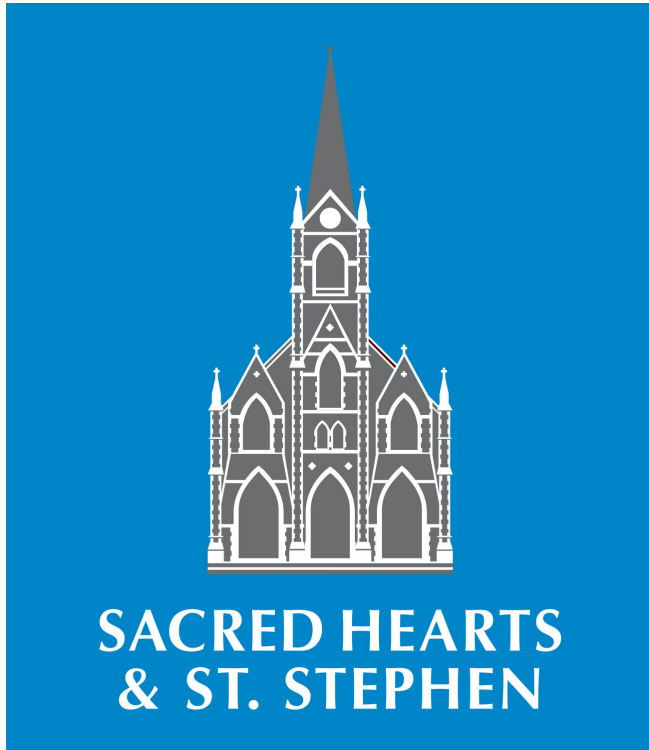

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

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

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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



- MON. AUGUST 21, 2017**
Noon Anthony & Carmela Scotto
BY: The Napoli Family
- TUE. AUGUST 22, 2017**
8:30 Robert Palmieri
BY: Loving Wife Rose,
Children & Grandchildren
- WED AUGUST 23, 2017**
8:30 In Thanksgiving
BY: The Lubrano Family
- THURS. AUGUST 24, 2017**
8:30 Lucille Veziano
BY: Andy Di Manso
- FRI. AUGUST 25, 2017**
8:30 Joe & Terry Cardillo
BY: Tommy, Valerie & Joseph
- SAT. AUGUST 26, 2017**
8:30 Joseph & Lia Cerato
BY: Joseph Cerato & Louis Pepe
5:30 PM Frank Aguggia
BY: The Delgado Family
- SUN AUGUST 27, 2017**
8:00 In Thanksgiving for
Blessings Received Through The
Intercession of St. Ann
BY: The Lubrano Family
10:00 Michael Iacono
BY: Loving Mom & Family
12:00 Anthony Mugro
BY: Loving Family

UPS AND DOWNS

Construction continues to move forward with the removal of the pre-existing staircases and preparation for the installation of new floor support beams which will allow for the creation of the elevator shaft. While removing wood from the choir loft, two segments of original plaster work which predated the post fire renovation of the church were discovered. Although they are small and insignificant, these parts of the church have not been seen since the 1870's when the church was constructed. If you were unable to contribute to the Generations of Faith Campaign, which is paying for the installation of the elevator, and would like to contribute to this project now, please see Msgr. Massie or John Heyer for ways you can be included. We thank those who have been fulfilling their pledges and ask that you continue to do so. Without your donations, this project would not be possible.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them to help them to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to provide for your child's religious formation this fall.

- For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms were mailed in June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you haven't received a form, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or email narkin1960@gmail.com.
- If you prefer to re-register in person, if you have a child who will be attending for the first time, or have any questions or concerns, please call 718 596-7750 for assistance or to make an appointment.

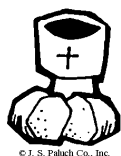
Sick Relatives & Friends

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	Alicia 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
Elizabeth Lo Porto	Carol Montalbano
Rev. Michael A. Carrano	Elizabeth Foley



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 20th have been donated In Memory of **CONCETTA FOGLIA**
BY: Rose Marie



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of August 20th has been donated in memory of **LORIANNE SGRO ZODDA**
BY: The Hoerburger Family

THANK YOU

We thank the Heyer Family who generously paid for the food provided for us after the noon mass on August 20th. Thank you for your kindness to all of us.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 8/6/17	\$2,675.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,650.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on September 9th @ 8:30 AM. Please fill out a prayer intention card and place it in the intention basket located in the back of the church.

