
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:

8:30 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM
Adoration: First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

CONFESIONS:

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 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.**

Rector: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
Pastor
REV. CLETUS FORSON
Parochial Vicar
MRS. NANCY ARKIN
Director of Faith Formation
Religious Education
JOHN HEYER, II
Pastoral Associate
ROSE MARIE FOGLIA
Administrator/Business Manager
JAMES LAKE
Parish Organist
JENNIFER WU
Choir Director
EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF
Choir Director Emerita
ANDREW DI MANZO
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.

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

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.**

MASSES for the WEEK



MON. **JANUARY 4, 2021**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa Delgado

TUE. **JANUARY 5, 2021**
8:30 Andrew, Carmela & Guy Di Manso

WED **JANUARY 6, 2021**
8:30 Anthony Polito
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

THURS. **JANUARY 7, 2021**
8:30 Joan McIntyre
BY: The Heyer Family

FRI. **JANUARY 8, 2021**
Noon Leonard Bik
BY: Sal Masotto

SAT. **JANUARY 9, 2021**
8:30 Dominick Della Porte & Family
BY: Catherine & Family
5:00 PM Antonino & Concetta Tesoriero
BY: Reca Family

SUN **JANUARY 10, 2021**
8:30 For The People of the Parish
10:00 Hugh Harvey
BY: The Lector Ministers
Noon Josephine Coria Susino
BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 12/20	\$ 1,043.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,888.00
Total Sunday 12/20	\$ 3,931.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,394.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

Financial Stewardship

For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.

Parish Religious Education & Catholic Schools

Regular parish CCD classes held on Sundays and Wednesdays are postponed for the time being. Likewise, all activities related to our children's faith-formation program such as the Sunday 7th grade seminar, Stations of the Cross practices, Confirmation mentoring sessions, and Child Lures training are also postponed for the time being.

The health of all the faithful of the parish is of utmost concern, so let us continue to pray to the Lord who is a healer to protect us and bring about quickly an end to this present crisis through the intercession of His Mother Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Sick Relatives & Friends

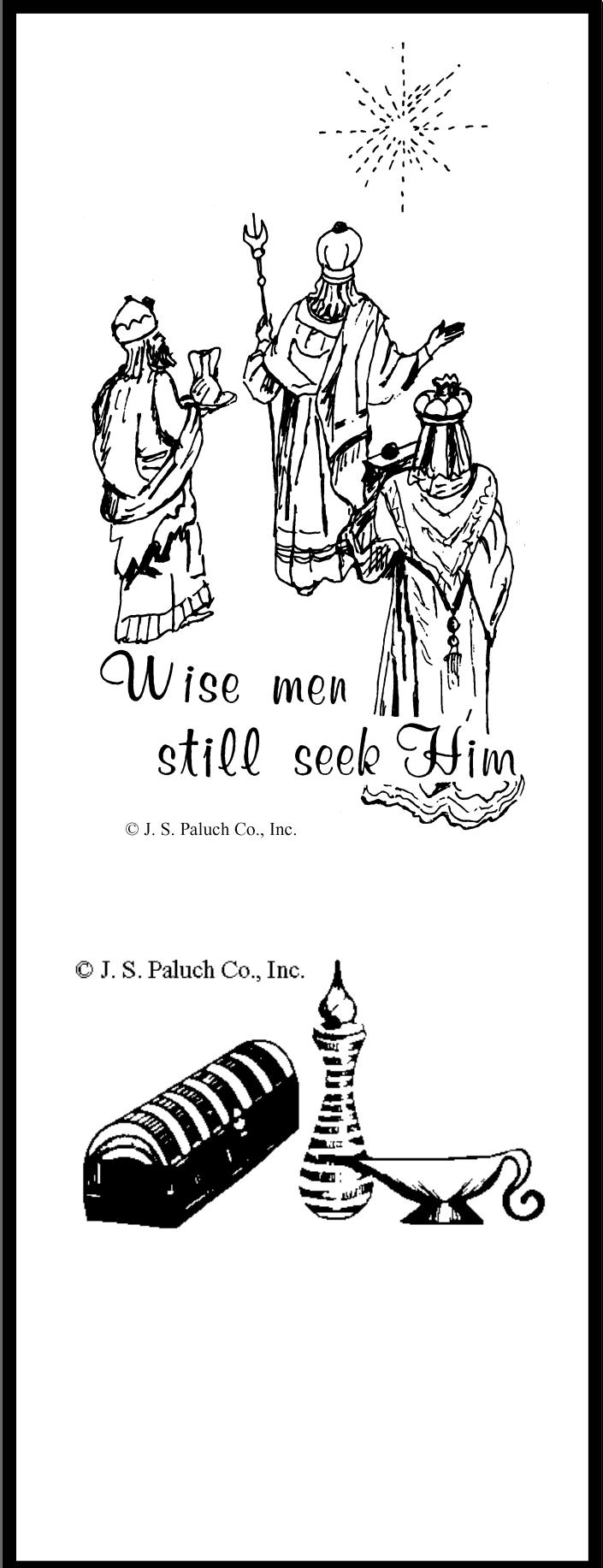
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

Jonelle Bernardo,
Brad Hatry
Michelle Laquercia
Dolly Vergona,
Judith DeArmen
Judith Miller
Diane Barchuk
Carol DeMairo
Anthony Tilocca
Roe Gambardella
Ann Cururu
Lamar McNabb
Carol Montelbano
Anthony Manfre
Emma Huckerby
Louann Gambardella
Dominick Aiello, Jr.
Erica Concino
Mary Therese Pugliese
Hector Jimenez

