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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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**SACRED HEARTS  
& ST. STEPHEN**

*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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ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

MICHAEL J. ENG

DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.

*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.

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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00  
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.**

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 7/21	\$ 1,491.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$12,834.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
Month of June totaled \$ 2,854.67

**MON. JULY 29, 2019**  
Noon Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Family  
BY Grandchildren

**TUE. JULY 30, 2019**  
8:30 Lelitia Scotto  
BY: Her Sisters

**WED JULY 31, 2019**  
8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &  
Ciro & Jenny Olivero

**THURS. AUGUST 1, 2019**  
8:30 Liborio Filocco  
BY: M/M Franco Di Rosa

**FRI. AUGUST 2 2019**  
8:30 Matteo Deliso  
BY: Daughter Anna

**SAT. AUGUST 3, 2019**  
8:30 Elisa Tonissi Conti  
BY: Anna Denaro  
5:30 PM Joseph Caminiti  
BY: Aunt Agnes Caminiti

**SUN AUGUST 4, 2019**  
8:00 Rev. Michael A Carrano  
BY: The Favorito Family  
10:00 For Blessings Received  
BY: Mom & Dad  
Noon Giuseppe D'Amburoso  
BY: Family

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
2019**

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**

**RAISED: \$41,613.00**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew drive. Thanks to your generosity and that of those parishioners who made their pledges prior to this weekend. Currently pledged \$41,613.00.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so as all donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal over our goal will be returned 100% back to the Parish.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMORIALS**

Did you notice the new vestments during our Holy Week and Easter services?

Memorials for these vestments are available to dedicate the vestment set which are used during the Easter and Christmas Season as follows:

1 Dalmatic (For Deacons) \$1,400.00

If you are interested, kindly call the Rectory and speak with Rose Marie Foglia for more details.

# 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            | Louis Pepe          |
| Michelle Laquercia    | Irene Balen         |
| Dolly Vergona,        | Gloria Heyer        |
| Judith DeArmen        | John Nigro          |
| Judith Miller         | Alissa Aquino       |
| Diane Barchuk         | Addy Wardrope       |
| Carol DeMairo         | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca       | 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      |
| Camille Limardi       | Dominick Aiello     |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Mark Carles         |



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## WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!

One of the best ways to help our faith community grow is through hospitality. We are seeking donations of small plates, coffee cups and coffee supplies in order to help our hospitality ministers. If you are interested in providing some of these items, please see Anthony, Edwin or John Mark at the entrance of the church.

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**TAKE A  
LOOK  
AT THIS...**

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Kindly note the following change in the Rectory office hours.

Commencing Monday July 1st, the office will be closed for a lunch break from 1:00-2:00 PM.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## MASS BOOK

As most of you are aware, the mass book for the last six months of 2019 (July through December) opened on June 5th. Masses are still available. You may either call or visit the Rectory for more information.



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Bread & Wine for the week of July 28th has been donated In Memory of GIUSEPPINA DI NIERI BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

## BOOK CLUB

We will not be meeting during August, but for those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on September 16th. We will be discussing GILDED HOUR by Sara Donati.

All are welcome

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

The Liturgy of the Word today addresses prayer. What is prayer? How do we pray? What can we expect of prayer? Does prayer change God or does it change us? As believers in Jesus, how should we pray?

Prayer is lifting up our souls and minds to God. Prayer bespeaks a relationship with God. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we read about Abraham's conversation with God. Abraham speaks with God as he would a person with whom he has a long relationship. Notice how comfortable Abraham is in his relationship with God. While always reverent, Abraham is persistent. Abraham ultimately is answered. We learn that eight people were saved from Sodom. They were Lot and his family.

In the Gospel we read about Jesus teaching us the Lord's Prayer. The Our Father is both a prayer and a prayer method. Do we know the Our Father? If we think we do, then we do not. Each line of the prayer is a prayer. One may pray one line a day meditating on the meaning of the line and silently allowing each word to seep into the core of one's soul. The Lord's Prayer as a method of prayer tells us what every prayer should contain. Notice the prayer begins by acknowledging that God is Our Father. Thus the prayer recognized others as our brothers and sisters. The prayer is communal by nature. The prayer praises God, asks that the will of God be done in all things. We recognize that God's Will for us is the best. The prayer begs for forgiveness and asks that we forgive others. The mutual forgiveness is a key to having our prayer heard. The prayer asks to be spared from all evil. Every prayer we say or utter in our own words must have all of these elements. For those who pray the Divine Office, everyone notice that the Lord's Prayer contains all the elements of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

Prayer is not the rattling of words or even saying words. Prayer is being radically honest before God. Saying a prayer does not mean we have prayed. Prayer is lifting up our minds, souls and spirits to the Mystery who is God. Prayer may be liturgical such as being at Mass or it can be in the silence of your heart. Prayer must be uttered from the depths of your innermost being. Sometimes prayer is a sigh, sometimes a tear. Prayer is deeply personal or very public but it always requires your whole heart. Prayer may be silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament allowing the Lord to penetrate your innermost heart. Prayer may be a silent conversation between you and a piece of Bible text. Prayer is our conversation and reveals our relationship with God.

So, do you pray? If so, how?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES



Annual Memorial Candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit for one year and may be memorialized in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for blessings received, or in remembrance of a milestone birthday event. The cost is \$100 (\$110.00 initially to cover the cost of the personalized plaque) per year. The plaque may bear the inscription of your choosing (the more you add, the smaller the letters will appear on the plaque). If you are interested and wish to receive additional information, please call the Rectory during business hours and speak with Rose Marie Foglia. We will be happy to assist you.

### SACRED HEARTS HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH TO GHANA

Continuing our Parish Humanitarian Outreach to the Churches of Holy Rosary and St. Theresa, Fr Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, we are now collecting School Supplies and Children's clothing for shipment.

New clothes for children up to 10 years old and **SUMMER CLOTHING ONLY!** All clothes must be **NEW with tags** to be shipped.

Clothes and School supplies can be dropped off in the back of our Church during any Mass.

We greatly appreciate any financial donations to help with the cost of shipping.

If you have any questions, please see Anthony or Andy in Church.

### ELEVATOR NEWS

The Parish Elevator is fully functional and is available for Mass attendance on Saturday and Sunday as well as for Weddings and Funerals. The gates on Hicks Street are open and the button to "call" the elevator is located behind the column. Automatic doors are functional and allow easy access. We encourage all who are in need to utilize our elevator. At this time, we wish to once again thank those who supported Generations of Faith which made this possible. If you have made a pledge, kindly continue to make your payments. If you have made a pledge and cannot fulfill it, please consider reducing the amount. This can be arranged by contacting the Generations of Faith Office of the Diocese. As it stands now, unfulfilled pledges total approximately \$75,000. This is the amount the parish will be "out of pocket" if these pledges are not fulfilled.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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