
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
the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific**

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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.

MASSes for the WEEK

- MON. MAY 8, 2017**
Noon In Honor of The Holy Spirit
for The People of the Parish
- TUE. MAY 9, 2017**
8:30 Ralph Wager
BY: The Reca Family
- WED MAY 10, 2017**
8:30 In Thanksgiving to
The Sacred Heart
BY: Marie Caria
- THURS. MAY 11, 2017**
8:30 For The Health Of
Virginia Marchesano
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- FRI. MAY 12, 2017**
8:30 Filomena Scotto
BY: Children
- SAT. MAY 13, 2017**
8:30 Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad
Noon Memorial Mass for
Gaetano DiManso **
**(Andy Di Manso's Brother)
5:30 PM Mothers' Day Remembrance
- SUN MAY 12, 2017**
8:00 AM Mothers' Day Remembrance
10:00 AM Mothers' Day Remembrance
12:00 Mothers' Day Remembrance

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!

FIRST FRIDAYS

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.



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,	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

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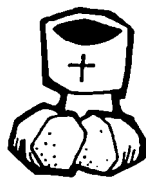
The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

May 7th have been donated

In Memory of

ROSE MEGLIO

BY: Diane Valentino



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of May 7th

has been donated

In Memory of

ROSE MEGLIO

BY: John & Phyllis Edwards

MEMORIAL MASS

Most of you are aware of the passing of Gateano (Guy) Di Manso, brother of our beloved Andy Di Manso. We extend an invitation to all at SHSS to attend a special Memorial Mass for Gaetano Di Manso to be held on Saturday, May 13th at Noon followed by coffee and cookies in the Parish House. Please make every effort to attend this service. Andy's family will also be present for this Mass. We hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Our First Holy Communicants

Girls

Catlin Bramhall
Stella Di Gangi
Ashlan Galante
Maria Teresa Heyer
Virginia Levine
Gabriella Lubrano
Giovanna Martino
Veronica Martuscello
Caterina Reily Cayten
Angelina Russo
Oliva Saraia Arnaud
Isabel Sigler
Izidora Welch

Boys

Paul Jim Caiola
Luca Camarda
Marc Gonzalez
Noah Oliver
Giuseppe Sigler

May God Bless them abundantly as they celebrate this joyous occasion in their lives!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

I wish you a Blessed and Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Shepherds are people who care for their sheep. They live with the sheep. They protect the sheep. They comfort the sheep. They correct the sheep. They are watchful and vigilant. They are always on guard over their sheep. The foundation for their dedication to the sheep is their love for their flock. It was from the sheep that the shepherd obtained the wool for his clothing and milk for his nourishment. The shepherd served the sheep.

Jesus self identifies as the Good Shepherd. He applies all of the requirements of the shepherd to himself. Jesus gathers his flock, calls his sheep by name and even lays down his life for his sheep. We are his flock. Jesus corrects, is watchful and protects his sheep. Jesus accomplishes his shepherding by calling shepherds to act in his place. These shepherds are our bishops, pastors, priests, religious and dedicated lay people who serve us. Those who act in the place of the Good Shepherd must know the Good Shepherd, learn from the Good Shepherd, be dedicated to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the congregation, correct firmly but kindly and always serve the flock. At times, the shepherd may even have to lay down his life for his flock or congregation.

In today's Gospel we are told that Christ calls us by name, we are invited to hear the voice of the Shepherd in our hearts. Jesus knows us by name. He knows us individually and as a member of the community. How do we know that voice? In a world of many voices found on the internet, Face Book, television, newspapers, in all social media, how do we discern the voice of the Good Shepherd? With the advice and expectations by friends and family, how do we recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives? Who helps us to hear the voice of Christ in our hearts and souls?

To recognize the voice of Christ, one must know the Lord Jesus. We must listen to the Gospel and observe keenly the behavior of Jesus in the Gospel. Notice that Jesus acts mercifully even when he is correcting someone or calling people to see beyond their present situation. Notice that Jesus, while sent only to the Children of Israel, is kind to outsiders. Notice that Jesus serves others. No task is beneath him.

He washes the feet of the apostles. Notice that he seeks to reconcile situations and people by helping them to find and face the truth. Notice that Jesus gives of himself even to the point of death. So, how can we discern the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of Jesus calls us to recognize the image of God in all people, the voice of Jesus calls humanity together. The voice of Jesus invites us to give of ourselves, to serve without care for recognition or compensation. The voice of Jesus invites us to grow in self knowledge, in forgiveness and mercy. The voice of the Good Shepherd invites us to come together, to learn from our differences and to build with him the Kingdom of God. The voice of Jesus invites us to discipleship.

We are invited to hear the voice of the Lord through contemplating the Gospel and other sacred text. The voice of the Lord is spoken in the Tradition of the Church especially in the writings of the Fathers. The voice of God is found in being involved in our local parish community. It is found in the cry of the poor and the joy of the young. The voice of God is discerned for us by good and spiritually minded priests, sisters and bishops, parents and teachers and it is found in the depths of our innermost being.

In our day and age, we need priests who can explain the text to us and help us to hear the voice of the Shepherd. We need your sons, grandsons and nephews to be men for Jesus. We often hear the complaint that this priest does not speak clearly, this other priest has a heavy accent and why do we not have American priests? Well, we need you and all of us to encourage our young people to consider a life of service for the Lord. The lure of big money, popularity, sex, glamour and self centered behavior has made our young deaf to the call of the Good Shepherd. Recent poor examples of priestly life has deterred many from pursuing a vocation. Invite young people who you think may have a vocation to consider the possibility that God may be calling him or her to a life of unity with Him and service to us. The future of our Church depends on us, our prayers and our calling young people to service. If they have a vocation, it is the greatest gift God can give to us.

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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