
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
Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
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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

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**



MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting Baby Shower gift donations to be distributed by the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely chose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: Diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate gifts unwrapped in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the Altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 14th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event!

AN INVITATION

The Long Island Chapter Columbiettes Night of Recollection will be held at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Msgr. Massie will host and all are welcome. Our Lady of Loretto Columbiettes will provide dinner for all who attend. The donation is \$30.00 made payable to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. For reservations or more information, please contact Michele Ruggiero-Sheehan at 718 852-0613. Deadline is Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

FIRST FRIDAY MAY 5TH

The First Friday is always dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of every month affords us a special day of prayer. We offer a Holy Hour in adoration prior to Mass before the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday. The intentions of the heart of Jesus are the conversion of sinners, reparation for sins and the unity of all of Christianity. Please consider joining us on the First Friday from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM. Consider joining us every Saturday for adoration from 4:00 PM-5:15 PM. The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is time spent with Jesus. Such prayer is always fruitful, filled with blessings and is joy filled.

- MON. MAY 1, 2017**
Noon Josephine Patti
Loving Family
- TUE. MAY 2, 2017**
8:30 Evelyn Pellecchia
Birthday Blessings (Deceased)
BY: Rose Palmieri & Daughters
6:30 First Communion Practice
- WED MAY 3, 2017**
8:30 Violet Massie
- THURS. MAY 4, 2017**
8:30 Jerry Pellecchia
Birthday Blessings (Deceased)
BY: Loving Sister Rose
6:30 First Communion Practice
- FRI. MAY 5, 2017**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
- SAT. MAY 6, 2017**
8:30 In Honor of St. Nicholas-
Special Intention
BY: Basillos Makris
5:30 PM Giovannina Martino
BY: The Delgado Family
- SUN MAY 7, 2017**
8:00 AM John Marchesano
BY: Wife Virginia
10:00 AM Christine Adinolfi
10:00 AM First Holy Communion,
"Group A"
12:00 Santa DiGianni
BY: Robert Fasano & Family

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 |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Phil Cerato |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Manrique Galeas | Carol Montelbano |

Rev. Michael A. Carrano

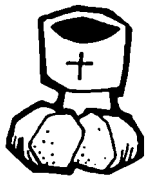
Book Club

Please join our next meeting on May 8th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome!



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of April 30th have been donated In Memory of **RODGER L. COULSTON** BY: Anna Novak



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AN EASTER PRAYER

How wonderful, how marvelous is Your love Jesus! To think that you were willing to go through that for me!

What a day of rejoicing that must have been when you rose and realized it was all over— You had won the victory! You had accomplished your mission. You had made the way for the world to be saved. You had gone through the horrors of death for us and it was over.

You arose in victory, joy, liberation and freedom from the hands of evil men, never to have to go through it again-and you did it all to spare us the same. Now we can say with the apostle Paul “O death, where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

Thinking of the seemingly terrible defeat that you suffered and how it resulted in such a tremendous victory, it fills me with wonder and gives me such hope and peace. Surely you and your love will see me through whatever troubles may come my way from now until eternity! Amen.

Of all of God’s gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven’s gate
This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won
This Easter I pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, renewed
Inside your heart
God Bless You!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season. The Gospels will tell us about the Easter experiences of the apostles and the early Christian Community or the Church. Today's story is one of my favorite Easter Gospels. This Gospel is known as the Road to Emmaus. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter boldly and confidently proclaimed the death and Resurrection of Christ. Notice the great change in Peter who denied knowing Jesus in the Passion narrative. Now he boldly preaches about the Resurrection of Jesus. The second reading from 1 St. Peter explains that the death of Jesus is redemptive. For those who wish to enter into this redemptive life, one must be baptized.

The Gospel for today is a wonderful and inspiring narrative. We actually learn a great deal about early Christian liturgy and early Christian belief. I shall like to propose the following points of study in this gospel.

1). Christ is Risen physically, 2). Christ is present in the community of believers, 3). Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text and 4). The Risen Christ brings about change in those who believe.

1). Christ is Risen physically. It is true that the body of Christ is changed after his resurrection and is no longer subjected to the laws of time and space yet he is the same Jesus known to the disciples before the resurrection. Since God becomes incarnate in Jesus, God is always incarnate even in the resurrection.

