allows me the opportunity to do a Spiritual work of Mercy.” *Peace & Blessings Edwin Rivera*

## LECTOR MINISTRY

“We, not unlike our earliest human ancestors, are looking for answers, for guidance in our life’s journey. And we have been given them. The Word of God proclaimed in the Liturgy is a living Word, life-nourishing and powerful—in the form of Sacred Scriptures. Through these ancient texts, the past is as alive in our belief system, and the present.

When the Sacred Scriptures are read aloud, it is God speaking to us, His people, bringing the connection of what has been, and what will be, home to us today. It strengthens our relationship with our Creator. We are so fortunate that the Liturgy has survived, and that the prophecies and teachings remain as relevant to us today, as to Christians and Hebrews of generations past. By proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures a Lector, you would be bringing the Word of God to life, sending His message to all who believe.” *Brenda Pyle*

## CHOIR & ALTAR SERVER MIISTRIES

“I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together.” I, you and we need you to hear a call to lay ministry in our faith community. Long past are the days of scores of religious sisters who taught in our schools and Religious Education Programs. Long past are the days of many priests in a parish. Now we have one priest and good and generous people of faith who keep our parish serving each of us. I know that we have many commitments and responsibilities, but our Faith is the most precious gift we have. Please consider helping us to pass it on.

## THE MINISTRY OF GREETER

The Greeters give face to the congregation. The greeter is the first person people meet on a Sunday morning. The greeter is a person of hospitality and welcome. The greeter’s role is important to the growth of our parish and to evangelization of all who enter the Church. We want to be a welcoming community to all. The greeter is engaging in conversation and often introduces the seeker to a priest or to the proper Ministry.

## THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR

The Lector’s ministry is to proclaim the Word of God at Mass or at other Liturgical celebrations. The Lector’s calling is to pray the Word and prepare to proclaim the Word to the parish. The Ministry of Lector opens you up to the Word of Sacred Text. Through meetings and discussions on the text, the Lector can learn about scripture and how to pray the scripture so as to grow in the Spirit of Christ as well as proclaim this text to the congregation.

Msg. Guy A. Massie

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Service is at the heart of today's reading. Service is one of the hallmarks of discipleship. There are four points I shall like to make: 1) the disciple places Christ first in his/her life, 2) the disciple is a person of service, 3) the disciple is not out for his or her own promotion or advancement and 4) the price of following Christ is death to oneself and to selfishness and self-centeredness.

The Gospel for today, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is challenging. In the Gospel we meet the apostles James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They, along with Peter, make up an inner circle of apostles who were invited by Jesus to witness The Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius. We met the apostle John a few week ago when John had informed Jesus that other people were driving out demons in his name. (cf MK 9:38) John urged Jesus to stop these unknown believers. Jesus calmed the over enthusiastic John. Jesus addresses John and opens his mind to a more positive and inclusive approach to these disciples who are unknown to John. Both John and James seemed to be passionate about their relationship with Jesus. At one point, James and John were called "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus due to their passionate temperament.

While the request of John and James to sit one at the right and the other at the left of Jesus seems a bit audacious, pushy and somewhat shocking, we may look upon them in a more positive light by recognizing that they wanted to be with Jesus in a special way. On the other hand, we may say perhaps their motives were mixed. Perhaps they were exhibiting ambition or the need for recognition. We need to remember that at this point of their relationship with Jesus they are still naïve. While they think they truly want to be with Jesus, they do not realize what they are asking. They also betray the fact they do not understand the message of Jesus. The two will grow in their relationship with Jesus. They will mature in their spiritual lives and probably they will regret having made this request. They probably were embarrassed by their behavior in today's Gospel especially after they witnessed the Agony in the Garden and the death of Christ. After the Resurrection, we read in Acts that James, the son of Zebedee was the first of the apostles to be martyred for the sake of the Gospel. (cf Acts 12.) In the end, James and John learned the seriousness and the cost of their discipleship and both gave witness to Christ through their respective lives and deaths.

Ambition and the need for recognition as well as a sincere desire to be with Christ may have motivated these two brothers to ask for a great reward. We need not be too hard on James and John. They ultimately got the message that discipleship means death to one's self and life for Christ. What about us? What are our reasons for our association with Christ? Do we really want to advance the Kingdom of Christ? Do we really want to see good and truth win the day? Do we really want to see reconciliation be a way of life? Do we think we deserve a reward for the good we do? Do we think by coming to Mass we will be protected from suffering? Do we see Christ more like the giver of good gifts rather than the one whose cause we need to follow? Has our belief in Christ caused us to suffer? Have we had to refrain from certain behaviors because such behaviors would hurt our relationship with Christ? How do we order our priorities in light of Christ? If you are a priest or religious, are you looking to advance in the hierarchy or do you want to be the superior of the order? If you are looking for advancement, nice vestments and recognition, you missed the point of the Gospel. The Gospel tells us that following Christ can bring great joy and freedom but also the Cross. Do we want a deeper relationship with Christ or would we rather keep our relationship with him only on a surface level? Jesus is very clear, discipleship means his way comes first and all else will follow.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2019 JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2019, January through June will open on Tuesday, October 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM as well as 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish House. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken on this day. **If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.**

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays in a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request ONE Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened for **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means; suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. ONE for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we need but we must also be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestor's name (the one making the intention for the mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention?

Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally everyday. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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