
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

- MON. OCTOBER 29, 2018**
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. OCTOBER 30, 2018**
 8:30 John Scotto
 BY: John & Carolyn Zodda
- WED OCTOBER 31 2018**
 8:30 Guido Porcelli
 BY: Connie, Guido, Roseann & Grandchildren
- THURS. NOVEMBER 1, 2018**
 8:30 For the People of the Parish
 Noon Elizabeth DeMeglio
 BY: Children & Grandchildren
 6:00PM Pietro Reca
 Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- FRI. NOVEMBER 2, 2018**
 8:30 All Souls
 7:00 PM Parish All Souls Memorial Mass
- SAT. NOVEMBER 3, 2018**
 8:30 Pearl Petite Conanan
 BY: Dora & Lorraine Zanzonico
 Noon Annual Scotto Funeral Home Mass
 5:30 In Honor of All Saints
 BY: Clara
- SUN NOVEMBER 4, 2018**
 8:00 AM For The People of the Parish
 10:00 Giuseppe & Caterina Ingravallo
 BY: Family
 Noon John Molly
 BY: Catherine Dellaporte

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!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/21	\$ 3,895.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,430.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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



**Bread & Wine for the
 week of 10/28/18
 has been donated
 In Loving Memory of
 UMBERTO & FILOMENA PERUFFO
 BY: Children**

ST. THERESE RELIC EXPLANATION

Some of you may have noticed something different about the first altar on the Sacred Heart side of the church the last few weeks. The statue of St. Stephen has temporarily been replaced with the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux and a reliquary containing the bones of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin. We are honored to be caring for this reliquary which belongs to the Magnificat Foundation which publishes the Magnificat booklets. The relic will be with us for the month of October while they are in the custody of our Pastoral Associate, John Heyer and he arranges for their veneration throughout our diocese. In order to properly host the relics of the Martin family, the renowned French sculptor and artist Fleu Nabert created the first family reliquary for veneration and procession. On a pedestal of bronze are placed three individual reliquaries each marked by the first letter of the names of Therese, Louis and Azelie. The reliquary of St. Therese, Doctor of the Church is placed in the center, the highest of the three, while those of her parents are united by two wedding rings to remind us of the power and sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage. As represented in a drawing by St. Therese herself, her parents are referred to here by two fleurs-de-lis. The flower representing Zelig Martin is slightly smaller, a sign of her death during Therese's childhood. The flowers are molded in bronze with gilded leaves of yellow and white gold. The Little Flower, Therese, is represented by a rose, for she hoped to "scatter herself" beneath the footsteps of Jesus and promised "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." The ensemble is protected by a transparent case in the shape of an arch to remind us that the Christian family is a domestic Church, the first place where we practice sanctity. We pray that you will take the opportunity to venerate the relics of this family which the church has proclaimed as being saints and learn more about them and their faith in order to assist yourself on your journey to holiness.

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 Wardrope
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardella
Dominick Aiello, Jr.	John Scotto
Roe Gambardella	Elizabeth Foley
Ann Curcuro	Dora Zanzonico
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
Salvatore Colonna	

CHURCH CARE AND MAINTENANCE

I am a Church Care and Maintenance Minister at our parish specializing in the regular cleaning of our church (the Dust Angels). Many people don't realize we do not have a full time maintenance or cleaning staff person in the parish and it is volunteers who do a majority of the upkeep of our church. My fellow ministers and I clean the church because we want to make sure it is beautiful for worship and inviting to visitors. Impression means a lot and keeping a clean house, even the house of God, lets all who enter know that they are in a special place which people care about. I get so much out of my ministry knowing that I can do something I love, cleaning for the Lord and my community. It is one of the best ways I can give back for all the blessings I have received *Linda Masi*

YOUTH MINISTRY

We've all heard that the youth are the "future of the Church." Well, that future is now! Our teenagers need us to help them live as disciples of Jesus, by providing service and social activities, and especially by offering opportunities for spiritual growth. My own experience tells me that when we do, their energy and enthusiasm ignites in us a fresh zeal for the Gospel. Please consider the Ministry to Youth if you want your own faith life set on fire!

"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 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING

The Parish is made of spiritual and physical realities. This is similar to ourselves. We are made up of both body and spirit. We care for both our bodies and our spirits. We try to remain healthy by eating correctly, we try to avoid bad eating and drinking habits, we visit our physicians all for the purpose of maintaining our physical life. Likewise, we care for our spiritual health by praying, coming to liturgy, availing ourselves of the sacraments, etc. We seek counseling when necessary. We do this to maintain a good spiritual life. In the parish also, we need to care for our spiritual and our physical realities.

The Dust Angels clean our chapel and our church. Parishioners, who in their kindness have alerted us to needs for repairs and are very important to maintaining the beauty of our church building which we call home. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is probably one of the most challenging in the Church in our day. Youth covers the ages from 13-18. This is roughly the years of high school. Young people at this time are exposed to many ideas which can conflict with our Catholic Faith and even with the values of their home life. It is often time of internal conflict for many. Youth ministry tries to meet these young people where they are in the spiritual development. This ministry is an area of our greatest need. We need people who will have patience, understanding and a desire to engage the young in the values of the Gospel. Msgr. Guy Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

“Lord, I want to see you.”