I pray for you though I may not know you. The Weakest and the Sick. I pray Dear Lord, comfort them with your great Love and Mercy.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help a student who can't afford school supplies start the school year equipped to succeed! You can drop off new school supplies or make a donation in the back of the church at any Mass between August 5th and September 3rd to benefit local families in need and the children of Ghanna. Most needed supplies: spiral notebooks, folders, No. 2 pencils, pencil sharpener, washable markers, crayons, pens, erasers, scissors, rulers, box of tissues, construction paper, composition books, glue stick and back packs.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block Party/Yard Party is 9/17/17 after the Noon Mass. Join us for music, entertainment and a toast to the summer. Please bring a dish and share it with us!

Saint Padre Pio

St. Padre Pio comes to the Archdiocese of N.Y. Saint Patrick Cathedral 5th Avenue, NYC Come and venerate the official relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietreleina in this first U.S. Tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of St. Padre Pio's birth and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. Sunday, September 17th from 7:00 AM—8:00 PM. Monday, September 18th from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. On Sunday, 9/17, at 10:15 AM, a mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Padre Pio by Cardinal Dolan.

For information please call 616 537-7830, ext. 828 or e mail SylviaRivas@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

Today's Liturgy of the Word is challenging us to have faith, to love, to be persistent, to have courage and never give up hope in the Lord. To understand the three readings this Sunday, it will be helpful to review some points about the ministry of Jesus. We are used to a Jesus who comes for all. We accept the universal message of the Gospel for all people at all times. This acceptance is true, however, the universality of the Gospel message, as we have today, happened after the Resurrection. The universal message of the Gospel came most perfectly through the preaching of Saint Paul. In the Gospel today, we are in a time period before the Resurrection and certainly prior to Paul I. (However, we must remember the Gospel is written well after the Resurrection). Today we are at a point of development.

The primary mission of Jesus was to the Jewish people of his time. So, when in the Gospel, Jesus says "my mission is to the lost of the house of Israel". It is a true statement. Remember, Jesus is spearheading a movement which is primarily a Jewish event. So, the first concern of Jesus is to the Jewish People, not the gentiles or the non-Jews. The Gospel message would go to the gentile world after the Resurrection.

The Canaanite woman is a gentile. She is from a people who were traditional enemies of the Jewish People. While ethnicity plays a lesser role in our American society than it once did, in Biblical times it was a major concern. The Israelites had believed themselves to be a people, a nation, a community that had a particular calling to be the People of God. There were benefits and consequences for their special status. They had to walk in the ways of the Lord as revealed by the Torah. There was not a belief in universality that the Catholic Church has today. While all could have a relationship with God, the Israelite relationship was special. The mission of Jesus was first to the Jewish People, not to the Gentile world. The call to the gentile world would come later. In this Gospel, Jesus has crossed outside of Jewish territory and he is in present day Lebanon. He comes to this place to seek rest. He is recognized by this woman. What is Jesus to do?

There are many understandings of this story. Jesus himself perhaps as man is startled that his message is being accepted by the non-Jewish world. He also may be coming to realize that his message will have a universal appeal earlier than expected. The non-Jewish world comes to know Christ through the preaching of Paul and others. Jesus is compassionate, yet this woman is a pagan. Did she understand that he was more than a miracle worker? Did she understand that faith in him was necessary? Did she understand that his mission was one of service? Why did Jesus delay in his response to her?

The lesson of the day rests with the nameless woman. She teaches us several aspects of prayer. She seems to have faith. Notice her faith grew during the conversation with Jesus. She calls him at first Jesus, Son of David, have mercy. This title is a messianic title which recognized Jesus as a leader and a wonder worker. At the end of the Gospel, she addresses him as Lord. Her faith grew. She had hope even when he would not speak with her. She loved. She was asking for a healing for a daughter. She even braved his rebuke for the sake of her daughter. She loved much. She was persistent. She had courage and she received her miracle.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPEN THE ROSE

A young new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the younger preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...it wasn't long before he realized how it was impossible to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to tell the following poem:

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.
If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Than how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?
So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my heavenly Father knows,
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

(Author Unknown)

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