2). "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst." The dejected disciples in the gospel are leaving Jerusalem. They are confused, fearful and perhaps disillusioned. They want to get out of Jerusalem. They want to get far away from this Jesus movement. They are discussing all that had happened to Jesus. Jesus was the subject of their conversation. It is at this point that they are met by the stranger on the road. The stranger walks with them and joins in the conversation. In their midst is Jesus although not recognized or seen. When we gather for prayer, scripture study, Mass, Jesus is already present in our midst even if not perceived.

3). Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text. I cannot emphasize enough the belief we have in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe and so does this text believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of Bread. This term Breaking of Bread is an ancient name for the Eucharist. Jesus is recognized in the Breaking of the Bread. When we receive Eucharist, we are meeting a person. We are meeting Jesus. We are in union and communion with God. Do we think about communion as the highest moment of our day? Do we really encounter the Lord Jesus? At adoration, do we think and believe that we are in the presence of the Divine? In the text, Jesus explains the sacred text to the two dejected disciples. Jesus shows the disciples how to read the text. Jesus is in the text of the prophets, psalms and other biblical writings.

4). The Risen Lord brings about change in the believer. The two disciples say: "were not our hearts burning in us?" They change direction and go back to Jerusalem no longer afraid, no longer hopeless, no longer dejected. They are filled with new life. For all of us the Risen Lord, once allowed into our hearts and minds, can affect change in attitudes, inner conversion and change in the direction of our lives. The key is to want to change for the better, to want to be healed, to want to let go of the past negativity. The Risen Lord is present here with us. In us and through us as we try to live in the light of his presence.

The Risen Lord is present in the Eucharist. The Lord is present in the Word. In short, today's Gospel told the story of the Mass. It told us about the scriptures and it told us about the Eucharist. Imagine for all these centuries, the Church in one way or another has been proclaiming the Word and recognizing the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread. Wow! This is a good reason to believe in the Resurrection of Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

UPS AND DOWNS

Although much of the progress on the elevator project was slowed down by the priorities of Holy Week and Easter, our architects have narrowed down the list of interested contractors with the ability to take on our job. These companies are: Burda Construction, Jabus Construction and MLZ Contracting. The team at Baxt-Ingui have been working closely with project managers from each company for the last two weeks refining their proposals and covering all aspects of the project. Once they are done and have final bids from each company which can be compared to one another, Baxt-Ingui will present these to the parish staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council. We are also still waiting on estimates from three interested elevator manufacturers/installers which include: TEI, Start, and Arrow. Please remember that we need your support to continue working toward all of our goals at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen, together. Your payments to Generations of Faith are helping make this project possible. To date, we have received \$287,128 in payments from 172 donors through Generations of Faith. We also currently have 11 parishioners who made pledges but have not made any payments and four parishioners who made pledges and are behind on their payments for a combined total of \$6,872 not collected on \$700,000 pledged. If you have any questions regarding your payments, please contact Generations of Faith at 718 985-7342.

ADORATION AND SILENCE IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

CHRISTO THERAPY

What is adoration? Why adore the Blessed Sacrament?

We Catholics believe that Christ Jesus is really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We believe that at the consecration at Mass, the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This means that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth, preached in the land of Israel, was crucified on Calvary in Jerusalem and rose from the dead out of the tomb is truly, really present here in the Eucharist. We believe that the Bread and the Wine presented at the preparation of the gifts at Mass, through the working of the Holy Spirit present in the congregation and in the priest because of this ordination, through the Eucharistic prayer is changed into the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ. This is a great mystery. Yet if we believe that Jesus is present at Mass and that we encounter Jesus in this sacrament in a unique and wonderful way, I would never absent myself from Mass without a good reason. In the tabernacle in Church or in the chapel, we reserve or keep the consecrated hosts which were not received during Mass. While reserved for the sick and dying so the sacrament can be brought to them, the presence of these consecrated hosts give a place for deeper prayer and reflection on this great mystery of the Eucharist.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is the real presence of Christ among us, gives us the place and the time to be in silence before the Lord Jesus. It is a place to come for peace of mind, it is the place to de-stress from our overly busy lives. It is the place to come and sit before the Lord to pour our hearts to him not unlike so many who sought him out in his own day as we read in the gospel. It is the place to simply give thanks, to enjoy the presence of the Lord. It is the place to allow God to look at us, to contemplate us, to enjoy the Divine presence. Please join us for adoration.

Adoration is every Saturday from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM and First Fridays of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 AM. Those who may not be able to attend Mass due to work obligations can at least pray for a time before the Lord. Come be healed, experience peace and be refreshed.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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