
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 9/30	\$ 3,266.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,059.00

** 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: 10/9
10/16, 10/23, at 4:30 PM in the Parish House.
All are welcome. Please bring your tablets,
laptops or phones to the sessions.

MON. OCTOBER 8, 2018

Noon Dominick, Lilly &
Augustine DiCoscia
BY: Susie & Richie

TUE. OCTOBER 9, 2018

8:30 Anthony Del Sole
BY: The Gessler Family

WED OCTOBER 10, 2018

8:30 Personal Prayer Intention Mass

THURS. OCTOBER 11, 2018

8:30 Enrichetta & Antonio Colandrea
BY: Melania Lubrano

FRI. OCTOBER 12, 2018

8:30 Anna Passione
BY: Tim & Maria McTersian

SAT. OCTOBER 13, 2018

8:30 Torino Zanzonico
BY: Dora & Lorraine Zanzonio
5:30 PM Janet Caccioppoli &
Frank & Lottie Illiano
BY: Loving Family

SUN OCTOBER 14, 2018

8:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph
10:00 Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Mom
Noon Lucy Pensabene
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli

BOOK CLUB

Out next Book Club meeting will be on Monday,
October 15th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House.
We will be discussing CALEB'S CROSSING by
Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome. We hope to
see you there!



Bread & Wine for the week of
10/7/18
has been donated
In Loving Memory of
JOHN SCOTTO
BY: The Troiano Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the
week of 10/7/18
have been donated
In Loving Memory of
JOHN SCOTTO
BY: Anne Mortillaro

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

We regret to inform you that due to lack of sufficient
participants, the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island
planned for Tuesday, October 9th has been
cancelled. Deacon Przemek will be in contact to
return payment to those who signed up to go.

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 |
| Diane Barchuk | 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 | Theresa Colantonio |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Celeste Internicola | Anthony Turco |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

“Isn’t it nice to use my skills to help people grow in the Lord. Working with the Community Outreach Ministry allows me to put into action my faith. I have grown, and together, we can build activities that touch lives.”

Linda Ameroso

CATHECHIST MINISTRY

“ I love to teach the children about Jesus. It all goes back to my childhood when my mother and grandmother would tell us stories about Jesus and the saints. They impressed upon us how Jesus’ love has no end, and with that love we can achieve anything. I hope that when I teach about Jesus I am imparting that same message.”

Lucia Ann Piro

CATECHIST & COMMUNITY OUTREACH MIISTRIES (the spiritual & corporal works of mercy)

“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 Body of Christ in the parish is made up of many parts and many ministries. The Catechist is the person who shares his or her faith with others who are learning about the faith. The Catechists work either with the children of the parish in our Wednesday School or our Sunday School program. They share the faith, they impart to the children our Catholic Tradition and religion. Catechists also have an active role in the training of adults who are preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The Catechist walks or accompanies the child, the adult or the searcher in the pathway to faith. Who can be a Catechist? You can be a Catechist if you are Catholic, if you have been confirmed and are willing to share the faith and commit to assisting another in passing on our faith tradition.

Community Outreach Ministry The Church serves both soul and body. Community Outreach aims to serve the broader community in which we are living. It provides service to all in the community regardless of religious affiliation. Outreach is responsible for the health programs we have had here at our parish, the Health Fair, the Mental Health Fair, Legal Issues for Seniors, Caring for the senior citizen, etc. These programs have imparted to our parishioners useful information. Such programs are put together by your fellow parishioners. We invite you to get involved. Help create a parish that helps others through imparting useful knowledge for a quality of life. “I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's first reading and Gospel invite us to consider the Sacrament of Matrimony. Matrimony is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Like all the sacraments, Matrimony is instituted by God and a source of grace that is the life of God for all who are married. Catholic Marriage brings into existence a community. This community finds its foundation in the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is a community of persons in a loving and self giving relationship. Marriage calls its participants to seek to imitate the life of the Trinity.

For Catholics, Matrimony is also a covenant relationship between one man and one woman. Marriage is an exclusive relationship between the couple and the couple with God. In the Hebrew Texts, the People of Israel were seen as being in a nuptial relationship with God. The Prophet Hosea speaks in mutual terms to illustrate the intimate relationship which exists between God and God's people. For us, the covenant of marriage finds its foundation in the covenant relationship which Jesus has with the Church. The covenant which Jesus makes with us is found explicitly in the Eucharist. The relationship with which Jesus enters into with us at Baptism and in the Eucharist is most characterized by Christ's total giving of his entire self for us. Jesus gives us his Body and Blood and even breathes out his Holy Spirit upon us. Jesus give of himself for our good. Christ's total sacrificial self giving for us is our illustration of true and unselfish love. For those called to the vocation of marriage, Christ's love points us in the way we should live.

