
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. JULY 31, 2017**
Noon Lia & Joseph Cerato
BY: Andy Di Manso
- TUE. AUGUST 1, 2017**
8:30 Lilly, Dominick &
Augustine Di Coscia
BY: Richie & Susie
- WED AUGUST 2, 2017**
8:30 Jerry Pellecchia
BY: Nieces, Rose, Evelyn & Dana
- THURS. AUGUST 3, 2017**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- FRI. AUGUST 4, 2017**
8:30 Guy Di Manso
BY: Francesca Reca
- SAT. AUGUST 5, 2017**
8:30 John Taranto
BY: Lucy & Brigida Piro
5:30 PM Nicole Vergona
BY: Loving Family
- SUN AUGUST 6, 2017**
8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
For The People of The Parish
10:00 Transfiguration For the People
Of The Parish
12:00 James Gambardella
BY: The Iacono Family

UPS AND DOWNS

At their recent meeting, the members of the Diocesan Building Commission and Fiscal Management considered our request for the approval of the ADA Accessibility, ADA Bathroom, Conveyance Systems project to be performed at our church building. After reviewing the recommendations of the Building Commission and Fiscal Management and noting that they have accepted the approximate total projected cost of this project by MLZ Contracting, Inc. (the firm selected by Msgr. Massie, Parish Council and Parish Finance Council) to be \$500,000.00, it is the decision of Bishop DiMarzio to grant the necessary approval for us to proceed with this work. MLZ is currently competing vendor packets and submitting insurance information to the Diocese as part of an interview process all contractors must go through when working on any church buildings in Brooklyn and Queens. Once all forms are submitted, work will begin immediately.

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 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 |
| Rev. Michael A. Carrano | Elizabeth Foley |



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

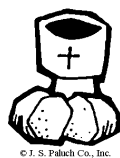
July 30th have been donated

In Memory of

ROSIE GARBELLOTTO

4 Years in Heaven

BY: The Garbellotto Family



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of July 30th has been donated in memory of

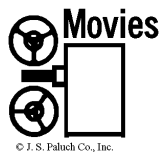
LORIANNE SGRO ZODDA

BY: Michael & Louann Manus

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 7/23/17	\$2,686.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,639.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SHSS presents Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

On

Saturday, July 29th

In the Church Yard

7:00 PM Kid's

Beauty and the Beast

Sing-a-long with Ms. Evie

8:10 PM Movie Begins

& on

Saturday, August 5th

The Shack @ 8:00 PM

Admission is Free. No food allowed.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.



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SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, September 17th, SHSS will hold a Parish Picnic beginning at 1:00 PM in the Church Yard. Come join the fun!



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Personal Prayer Intention Mass will be held on Friday, August 18th @ 8:30 AM.

Please fill out a card located in the back of the Church and place it in the prayer intention basket.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

Today, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme of Wisdom seems to unite the Liturgy of the Word. In the first reading from the First Book of Kings, we read Solomon's prayer for wisdom. We also read God's response to the prayer. Wisdom is more than knowledge. It is seeing our surroundings, the events in our lives, our successes and our failures, our joys and our pains as God sees them. Wisdom is a gift from God. In the Gospel reading we continue the discussion about the Kingdom of God. Jesus is smart. He uses images to which people may relate to explain to them the meaning of the Kingdom of God.

The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans picks up on the Divine Wisdom theme. In this passage, Paul says "Brothers and Sisters: We know that all things work for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." To understand Paul, we must understand the constant move to conversion to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. Paul's conversion was not a one time event. The conversion processes continued all through Paul's life. Paul continuously grew in his relationship with Jesus.

In this passage, Paul tells us that we are called to love God. The act of loving God is itself a grace from God enables us to love God. If we love God, than we trust that all will work out to his purpose. God's purpose is good because those who love God, trust God. Here we are called to a deeper conversion to the mind and heart of the Lord. That we may grow to will what God wills. This is true for all situations and events. It is true of the world, the church and in our personal lives. We may not understand this in every situation but we believe that all is for the growing of the Kingdom of God. For example, look at the death of Christ. Those surrounding the cross did not understand how this tragedy could possibly be for the good of the world let alone them or Jesus. For those who love God, they trust that all will accomplish God's purpose. St. Theresa Lisieus said, "Everything is a grace. Everything is the direct effect of our Father's love, difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, burdens, needs. Everything because through them, the soul learns humility, realizes its weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events—to the heart that loves, all is well."

Are we growing in our relationship with Christ to speak as did Theresa or Paul? Do we see ourselves called to love so as to will all that God wants in our lives and in the lives of others? Can I trust God so deeply? Conversion is on going. It is more than just saying prayers or fulfilling obligations. It is growing to love and trust the Lord with our lives.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THE LORD'S PRAYER DRAMA

Person: Our Father, who **God:** Yes?

Person: Don't interrupt me! I'm praying. **God:** But you called me.

Person: Called you? I didn't call you. I was praying. Our Father who art in Heaven. **God:** There, you did it again.

Person: Did what? **God:** Called me. You said, "Our Father who art in heaven." Here I am. What's on your mind?

Person: But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, sort of like getting a job done.

God: All right. Go on. **Person:** Hallowed by thy name.

God: Hold it! What do you mean by that?

Person: By what? **God:** By "hallowed by thy name"?

Person: It means...it means.... Good Grief! How should I know what it means? It's just part of the prayer. (pause) By the way, what does it mean?

God: It means hallowed, holy, wonderful.

Person: Ah, that makes sense. I never thought about what hallowed meant before. Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God: Do you really mean that?

Person: Of course! Why not?

God: What are you going to do about it?

Person: Do? Nothing. I suppose. I just think it would be rather good if you got control of things down here the way you have up there.

God: Have I got control of you? **Person:** Well, I go to church.

God: That isn't what I asked you. What about that bad temper? You really got a problem there you know!

Person: Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of those hypocrites down at the church!

God: Excuse me, but I thought you were praying for my will to be done? If that is to happen, it will have to start with ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

Person: Oh, all right! I guess I do have a few hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I probably could name some others.

God: So could I.

Person: I haven't thought about it much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I really would like to know how to be free.

God: Good! Now we're getting somewhere! We'll work together, you and I. Some real victories can be won. I'm proud of you!

Person: Look, Lord, I need to finish this up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does! Give us this day our daily bread.

God: You need to cut the bread you're a little overweight as it is!

Person: Hey! Wait a minute! What is this? Here I am doing my religious duty and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my faults!

God: Praying is a dangerous thing. You could end up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to bring across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep on praying. I'm interested in the next part of your prayer. (Pause) Well, go on!

Person: I'm scared to...

God: Scared of what?

Person: I know what you'll say!

God: Try me and see.

Person: Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.

God: What about Peter Brown?

Person: See! I knew you would bring him up! Why, Lord he told lies about me, and he cheated me out of some money. I swear that I'll get even with him.

God: But your prayer. What about your prayer?

Person: I didn't mean it.

God: Well, at least you're honest! But it's not much fun carrying around that load of bitterness inside, is it?

Person: No, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even! Have I got some plans for old Peter!

God: You won't feel better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. Think of how unhappy you really are. But I'll change all that.

Person: You will? How?

God: Forgive Peter. Then I'll forgive you. Then the hate and sin will be Peter's problem and not yours. You may lose the money, but you will have settled your heart.

Person: It doesn't sound easy, but deep down, I know it would be worth the effort. Thank you, Lord, for helping me work through this. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever.

AMEN.

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