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# **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 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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK



## A STORY FOR ALL FATHERS

**MON. JUNE 19, 2017**

Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family

**TUE. JUNE 20, 2017**

8:30 Deceased Members of  
The Pellicano Family  
BY: Rita

**WED JUNE 21, 2017**

8:30 Guy Di Manso  
BY: The Delgado Family

**THURS. JUNE 22, 2017**

8:30 Guy Di Manso  
BY: Melania Lubrano

**FRI. JUNE 23, 2017**

8:30 Msgr. Patrick Foursey O'Toole  
7:00 PM Sacred Heart for the Parish

**SAT. JUNE 24, 2017**

8:30 Guy Di Manso  
BY: Kevin, Maryann & Theresa Byrne  
5:30 PM Luigi Sorrentino  
BY: The Ruggiero Family

**SUN JUNE 25, 2017**

8:00 For the Health of Millie Scotto  
BY: Her Sister Virginia  
10:00 James Gambardella  
BY: Rose Marie Foglia  
12:00 St. Pietro  
BY: Devotees

A man came home from work late again, tried and irritated. He found his 5 year old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?" The dad replied: "Yeah, sure, what is it?" "Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?" The dad got mad and said, "That's none of your business! Why do you want to know?" The little boy said, "I just want to know, Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" The dad, wanting to sit down and relax, said "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour." The little boy sighed and bowed his head. Looking up, he asked, "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?" The father flew off the handle, "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is so that you can hit me up for some cash to buy some stupid toy, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. You're selfish. I work long, hard hours every day and don't have time for this." The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The dad sat down and started to get even madder about the nerve of his little boy. How dare he ask questions to only get some money. After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think that maybe he was a bit hard on his boy. Maybe his son really needed the money for something important. And so, the father went up to his boy's room and opened it, "Are you asleep, son?" "No daddy, I'm awake," the boy replied. "I've been thinking maybe I was too hard on your earlier. It's been a long day, and I took it out on you. Here's that 10 bucks you asked for." The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you, daddy!" he exclaimed. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a wad of crumpled up bills. The dad, seeing that the boy already had some money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his dad. The dad, now ticked off, demanded to know what was going on, "Why did you want more money if you already had some?" The little boy replied, "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do. Daddy, I have \$20 now...and I'd like to buy an hour of your time."

# 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     | Janet Illiano        |
| 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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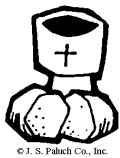


The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of June 18th have been donated

In Memory Of

**ANDREA DICOSTANZO**

**BY: Olivia & Emilio Cuomo**



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of June 18th has been donated

For Happy Birthday Remembrance  
In Heaven

**FOR OUR NONNA TONI VALLO**

Love: **Gabriella & Giancarlo**

## BOOK CLUB

Please join our next meeting on June 12th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where will be discussing The Shack by Wm. Paul Young. All are welcome!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 6/11/17	\$3,290.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,035.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## UPS AND DOWNS

Much progress has been made over the last week regarding the elevator project! After a second round of interviews asking each of the three contractors to identify further cost saving measures possible in our project, the proposals were presented by our architects on June 5th to the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council. Council members were given a tour of the site to help them envision what will be constructed followed by a side by side comparison of the proposal each contractor submitted. After a thorough review, all in attendance agreed with Msgr. Massie on which of the contractors would best complete our project within our budget of \$500,000. Next week, the Diocesan Building Office will review the proposals and our selection for contractor before we can begin construction. We are hoping at this point to see construction begin before the end of June. We will be able to provide more details in next week's bulletin.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Feast of The Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. The readings invite us back to Holy Thursday when we celebrate the institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Due to the proximity of Good Friday and our meditation and contemplation of the Death of the Lord, the Liturgy lacked the time to reflect on the mystery of this great sacrament.

The Eucharist (Blessed Sacrament) is the center of Catholic life. It is the heart beat and pulse of parish life. We both celebrate this sacrament and adore the divine and mysterious presence of the Lord in this sacrament. We believe that the Blessed Sacrament is the Body and Blood of the Lord. We believe that the Lord is really present in this sacrament. We believe that when received or adored, we are encountering the Risen Lord. For us the Eucharist is not a symbol or sign or just a memorial, the Eucharist is Jesus. The celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) is the making present to us sacramentally, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Eucharist or the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in our Tabernacle, which is located beneath the altar crucifix. The Blessed Sacrament is also reserved in the Chapel of the Transfiguration located behind the statue of Mary to the left of the main altar. The Eucharist is reserved for the purpose of prayer and for the sick to whom the Eucharist is brought.

Encountering the Lord Jesus in this great sacrament is a special time for our spiritual life in Christ. After receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, one should spend time in silent prayer with the Lord. The time after communion is a time for silent conversation with the Lord. This is not a time for private conversation with our neighbor or even for visiting the statues of the saints. This is your time with Christ. As we receive the Eucharist, we are also to remember that we receive the Eucharist as a member of the body of Christ. We are in communion with Christ and all who are receiving the Eucharist in this church and throughout the Christian world. In the Eucharist the Lord Jesus says: "Do this in memory of me." We who receive the Eucharist are called to live in memory of Christ in all we do and say.

The Church is the Body of Christ. The people united to Christ through Baptism are drawn together through the sharing in the Eucharist to form one Body—the Church. It is the Church which celebrates the Eucharist. It is the Eucharist that creates the Church. The Church and the Eucharist cannot be separated. The Church is Jesus present in the world through us. Today as we make our procession with the Eucharist through our streets, we are professing our faith in the Sacrament of the Eucharist as well as our belief that we too are the Body of Christ,—the Church.

If the reason for our parish is Christ Jesus, then the Eucharist is the center of our worship, prayer and adoration. Every Saturday afternoon from 4-5 PM and on Sunday morning from 8:45 to 9:45 AM, we have adoration. Do we truly realize how great this sacrament is? Do we truly realize who this sacrament is?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK**  
**FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2017**  
**JULY THROUGH DECEMBER**

The Mass Book for the last six months of 2017, July through December will open on **TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH in the Parish House (Rectory Office) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.** Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. Please take a number as you enter the Office. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request ONE Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened ONE WEEK, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means suppose Mr. and Mrs. X comes to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. ONE for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- 1 The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass not the requesting party.
- 2 Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the Mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved one or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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