
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
Tues. through 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



- MON. AUGUST 28, 2017**
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Family
- TUE. AUGUST 29, 2017**
8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero
BY: The Reca Family
- WED AUGUST 30, 2017**
8:30 Concetta Foglia
BY: Daughter Rose Marie
- THURS. AUGUST 31, 2017**
8:30 Gino Masi
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**
8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Uncle Frank
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 2, 2017**
8:30 Anthony Platania
BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
- 5:30 PM** Kenny Boucher
BY: Anna Gallo
- SUN SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**
8:00 Giuseppina Antenucci
BY: The Iannone Family
- 10:00** Biaggio Lubrano
**BY: Wife,
 Children & Grandchildren**
- 12:00** For The People of The Parish

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.

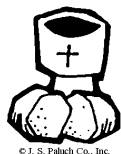
Sick Relatives & Friends

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

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| Jonelle Bernardo, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laqueria | 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 27th have been donated In Memory of **DENISE POMPILLO & EDITH FRAUMENI**
BY: Phyllis & Linda



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of August 27th has been donated in memory of **DENISE POMPILLO & EDITH FRAUMENI**
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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Please join our next meeting on Sept. 11th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by *John Irving*. All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 8/20/17	\$5,173.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-9,152.00

** 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.



Back to School

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 Ghana. 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.



The Men's Fellowship will be giving out Free Ice Cream after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday evening, September 2nd. Be sure to get yours and join in the fun!



Through a Program sponsored by NYU Langone Brooklyn, SHSS will be holding Blood Pressure Screening beginning in September. Additionally, Flu Shots will be made available in October. Dates and details for these events will be announced in next week's bulletin. We are excited to be bringing these services to our Parish and look forward to a successful program.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

Who do you confess Jesus to be?

Today is the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading and the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah use the same symbolic language.

In both readings we find the symbol of keys. Keys given to a person represents authority. The person holding the keys has authority. Peter in the gospel is given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first reading, Eliakim is the bearer of the keys of the House of David. The holder of keys must be a father to those whom he serves. He must be a tyrant. The holder of keys will prohibit or give access to people. The holder of keys must provide safeguard for those he serves.

The image of the keys has been applied to the Papacy of the Catholic Church. Catholics believed that Peter's position was succeeded by others through the years so as to preserve the Apostolic Succession. Catholics believe that the Bishop of Rome is the successor to St. Peter. Therefore, Catholics trace their roots back to Jesus and the apostles. Similar to Eliakim, the authority of the Pope is one of service to the people. The Pope is to be a father to us. Through the power of the keys, the pope as the chief shepherd can give access or prohibit some of our behaviors for our own spiritual welfare. The Pope as the holder of the keys is to strengthen and facilitate our faith. Among us the Pope is the first confessor of the Resurrection of the Lord. At the end of the day, the conviction of faith in Christ is the key.

Who do you confess Jesus to be?

Peter confessed that he believed that Jesus is the Christ. His faith had consequences. Peter confessed his belief in Christ and was made head of the Apostolic College. He confessed that he loved Jesus and because of his love and faith in Christ, he died for the faith. Faith has consequences. Each of us must answer for him or herself who Jesus is. If you confess that Jesus is the Christ then you must live accordingly. The title Christ means the anointed one. It is not the family name of Jesus. The Christ or the Messiah was expected to be an advocate of the people. The Messiah was expected to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. In the time of the Messiah there would come the great Peace or the great Shalom. The Messiah was to free the people from tyranny in all of its forms. There was no separation between spiritual and worldly effects of the Messiah. The work of the Messiah was to bring the world back to God. In short, the Messiah would accomplish redemption on all levels. Confessing Jesus as the Christ was a great insight for Peter. Jesus was to carry out his messianic mission in a way no one expected. It was not conceivable that the Messiah (the Christ) would suffer and die and in the eyes of the world, be defeated. Therefore to confess Jesus as the Messiah had consequences. Could Peter see beyond the Cross to the Resurrection? Could the apostles accept the cross of suffering for the message of the Gospel?

The same is true for us. Many are Catholic by culture and not by deep faith. Culture, family background, teaching and environment does act as agents of helping us to believe but in the end, each of us must answer for one self who Jesus is. One may know about the faith. This does not make a believer. One may be a priest or bishop or pope or a lay minister and not once faced the question of personal belief. Each of us must accept faith individually and in the community of the Church. The faith must be owned by us personally. It cannot be the faith of your parents or grandparents or the priest or your teacher.

To accept this faith, you must be willing to suffer for it and even die for it. You must be willing to share it and pass it on. So, who is Jesus for you? If Jesus is the Messiah for you, why is he the Messiah for you? If he is not the Messiah then who is he? If he is the Messiah, how do you live your life as a result of that belief? If you believe, what behaviors are compatible with your belief and what behaviors are not compatible with your messianic belief? The more we live the faith, the more we proclaim the Christ. When our behavior contradicts the faith, the more we betray the mission of Christ.

Who do you say Jesus is?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

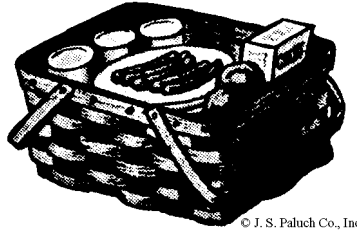
WE NEED YOUR HELP

PARISH BACKYARD PICNIC

With Live Band

Sunday, September 17

From 1 - 5 in the Church Yard



Please check off how you can help and return it in the collection by September 10th.

- I will bring a covered dish to share with everyone
- I will supply _____ to be grilled (hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, etc.)
- I will bring Water/ Soda/ Juice
- I will donate \$_____ for Ice
- I will bring dessert
- I will donate \$_____ to help pay for the Entertainment and Music
- I will donate \$_____ to help pay for the children's Bounce House
- I will help organize Children's Activities and Games
- I will organize a parish stickball (or other) game
- I would like to _____ (add your suggestion)

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Participate in the Feast by:

- *Helping carry the flags and banners for the procession from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Children and Adults needed) Please e-mail info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com*
- *Helping carry Our Lady during the procession from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Men 17 years and older)-Please e-mail info@Sacredhearts-ststephen.com*
- *Bring the family to see the fireworks at 8:00 PM on the front steps of Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen.*
- *Attend Mass in honor of Our Lady at 8:15 PM in the church.*
- *Seeing if your house or business is on the procession route at www.Mariaaddolorata.com*
- *Decorating the outside of your home if it is on the route and being there when it passes by.*
- *Walk with your family and friends behind Our Lady starting at 4:00 PM.*

INFORMATION SHEET

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