
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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Parish Trustees and Advisors

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 25, 2019**
 Noon Rina Columbo
 BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Family
- TUE. FEBRUARY 26, 2019**
 8:30 Louis Valentino, Jr.
- WED FEBRUARY 27, 2019**
 8:30 Carmelo & Concetta Napoli
 BY M/M Louis Napoli
- THURS. FEBRUARY 28, 2019**
 8:30 Danny & Carmella Pipitone
- FRI. MARCH 1, 2019**
 8:30 Joseph & Terry Cardillo
 Anniversary Blessings
 BY: Valerie, Tommy & Joseph
- SAT. MARCH 2, 2019**
 8:30 Ruby Gaudino
 BY: Friends from Chic Elegance
 5:30 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe
 BY: Friends
- SUN MARCH 3, 2019**
 8:00 AM Salvatore Lubrano
 BY: Michael & Linda Cutrone
 10:00 Lia & Joseph Cerato
 BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
 Noon Rose Azzarello Afflitto
 BY Lorraine Afflitto

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

The following is the ACA Video link
 we invite you to watch:
WWW.CFBQ.org/ACAVIDEO

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/17	\$ 2,531.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,794.00

**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!

40 DAYS OF CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent—"40 Days of Cans for 40 Days of Lent." The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the food pantry at the Movement Pentecostal Christian Church on Summit Street. Donations of canned food will be collected beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donations boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Pepe, Grand Knight
 Knights of Columbus #17000

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 Terese Pugliese

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, March 4th @ 7:00 in the Parish House. We will be discussing **A SPARK OF LIGHT** by Jodi Piccoult. We hope to see you there. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 4/1/19. We will be discussing **DAVID & GOLIATH** by Malcolm Gladwell
All are welcome

CHOIR NEWS

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A big thank you to the members of the Parish Adult Choir for singing at this Sunday's 10:00 AM Mass. Next Sunday, March 3rd, the Sacred Heart's Children's Choir will lead the music at the 10:00 AM Mass. We would be very happy if you'd join us! Please visit the choir loft after Mass today to talk with the organist, choir director or any of our music volunteers.
We are welcoming new singers of all ages.

UPS AND DOWNS

After correcting the minor issues which prevented the elevator project from passing the NYC Inspection on December 24th, the elevator company has called for a re-inspection of the elevator last week. This re-scheduling was delayed while the parish negotiated with the elevator company, Mobility, Inc. over a terrazzo step they damaged leading into Cabrini Hall during delivery of the elevator parts. Mobility, Inc. has accepted responsibility for the damage and has deducted the amount of replacing the step from our elevator costs. We have now paid Mobility, Inc. in full per our contract with them. Mobility believes once the NYC Department of buildings returns for the follow up inspection, we will be given permission to use the elevator. We have also ordered appropriate signage for the interior and exterior of the building indicating the levels and where the elevator is from Paul Signs. 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 continue all aspects of this project. There is still \$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 updating you further in the days ahead.

St. Joseph



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Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Heritage Committee invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Joseph with the traditional Tavolata di San Giuseppe on Tuesday March 10, 2019. Mass @6:00 PM followed by Tavolata in Cabrini Hall.

According to the legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered with the ending of the dreadful famine. A special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets, they then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and the sick to partake in the meal. This celebration became the tradition now known as Joseph's Table or La Tavolata di San Giuseppe. We invite everyone to participate in the SHSS Tavolata by bringing a specialty dish of your own on 3/19. Contact Concetta Lo Presti-Mazzella with any questions or if you would like to help. 917 364-7421

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time the Liturgy of the Word presents us with great challenges. The first reading from 1 Samuel and the Gospel seem to be held together by the second reading from 1 Corinthians. The second reading reminds us that we as believers of Christ are called to a higher morality. We bear the image of Adam who was created from the earth, on the other hand, we also bear the image of Christ who was from heaven. Thus, admitting our propensity for sin, we are called to a higher behavior of our baptism into Christ. Jesus directs us to an internal morality which we live externally.

In the first reading from 1 Samuel, we meet David who is being hunted down by King Saul. Saul was envious of David. He believed David wanted to be King. Saul almost killed David which caused David to seek refuge outside the royal family. In doing so, David gathered himself many who did not like Saul or follow him. In this episode in the story, David comes upon Saul's camp. Saul's guards have fallen asleep. David could have killed Saul thus defending himself and saving his own life. Yet, David does not do such a thing. David's faithfulness to God, his integrity as a son of Israel and his integrity as a soldier would not allow him to commit such an act. David held himself to a higher morality. David says: "the Lord will reward each man according to justice and faithfulness." David is faithful to God and he is just to Saul.

In the Gospel, called the sermon on the plain, Jesus sets forth some challenging behaviors which he not only follows himself, but expects his followers to follow. While we all expect God to behave the way Jesus lays out, Jesus expects us to do the same. This is a tall order yet we, like David, are to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Directives by Jesus stating that we should strive to: love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, give to those who ask, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging are very challenging. How do we hear this gospel?

These behaviors are directives for the Christian Community. Are they practical? Are they normal? Do they work? Can we just give ourselves to all who ask? Can we be merciful? Can we not judge? Let's remember love means the effective willing of the good for the other, regardless of who they are, regardless of human liking or disliking. Willing the good for another can mean getting someone the help he or she needs or even wants. Praying for those who have wronged you may be the cure for our resentments, anger and our desire for retribution. Treating others the way you may want to be treated may be a way of cultivating human respect for all. Giving to those who ask may be a way of helping others to help themselves. Forgiving others who have wronged us may be a way to personal freedom and inner healing.

I have a few questions: Upon what standard do we build our moral behavior? What anger are you holding in your heart? For whom do you hold a grudge? Have you been rejected when you tried to forgive or to reconcile? When was the last time you told your story of how someone hurt you and how many times have you repeated the same story? How would you like to be treated? Can you do the same? St. Paul said: "the Love of Christ impels us." Has the Love of Christ impelled you to act in a more just way, a kinder way or a more merciful way?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

IMPORTANT

Please write to Governor Cuomo regarding the present abortion law. While you may not wish to give your name and address, now is the time to take a stand. Please write a letter, sign the letter and mail it to the Governor. Please also write to Joann Simon and state your view on this law. Not to resist this terrible law is to agree with it.

**Governor Andrew Cuomo
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224**

Phone 518– 474-8390

**Assemblywoman Joann Simon
341 Smith Street
Brooklyn, New York 11231**

Phone 718 246– 4889

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

INFORMATION SHEET

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