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel portion today closes a unit which began with the story of Bartimaeus, another blind man in Mark 8:22 and closes with this story of a blind man Mark 9:48. From the position of this story of the blind man in the Gospel, it seems that St. Mark is speaking about both physical blindness and spiritual blindness. St. Mark is not only addressing the healing of this blind man, but he is also alluding to the spiritual blindness of the apostles. While the blind man knows he is blind, the apostles may not know they are blind with regard to the meaning of words and actions of Jesus.

Blindness and seeing are manifested in many ways. Comprehension and knowledge are related to seeing. In the Gospel we discover various levels of meaning. On one level, the blind man in the Gospel is physically healed. On another level, the blind man is healed spiritually. He is given a greater insight to Jesus. This event is witnessed by the apostles. At this point of the gospel, the apostles have seen and heard Jesus in many situations. They seem to be blind to the meaning of the message of Jesus. The blindness of the apostles is a spiritual blindness. The blindness of the apostles is evident in the passage preceding this morning's reading. In Mark 9:30-35, the apostles argue about which one of them is the most important. In Mark 9:28, they seem more interested in power than humility. In Mark 8:31-38, the apostles do not understand that wealth is not a sign of God's favor nor poverty a curse. In last week's Gospel from Mark, 10:35-45 James and John are looking to be at the right and the left of Jesus in the kingdom. In Mark's Gospel, the apostles are presented as dense. While the blind man is physically blind and acknowledges he is without sight. The apostles are spiritually blind and they do not know they are in the dark.

What causes blindness? Not being a doctor, I can only assume that there are many causes of blindness. Some of those causes may be organic, meaning there is something biological which prevents the eye from seeing and the brain from recognizing. Another cause of blindness could be an obstruction in the eye. Still another cause may be damage done to the eye. Whatever the cause, we must say there is a problem of filtering light into the eye. Only a professional can help heal such cases. The causes of spiritual blindness are embedded in our minds which prevent us from seeing reality, by denial of the reality presented to us and by fear of taking responsibility for what we see. Spiritual and social blindness can be caused by our own internal hurts, angers, misconceptions and overly sensitive nature. In this case, we can be wrapped in our own psyche that we do not see or even hear anyone else. Perhaps medical procedures can help the physically blind but only grace can help the spiritually blind.

I think we all have blind spots in our lives. There are things we just do not see about ourselves or those we love. There are areas of our lives we choose not to see. There are parts of our relationship with the Lord and others that we would like to ignore. Some of us are selectively blind to our faith and we blame others for our errors. Some of us are blind due to self absorption. We can only see things in relationship to ourselves and not anyone else since we are the centers of our respective small worlds. Blindness comes in many forms.

The question to consider is: Do we want to see? If we see than we are responsible for what we see. Let us pray that we may see, that we may be free to recognize Christ in ourselves and others. May we see ourselves one day as Christ sees us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

What is it that we celebrate on these days? What is the communion of saints? What do we mean by the resurrection of the dead?

All Saints Day celebrates the memory of all those who have died, some of whose names we know, but for the most part, we do not know who now see the Face of God. These good and holy people may be our own relatives and friends whose lives inspired you and many others through their prayer and their acts of mercy and charity. In the Apostle's Creed, we say: "I believe in the communion of saints..." By this term we mean that those who are now seeing the face of God and remembering us. They are praying for us. Thus we here on earth and they in heaven are in communion with each other. Communion means in union with them. The saints experience God more directly. We experience God through Word and Sacrament. To make this communion clearer, I suggest we think of it like this: when I ask you please pray for me, what am I asking? I am asking you to take my name and petitions to God when you pray. When we ask, for example Saint Francis to pray for us, we are asking St. Francis who is presently beholding the face of God to mention our name to God and our needs to God. The saint or those praying for us do not grant us our petition. They pray for us. Only the Lord grants our needs, graces and petitions. The one praying for us always points us to Jesus.

The word: "Saint" comes from the word: "Sanctus" meaning holy. Who is holy? Do we really know who is holy? Only God sees what is unseen. Therefore, it is not until after death that we know who is holy. How one's life ends tells us of the victory of one's life before God. The "holy ones" also known as the saints, loved Christ to an extraordinary degree. Their deep relationship with Christ inspired them to become examples of charity and mercy. Some gave their lives for Christ as martyrs. Some lived as contemplatives. Some lived ordinary lives in a most extraordinary manner. Their lives were possessed by Jesus. Jesus was their joy, their hope and their reason for living. They tell us by their lives the way to holiness, wholeness, happiness, justice and peace is JESUS.

If you want to be a saint, then seek to grow in your relationship with Christ Jesus. Learn about the lives of some of the saints. Learn how a particular saint faced difficulties, prayer and doubt. Try to imitate the saint in his or her devotion to Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform you, remake you and help you to know the mind and heart of Jesus.

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.**

INFORMATION SHEET

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