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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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## **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN**

*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.

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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



MON.	OCTOBER 30, 2017
Noon	Theresa & Salvatore Tilocca BY: The Troiano Family
TUE.	OCTOBER 31, 2017
8:30	Stanislaw Siwicki
WED	NOVEMBER 1, 2017—ALL SAINTS DAY
8:30	Elizabeth Lo Porto BY: M/M Louis Napoli
Noon	Patricia Arige BY: Anthony & Laura Trani
7:00 PM	Pietro Reca BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
THURS.	NOVEMBER 2 2017
8:30	ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE
7:00 PM	ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE
FRI.	NOVEMBER 3, 2017
8:30	Deceased of Massie & Sisto Families
SAT.	NOVEMBER 4, 2017
8:30	Richard Pyle BY: Andy Di Manso
Noon	Annual Scotto Funeral Home Mass
5:30 PM	Louis Trani BY Troiano Family
SUN	NOVEMBER 5, 2017
8:00	Patricia Palumbo
10:00	Deceased Members of The Piro & Senese Family BY: Children & Grandchildren
12:00	Jean & Alfonse Cipaldo BY: Their Daughters, Angela & Debra

## BLOOD PRESSURE/FLU CLINIC

Through a Program sponsored by NYU Langone Brooklyn, SHSS will be holding a Health and Blood Pressure Clinic. It will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with the exception of holidays. November Blood Pressure Screening will take place on 11/5 11/12 and 11/19. No Screening on Thanksgiving weekend. The Flu Clinic will be held on Sunday, 11/12 (changed from 11/5 due to the Marathon) from 11AM-1:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age and have your medical card available for Flu Shots only. There are a limited number of vouchers for those with no insurance. These activities will take place in the back of the church by the Statue of St. Rocco.

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

What is it that we celebrate on these days? What is the communion of saints? What do we mean by the resurrection of the dead?

All Saints Day celebrates the memory of all those who have died, some of whose names we know, but for the most part we do not know, who now see the face of God. These good and holy people may be our own relatives and friends whose lives inspired you and many others through their prayer and their acts of mercy and charity. In the Apostle's Creed, we say: "I believe in the communion of saints..." By this term we mean that those who are now seeing the face of God are remembering us. They are praying for us. Thus we here on earth and they in heaven are in communion with each other. Communion means in union with us and we with them. The saints experience God more directly. We experience God through Word and Sacrament. To make this communion clearer, I suggest that we think of it like this; when I ask you please pray for me, what am I asking? I am asking you to take my name and petitions to God when you pray. When we ask for example Saint Francis to pray for us, we are asking St. Francis, who is presently beholding the face of God, to mention our name to God and our needs to God. The saint or those praying for us do not grant us our petitions. They pray for us. Only the Lord grants our needs, graces and petitions. The one praying for us always points us to Jesus.

The word: "Saint" comes from the word; "Sanctus" meaning holy. Who is holy? Do we really know who is holy? Only God sees what is unseen. Therefore it is not until after death that we know who is holy. How one's life ends tells us of the victory of one's life before God. The "holy ones", also known as the saints, loved Christ to an extraordinary degree. Their deep relationship with Christ inspired them to become examples of charity and mercy. Some gave their lives for Christ as martyrs. Some lived as contemplatives. Some lived ordinary lives in a most extraordinary manner. Their lives were possessed by Jesus. Jesus was their joy, their hope and their reason for living. They tell us by their lives the way to holiness, wholeness, happiness, justice and peace is JESUS.

If you want to be a saint, then seek to grow in your relationship with Christ Jesus. Learn about the lives of some of the saints. Learn how a particular saint faced difficulties, prayer and doubt. Try to imitate the saint in his or her devotion to Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform you, remake you and help you to know the mind and heart of Christ.

# 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:

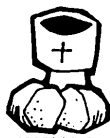
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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
October 29th have  
been donated  
In Memory of  
**JOSEPHINE WALKER**  
By: **Rose Marie Foglia**



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of  
October 29th has been donated  
In Memory of  
**ANDREA DICOSTANZO**  
BY: **Olivia & Emilio Cuomo & Family**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/22	\$ 3,957.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$ -10,368.00

\* \*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

### ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day, we the church remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The reason we pray for our faithful departed is because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray that God may have mercy upon them, look upon their faults with a merciful heart and forgive their sins or failings. We are also told in 2Maccabees (12:43-46) that it is a "good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." The liturgy of the day moves us to hope. The readings remind us that those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are in the hands of God. Believing that our loved ones are with God gives us hope and peace of mind and heart.

