
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.

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



The Symbols of The Holy Spirit

MON. JUNE 5, 2017

Noon Vincenza & Vincent Pepe
BY: Son Louis

TUE. JUNE 6, 2017

8:30 Guy Di Manso
BY: Loving Family

WED JUNE 7, 2017

8:30 In Thanksgiving
BY: Jose & Marlene Buenaobra

THURS. JUNE 8, 2017

8:30 For Good Health for The Napoli Family

FRI. JUNE 9, 2017

8:30 Anthony & Anna Massie

SAT. JUNE 10, 2017

8:30 Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad

5:30 PM Louis Trani

BY: Loving Wife, Children &
Grandchildren

SUN JUNE 11, 2017

8:00 Domenico & Amalia Mignano

10:00 Gilda Adinolfi & Francesco Adinolfi

12:00 St. John The Baptist

CCD CLEAN WATER PROJECT

CCD's last "fundraiser" for our Clean Water Project in Ghana will take place next Sunday, June 4th before and after the 10:00 AM Mass. Students in the program will be at the doors of the Church to sell WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) wristbands as well as red balloons for Pentecost. The suggested donation for each is \$1.00. Please help support this worthy cause!

There are four basic symbols for the Holy Spirit. Each symbol tells us something about encountering God as Holy Spirit. One might think Holy Spirit as divine energy. It is for this reason that fire has been seen as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is for this reason that we wear red vestments on Pentecost. Fire gives light and heat, fire warms or purifies, fire is destructive and can heal. It is the Spirit who enlightens us, warms our spiritual lives with the presence of Christ, purifies our motives, challenges us to greater spiritual growth and brings us healing especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Water is a symbol of The Holy Spirit. Water can be gentle, it refreshes us, it gives growth to plants, it is life giving, in that all life on the earth has evolved out of the water and needs water to survive. Water can also destroy. The Holy Spirit brings life, while the Holy Spirit is always the same, the Holy Spirit produces many different gifts just like rain produces many different plants yet remains the same in itself. Water cleans us and restores us. Without the Spirit there is no spiritual life in a person just like without water, there is no life.

Wind and breath is another symbol of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus is the Word of God, then the Holy Spirit is the breath of God. Notice how God breathes into Adam in second chapter of Genesis giving him life. Notice how Ezekiel speaks the Word of God over the dry bones and gives them life. Notice how Jesus dies (John 19) by handing over his Spirit and notice how Jesus breathes on the Apostles after his resurrection. In each case, breath is life and Holy Spirit is life of God in us.

The most popular symbol of the Holy Spirit is the white dove. A dove is a gentle bird that mates but once. It is a beautiful bird who appears in the story of Noah announcing the end of the flood. It is the dove who hovers over Jesus at his baptism pointing out Him as the Messiah. The Dove, while gentle, can be fierce if it sees any of its offspring in danger. In fact, a dove defending her offspring has been known to attack the predator. It is the Holy Spirit in the Church who defends our faith, corrects error and moves us in the truth. As we end Easter, let us together proclaim; JESUS IS LORD. ALLELUIA!!

Sick Relatives & Friends

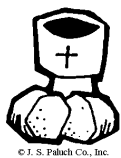
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

Jonelle Bernardo,	Mario Austi
Brad Hatry	Matthew Ruggiero
Michelle Laqueria	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

Rev. Michael A. Carrano



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
June 4th have been donated
In Memory of
GUY DI MANSO
BY: Tommy, Valerie & Joseph



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
June 4th has been donated
In Memory of
ROSE MEGLIO
BY: Connie, Phyllis & Linda

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 5/28/17	\$2,731.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,594.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

FIRST MASS OF REV. KAMIL BOBER

As you have shared in his life and preparation for the priesthood by your prayers, support and friendship, you are cordially invited to attend a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by

Rev. Kamil Bober
Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017
At 12:00 Noon

**First Blessing to follow in
Main Church and
Refreshments to follow in
Cabrini Hall
Located below the
Church**

All are welcome!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

“Only in the Holy Spirit can we say Jesus is Lord”

Pentecost means fifty. We are now fifty days after Easter. Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. The readings of Pentecost are based on the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated fifty days after the Passover. The Jewish Feast of Weeks celebrates God giving the Torah. Pentecost for us celebrated the giving of the Holy Spirit or the Spirit rather than the letter of the Torah. While the Torah revealed the mind of God to the Israelites, the Torah showed the Israelites how to walk according to God’s wishes. The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us who is the mind and heart of the Father. Jesus is the illustration or the “how to of the Torah.” It is with the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit that we can profess our faith in Christ Jesus as the image of God among us.

Pentecost is the great feast of the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostolic community or the Church. We believe in one God who we experience through three distinct relationships. We experience God as Father and Creator, we experience God as Word, Redeemer and Savior or as Jesus, and we experience God as life giver, sustainer or as Holy Spirit. We experience these relationships simultaneously. Every prayer, every good work, every prayer for forgiveness is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives witness to Jesus. It is through the Holy Spirit that the redemption achieved by Christ in his Passion, Death and Resurrection is appropriated to us personally and community. The Holy Spirit brings about the affects of the works of Christ to us especially through the sacraments.

Its only in the Holy Spirit that we say that Jesus is Lord of our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us in a personal relationship with Christ through the Eucharist, the Sacred Texts and the community of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to see the connection between Christ and our daily lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms God from being a theological concept into a reality in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms the Gospel from being stories about Jesus to making Jesus the dynamic center of our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms lives from searching for the truth into lives of living the truth. It is the Holy Spirit who sets hearts on fire, breathes life into our spirits, splashes us with baptismal water, moves us, inspires us and convicts us of our faith in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit points to the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit’s gifts of Wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety and reverence. It is these gifts which cultivate life, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, chastity, generosity and self control. Today, we who believe in Christ Jesus, live through his abiding presence in the Holy Spirit.

It is only in the Holy Spirit we can Confess: JESUS IS LORD!

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

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