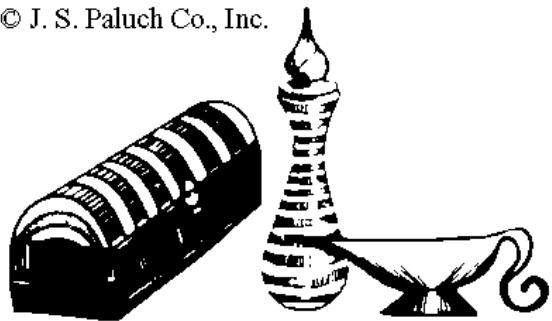
Helena Rolla
Louis Pepe
Irene Balen
Gloria Heyer
John Nigro
Alissa Aquino
Addy Wardropo
Anthony Gambardella
Anthony Turco
Elizabeth Foley
Dora Zanzonico
Louis D'Angelo
Gina Salta
Celeste Internicola
Kristin Quail
Robert Janicke
Mark Carles
Bernadette Janicke
Evan Marra
Darren Munio

REACH OUT

During this difficult time, please take a moment to check on your neighbor, the elderly and the shut in to see how they are doing. Perhaps they may need an item from the grocery store, or someone to pick up their prescriptions, anything we are able to do for them would be appreciated. Sometimes all they need is conversation and that simply requires a phone call. These are unprecedented times and we are all in this together. Take some of the free time you may have to sit in prayer for all the world.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Who is Jesus? Is he the Messiah? Is Jesus Divine?

Today the Church celebrates the great Feast of the Epiphany. (This feast is on the Official Roman Calendar for January 5. In the United States our Bishops have elected to celebrate this feast on Sunday to underscore its importance.) The feast celebrates two basic themes: Universality of the Gospel message as represented by the arrival of these gentile people, (non-Jewish wise men) the identity of Jesus as Divine King and suffering messiah as represented by the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. There are two other epiphanies in the Gospel: the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast of Cana.

The word epiphany means: “to show or to manifest.” In the story we see Mary showing the Christ child to the wise men, thus pointing out the universal message of the Gospel. The story is theological and catechetical. The Gospel story of the Epiphany symbolically tells the whole gospel story of Matthew. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, the Risen Lord sends his disciples to teach and baptize all nations. Here in the story of epiphany, we see a sign of this in the revelation of the Christ child to the wise men of non Jewish peoples. This underscores the universality of the Gospel. While the Messiah was to come to the Jewish people, his mission and redemption was directed to the whole world. Christianity is not wedded to just one nation but to all. In the synoptic gospels a key concern is the identity of Jesus. Is Jesus the prophet? Is Jesus a great teacher? Is Jesus the Messiah?” “Who do people say I am?” is a central question in the synoptic gospels. Today’s feast answers this question in the presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is the sign of Kingship, the frankincense is a sign of divinity and the myrrh a sign of sacrifice. The star is a symbol of Judaism. The Star of David is really the Shield of David. The combination of the two shields one on top of the other, as well as one shield being inverted resembles a star. It was the star that led the Magi to Jesus. In the same way the Hebrew texts should point out Jesus to us. The magi, who seemed to have lived in Persia, were probably scholars who searched for wisdom and understanding. Jesus is recognized as the Wisdom of God.

Epiphanies happen when and wherever God is recognized as present among us. Sometimes epiphanies happen when we realize in our hearts and minds a profound truth which we may have known on some level yet all of a sudden, this truth affects our lives for the better. It is called a WOW moment. At other times a person, or even a child, utters words which we feel were addressed directly to us and we realize that God has spoken through another person. At other times, some ones unselfish example of kindness moves us to do the same for another person.

Where does God manifest his presence? Where in your life have you met God? Who are the people in your life who bear for you the face of Jesus? Epiphanies happen when we least expect them and from the people we least expect. What events may have been an epiphany for you? Epiphanies can also be moments of life changing events which are grace filled. What events have changed your life for the better?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

You are the Church, I am the Church, We are the Church together. We proclaim the Gospel each in our own way. We serve the Body of Christ in our community. We celebrate Eucharist together and we become the Body and Blood of Christ for each other. The fact that the Church is decorated beautifully is a sign of the unity of our parish. Our parishioners created this beautiful environment. Thank you to all who so generously gave to these decorations.

Thank you:

To all of you for your constant generosity to our Parish.

To the many who make this parish work every day.

Thank you to my Pastoral Team. They are a great group of dedicated and generous wonderful people.

Fr. Cletus Forson, Nancy Arkin, John Heyer, Rose Marie Foglia, James Lake, Edwin Rivera.

Thank you to Andy Di Manso

Thank you to Teresa Delgado

Thank you to our Lectors

Thank you to our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion

Thank you to James Lake and Jennifer Wu who created great music during this pandemic.

Thank you to John Mark De Palma and Jose San Juan who are our camera persons.

Thank you to Anthony Troiano

Thank you to Gertrude Zagarella

Thank you to Francesca Reca

Thank you to all our young people who decorated the church

Thank you to all who so kindly monitored the doors during this pandemic

Thank you to our counting teams

Thank you to Nancy Arkin and our Catechists

Thank you to Rose Marie Foglia

Thank you to Mohammad Rahaman

Thank you to our dust angels under the direction of Mother Superior, Linda Masi

Thank you to Chris Kaufmann, our carpenter whose work is displayed throughout our church and chapel and most recently for remaking our Creche which is outside the Church

Thank you to all our altar servers of all ages

Thank you to our Deacon Candidate Edwin Rivera

Thank you to Sondra Rivera who organizes our health related events

Thank you to John Heyer who does so many things here, I cannot list all his contributions.

Thank you to the people of Pozzallo and Mola Di Bari

Thank you to all who make this the most beautiful Church and most beautiful Parish.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie