
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.**



- MON. FEBRUARY 4, 2019
Noon For The People of the Parish

- TUE. FEBRUARY 5, 2019
8:30 For All Breast Cancer Patients
and Survivors

- WED FEBRUARY 6, 2019
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY Daughter, Teresa

- THURS. FEBRUARY 7, 2019
8:30 Blessings & Health for
Mable Rose Alberty
BY: Her Grandparents

- FRI. FEBRUARY 8, 2019
8:30 Stephanie Pientek

- SAT. FEBRUARY 9, 2019
8:30 For The People of The Parish
5:30 Jerome Orsino
BY: M/M Carmine Balsamo

- SUN FEBRUARY 10, 2019
8:00 AM Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad
10:00 Kristina Esposito
BY: The Delgado Family
Noon Grace Yancone
BY Camille & Anthony

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/27	\$ 3,352.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,973.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
On Line Giving for the
Month of December totaled \$2,334.08

SACRED HEARTS PARISH
HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO
GHANA, AFRICA

Over 1,000 pounds of supplies were shipped to the Churches of St. Teresa Child of Jesus and Holy Rosary, Fr. Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, Africa. The items included school supplies, toys/games, detergents, rosary beads, books and religious education materials to help set up their CCD program. Along with our continuous efforts to provide clean water, we will continue shipping needed items throughout the year.

We want to thank:

- St. Stephen's Men's Fellowship
- Nancy Arkin and the CCD Program
- The Altar Servers and all of our Parishioners who helped with donations.

A very special thank you to:

- Vincent & Elizabeth DiMartino and their family
- The Folise Family
- Danny Durante

Without whose help we would not have been able to ship so many items.

GOD BLESS ALL!



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.

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 |

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, February 4th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **DIE FREE** by Cheryl Wills. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on March 4th. We will be discussing **A SPARK OF LIGHT** by Jodi Piccolt. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.



**Youth
CHOIR**

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MUSIC NEWS

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. Next 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 3rd has been donated

In Loving Memory of

MARIA DI SCHIAVI

By: Her Daughter Palma.



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

February 3rd have been donated In Fond & Loving Memory of

REV. PATRICK BURNS

BY: Laura & Mike Eng

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings introduce us to the prophetic role of faith. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, we read about the call of Jeremiah to be a prophet. Prophets are not people who tell the future, they are people who speak the truth to people in leadership positions. Prophets call us to be faithful to God's Word. Prophets do not always tell us what we want to hear, they tell us what we must hear. Prophets console with a message of hope and challenge us with a message of the need to reform our lives. Jeremiah speaks to the faith in our hearts and oftentimes challenges the self satisfied and the self righteous.

In the second reading from 1 Corinthians, we hear a familiar passage on love. Love for Paul means the effective willing of the good for the other. The love Paul writes to us about is not emotional. Calling us to love does not mean calling us to like. The call to love has nothing to do with liking or choosing whom we will love. The message finds its base in one's love for Christ and invites us to be moved by that love to will the good for all even our enemies. The presupposition is the reader believes in Christ.

In the Gospel reading we find Jesus preaching in the synagogue. It is a Sabbath morning. While many are amazed at this teaching and at first speak highly about him, many others are offended at this message and seek to kill him. What did Jesus say that caused the congregation to become upset with him? Jesus presents two biblical texts which were controversial for the congregation to hear. In both stories, the People of Israel are shown in a negative light. In the first story found in 1 Kings 17:7-24, we read about the Prophet Elijah who goes to the widow of Zarephath which was in Sidon. In the story, Elijah helps this widow and her son to survive a drought. The widow believed Elijah's message and recognized him as a prophet of God. The upshot here is that the widow was not an Israelite. She accepted God's word and the Israelites who should have known better did not accept the message. In the second story from the 2 Kings 5, we read about Elisha, the disciple of Elijah. Elisha through his prayers heals Naaman. Naaman suffered from leprosy. He came to Elisha and he was healed. Naaman was a Syrian and a non Israelite. Both stories were told by Jesus, the non-Israelite, the hero. This was a problem because the Syrians and those from Sidon were traditional enemies of the Israelites. The fact that many non-Israelites accepted the word of God is nothing new. In the story of Jonah, the Ninevehites accept the message of Jona. In the story of Exodus, there are constant complaints against Moses and even against God. The people did not always trust God or Moses. So, it is a familiar theme both for Jesus and the people. Yet, while the message is true, the people were offended.

The prophetic word of God today resides in the readings and in the community of faith. The prophetic message does not always make us happy. Most of us if not all, create an image of God that we like. Its one that makes us happy and secure. These self created images may not always be in line with the sacred text or with the teaching of the Church, therefore, when the readings challenge us, we are off put.

So consider these questions. Can I pray for those who have hurt me? Do I wish evil to those by whom I have been unjustly treated? Do I see the foreigner, the new comer, the refugee, the immigrant as deserving of humanitarian help or do I see them as takers? Do I support violence to end violence or do I support some intervention for the safety of all? Do I remain silent and uninvolved when another's life is in danger? Do I work against prejudice, hatred and racism or do I resent when these topics are addressed? Can I say I believe in Christ and yet exhibit prejudice? Can I say I am a follower and be anti-semitic? Can I receive Holy Communion and then repeat rumors about others?

Does my faith affect my values and norms of behavior or do I resent these topics mentioned in Church? Is faith only for Church and not for the public square of our lives? Do I want a God who remains in Church or do I see belief in God affecting my behavior?

If you feel some resentment to these questions then we are talking about prophets and the Prophetic message which is not always easy to hear.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**UNDERSTANDING
ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA**

Sponsored by Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church

Join specialists from **Alzheimer's Association** NYC Chapter and **New York Memory Center** for 3 in-depth workshops. These workshops are a must for families or individuals concerned with memory loss. Understand the science and dispel the myths. Learn how to talk about memory loss with your family.

• Session 1 **Know the 10 Signs** **Sunday February 3 at 11:15 AM** right after the mass. Warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, its time to learn the facts.

• Session 2 **The Basics** **Monday February 4 at 12:30 PM** right after mass. Understand the science and dispel the myths. Learn about detection, causes and risk factors. Explore stages of the disease and treatment.

• Session 3 **Dementia Conversations** **Wednesday February 6 at 12:30 PM**
How do you have honest and caring conversations with family members about going to the doctor, when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans?

Get the help you need to face these challenges.

**All sessions held at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church
Transfiguration Chapel inside the Church
125 Summit Street between Henry and Hicks Street-
Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn
All sessions are free.**

Light refreshments served

**Registration appreciated but not necessary
718 596 7750**

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN BROOKLYN

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