
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. FEBRUARY 11, 2019
Noon Theresa Cosenza
BY: M/ M Michael Eng & Family

- TUE. FEBRUARY 12, 2019
8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions

- WED FEBRUARY 13, 2019
8:30 Fred Dimesa & Daniel & Salvatore Caria
BY Marie Caria

- THURS. FEBRUARY 14, 2019
8:30 John Clooney & Joseph Clooney
BY: Loving Family

- FRI. FEBRUARY 15, 2019
8:30 Ruby Gaudino
RB: Friends from Chic Elegance

- SAT. FEBRUARY 16, 2019
8:30 Alice & Florival Gabriel
BY: Family
5:30 Vito & Maria Collela
BY: Loving Family

- SUN FEBRUARY 17, 2019
8:00 AM Kevin Sheehan
BY: His Family
10:00 All Deceased of The Romano & Martino Family
BY: Jo Ann & Judy
Noon Frances Parisi Azzarello
BY Afflitto Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/3	\$ 3,307.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,288.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
On Line Giving for the
Month of January totaled \$ 2,211.94



We have placed a Suggestion Box in the back of the church. We welcome your suggestions. Kindly place them in the box and be sure to include your name and contact information so we may discuss them with you. Your contact information may be in the form of your phone number or e-mail address.

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TAX LETTERS

Tax Letters containing contributions given to Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen's Church for the 2018 Year are in the process of being mailed out. These statements are being sent to all registered parishioners using weekly envelopes. You do not have to call the Rectory to request a statement. In addition to the contribution information, you will find a tri-fold brochure containing information regarding the Parish's financial status for our fiscal year September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. As always, we thank you for your support of our Parish!

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 |
| Rev. Michael Carrano | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Piro | Dominick Aiello |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
- Mary Therese Pugliese

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, March 4th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **A SPARK OF LIGHT** by Jodi Piccolt. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

MUSIC NEWS



Youth CHOIR

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Choral Music at Mass: This winter and spring the Music Ministry is planning to have the parish choirs sing more often at Sunday Masses, in addition to major Solemnities of the Church year. This Sunday, February

10th, the Sacred Hearts Youth Choir will lead the music at the 10:00 AM Mass. We hope to see you there!

UPS AND DOWNS

On December 24th, the New York City Department Elevator Unit inspected the elevator for certification and use. The inspectors passed the elevator and found it in complete safe working order, however because the marble from the church vestibule which remains to be installed was placed for safekeeping in the elevator motor machine room and three other similar minor issues, the elevator was not certified for use. Over the past week, all four of these issues have been corrected. We now wait for Mobility, the elevator installers, to arrange for the New York City Department of buildings to return for the follow up inspection in order to be able to use the elevator. The technician responsible for installing the automated door openers at the Hicks Street ground level and at the church level have scheduled their final walk through for measurements leading to the installation of this important aspect of this project.

Remember that it is your support of the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We still need your financial support in order to complete all aspects of this project. There is still almost \$300,000 which was pledged by our parishioners but has not yet been paid. If you have made a pledge to Generations of Faith please continue to make your payments allowing us to fully fund our parish elevator. We look forward to further updating you in the days ahead.



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Bread & Wine for the week of February 10th has been donated
In Loving Memory of
**ALICE &
FLORIVAL GABRIEL**
By: Family

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

In today's Liturgy of the Word, we meet three people whose lives are completely changed due to an encounter with the Divine. The first reading presents us with the Call of Isaiah. In the second reading, St. Paul proclaims the Resurrection of Christ. The Resurrection of Christ is the event which changed the apostles, if not the world. In the Gospel we read how Peter is completely changed. He is given another insight to the identity of Christ.

Each of the readings speak to us about a WOW moment. A WOW moment is when something happens to us which leads us to come to a deeper realization of things beyond us. These moments may be an experience of being loved by another, the realization of one's hidden talents or the realization of the existence of God which goes beyond faith. The realization changes our lives. We may see things with a greater clarity. We may act differently for the better. We may experience an inner healing or greater peace in our hearts.

The three readings have a common thread in each thread. In each reading, the main character changed. If we truly hear the Gospel, if we truly and openly encounter Christ in the Eucharist, then we must change. We will be able to forgive the past and people who have wronged us, let go of anger, have compassion which is creative in seeking solutions when possible, be more self giving and even have a greater appreciation of ourselves. The closer we are to God, the more we realize the areas of our lives which need healing and change. It is only when the light of the sun shines through the windows, do we see that the windows need to be washed.

Look at Isaiah. He draws near to God and the encounter moves him to confess his smallness and sinfulness, yet, God will make him a great prophet. Paul, the former persecutor of the Church experiences Christ on the road to Damascus. As a result, Paul is changed and proclaims the Resurrection of Christ. Finally, look at Peter who is overwhelmed by the great catch of fish. He knows he is in the presence of someone who is great. His reaction is to confess his sinfulness. In each case, the three are changed and become vessels of carrying the message of the Lord to those around them. In each case, the divine touched the human heart and changed it. In each case, there was a realization of human limitation and the overwhelming transcendence of God.

Where are we? While Catholicism is our religion, is it also our faith? When we pray, receive Eucharist, or reconciliation, do we really reflect on our relationship with The Divine? How much affect does faith have on your every day choices, activities and relationships? It is only when we are convicted of the faith as was Isaiah, Paul and Peter that we can share our faith with others. When was the last time you shared your faith in Jesus with your questioning teenager, your spouse or even your child? Why do you believe in Jesus?

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

CCD NEWS

OUTREACH TO GHANA: WINTER/SPRING 2019 ACTIVITIES

During the month of February, the children in our CCD program will be crafting paper doll “saint” chains to send to our pen pals in Ghana. The chains will depict each student as well as the different patrons of our parish: St. Stephen, Mother Cabrini, etc. We’ll also be sending blank chains so that the children of St. Therese in Abor can make their own and send some back to us. Together we’ll create a visual picture of living as the Family of God, as part of the Communion of Saints.

As saints “in training,” the children will practice the discipline of Almsgiving during the season of Lent by participating in the Clean Water Project again this year. Their commitment will be to avoid specialty drinks and contribute the money saved toward a well drilling or other water collection project for Abor. If you would like to contribute/participate, you can stop in at any CCD session during Lent to get more information. Some of the older students/confirmation candidates will also be at the doors of the Church one or two weekends during Lent to sell WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelets to raise money as well

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

As most of you know, each week at the 10:00 AM Mass there is a dismissal for children ages 4-8 for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. All parish children in pre-k through first grade, as well as children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome to participate, whether or not they attend the CCD program. Guests and visitors are welcome as well. We also encourage some older children to visit occasionally to help out with the little ones.

Our weekly sessions have been very fruitful this year and we’d like to share some of the experiences with the families who participate. If your child participates in Children’s Liturgy, I invite you to share your contact information so we can keep you up to date with what’s happening each Sunday, as well as share suggestions of how you can “bring the message home.” Just come into the chapel during a session and fill out the sign up sheet, or send an email to narkin1960@gmail.com. Thanks!

Nancy Arkin
Director of Faith Formation

INFORMATION SHEET

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