Marriage is not easy. Those entering into this vocation need to consider most seriously the commitment they are planning to make. Marriage requires that couples share their lives. Selfishness must give way to selflessness. A self centered attitude must give way to life centered on the marriage. Communication skills must continue to develop. Couples must speak with each other as well as listen to each other with mutual respect. While love may be the foundation of the marriage, love must include respect for each other. The love which leads to marriage must be self sacrificing love. If love means the effective willing of the good for the other, in marital love means total giving and at times, self sacrifice. There are many sacrifices in marriage, letting go of one's own agenda and seeking reconciliation and forgiveness. Giving up individual wants for the good of the marriage can be difficult. It is the grace of the sacrament which makes this possible.

Marriage is the bringing together of two people. Each member of the couple comes to the marriage with one's own history, one's own background, one's own expectations, hopes and fears. Bringing two together to form one is a lifetime process. How parents interact with each other has a profound influence on their respective children. We begin marriage preparation while our children are still children. The first marriage we experience for better or worse is the marriage of our parents. Without thinking or intending, parents pass to their children habits, expectations and customs. For better or worse, our parent's marriage becomes the normative marriage experience for all of us. We will judge all other marriages based upon our first experience. Commitment to marriage is serious. Couples must stop and ask themselves important questions. Do they want a wedding or do they want a marriage? Are they in love with each other or are they in love with the idea of being married? What does each couple expect of the marriage? What do they expect of themselves in the marriage? What do they expect of their spouse in this marriage? They must consider if they are ready to make such a commitment. Many married couples struggle in their marriage. We are all changing and the older we get and the longer we are in a relationship means that we have changed much. The ideal is to keep growing in the marriage together. Arguing, disagreements, talking issues out are part of the marriage. Sometimes a good argument where both are listening to each other and not just shouting at each other is a good way to clear the air and to enter into reconciliation. Listening, listening, listening is very important in marriage. We listen to what is said and to what is not said. Couples must seek to reconcile for the sake of the marriage. Oftentimes couples need to work out their difficult issues. Sometimes they do not need the interference of their respective families which can do a great deal of harm to the marriage.

Marriage is a great commitment filled with possibilities of love, family, joy and partnership. It is also a relationship which needs constant work and vigilance. Marriage requires sacrifice which by nature is difficult. Love can make a sacrifice easier and perfect love can even make a sacrifice a joy.

DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Gospel, Jesus is questioned about divorce. In our society, divorce is a reality. There are many reasons why a couple may decide to divorce. Domestic violence, addictions, sexual deviations, incapability to be faithful to a commitment are a few reasons which can lead to a divorce. The Catholic Church does not recognize divorce, however the church does recognize church annulments. What is the difference? The annulment from the church affects only the spiritual part of marriage. The Catholic annulment does NOT have any civil consequences. A Catholic annulment states that a marriage which took place between a man and a woman, which was celebrated in the Catholic Church or with the proper dispensations and recognized by the Catholic Church did not fulfill the requirements of a sacrament. The marriage may have been recognized by the state, meaning that the license was signed and executed properly but, according to the church the sacramental bond of the marriage did not happen. What does this mean? To receive a sacrament in the Catholic Church one must have the proper disposition to receive the sacrament. Since the Catholic Church sees marriage as a Sacrament of Vocation and involving two people, it is important for both parties to be open to the sacrament. Both must understand and be capable of making a long term commitment. If this is missing in a marriage, the marriage may be considered null and void from the sacramental point of view NOT from civil point of view. Thus, any children born in the marriage are legitimate and legal. How is this judgment made? A couple seeking an annulment needs to submit written documents regarding the marriage and the courtship. They also need to provide witnesses who can provide testimony to the marriage and they need to be open to psychological questions regarding the marriage. In some cases, it may be found that the marriage was entered into when the couple was too young. In other cases evidence of addictions may be found. In still other cases an immaturity may be found which would prevent a person from making a long time commitment. There are many reasons for annulments. So, if you are in this situation, please contact Msgr. Massie for assistance. If you are divorced and not remarried and you are living a single life, you should continue to go to communion. If you are divorced by the state and remarried without a Catholic annulment, you should not approach communion or call Msgr. Massie. In all cases, we can help.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is the key to making a good marriage. Pre Cana instructions, learning to communicate, growing up and taking responsibility, having good friends who are in good marriages to help you is very important. Couples preparing, remember it is not the WEDDING that you must be overly concerned about, it is the Marriage. So many couples put more into the reception, the dress and are governed by their family and friends rather than looking at their relationship. Marriage is not easy. Couples need to know that from the beginning. If you are preparing for marriage, THINK, PRAY and THINK again.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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