While our faith is our strength and eternal life our hope, our hearts still hurt and our spirits still feel the loss. Love never dies, people die. God is love. The love we have experienced in the lives of our loved ones and the love we have for them survive death. Why? Because God is Love. In the First Letter of John we read: "we are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light, when it does, we shall see God as he is." This tells us that we survive death, that our relationship with God continues, and that death for the Christian means: "life has changed not ended." For all of us who are going through this year of mourning, life has changed. It seems that grief comes to us in different ways. Just when you think you are healed, you will find yourself in tears. Depending on the depth and the closeness of the relationship, the loss of a loved one leaves us with an emotional wound. We mourn our loss not just for a year, but in many ways, forever until we see them again. If we can always hold our departed loved ones in our hearts, how much more does God hold us to his heart?

Today and every day, the church prays for her children who have gone before us. We pray for them because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray for them because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and the life of the world to come.

I invite all especially those who are mourning this year to see the heart of God manifested to us in the kindness, understanding and compassion we have received from our friends, neighbors and relatives. As we walk through this coming holiday season, perhaps we can pray for each other that we may find our hope, peace and joy in knowing that God is with us.

May God give rest to our loved ones and consolation to all who mourn. May our faith be our strength and eternal life our hope.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

**“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

The Gospel today is familiar to us. So familiar is this Gospel text that we risk the danger of not hearing it or listening to it, thinking incorrectly to ourselves that we know this text. The Matthew 22:34-40 is the summation of Exodus 22:20-26 which is today's first reading. The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians speaks to us about the conversion of the Thessalonians and how they became models of faith for all those living in Macedonia and Achaia. The reason for the conversion of the Thessalonians was not just Paul's preaching, but also Paul's example.

We cannot claim to love God if we hate our brothers and sisters. In Christianity, God is mediated to us through the humanity of Christ Jesus. It is in the image of Christ Jesus that we all are created. Therefore, we love God through service to people as well as our prayer/sacramental life. Our prayer life, our sacramental life, our meditations must move us to be people of charity. It is on our faith, our acts of charity and mercy that we will be judged. St. Vincent de Paul tells us that every rule must have Charity as its goal. In Matthew 25:11 it is on mercy and charity that the last judgment is based. Christianity is a faith of relationships. Our belief in God as a Trinity of persons indicates to us that God is a community of persons in relationship to each other. If we are created in the image of God, we are created as people called into relationships with God, others and oneself.

How does one love oneself? We will the effective good for ourselves when we see ourselves created in the image of God and redeemed by Christ. We love ourselves by caring for our health, our spiritual wellbeing and by having good wholesome friendships. We love ourselves by respecting ourselves. By loving ourselves, we can grow in loving others by willing for others the good we ourselves will for ourselves. Self esteem and loving one's self must come with a dose of humility. We must see ourselves as loved by God. If God could love us with all our faults, who am I not to will the good for myself? Loving yourself does not mean that you are perfect or special, in fact, the more we know ourselves, the greater we grow to appreciate the love of God for us. If God loves us, we return that love to another. If you do not love yourself, you will find it difficult to love another. Love of one's self means knowing one's faults, one's gift and one's rough spots and trusting in God's Mercy.

Love is of God and is the foundation of all relationships. What is the meaning of love as it is seen in the sacred text? Love means the effective willing the good for the other, even if this means sacrifice. Love does not mean a feeling, an emotional attachment or even liking. The disciple of Christ is called to will the good of the other without distinction. Therefore, one wills the good for the other because the love of Christ impels us to do so. The closer to Christ, the closer to humanity we draw. The more human we are, the closer to God we are. To be truly human is to recognize our total dependence on God. To sin is not human, it is inhuman.

To love one's neighbor governs how we relate to the other, whether the other be one's spouse, child, co-worker or one's neighbor in the neighborhood. Acts of mercy, kindness, charity, justice are directed to the good of the other or the community. They are not directed to one's own agenda. Living for Christ means to have the love we see Christ impel us to love for his sake.

How does your participation at Eucharist today affect for the better the worlds in which you live? Does your prayer life inspire you to be more forgiving, more merciful, more charitable? Are you motivated to speak out and work for justice for those who are unable to speak out for themselves? How does your faith make you and your community better?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK**  
**FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018**  
**JANURAY THROUGH JUNE**

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2018, January through June, will open on Tuesday, November 14th 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. & Mrs. X come to request mass intentions. Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two for 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 to 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 every day 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 tell us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**PRAYER INTENTION MASS**

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on **November 29th @ 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.*

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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