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

**WWW.SacredHearts-StStephen.com**



*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 9, 2017**  
Noon Kenneth Boucher  
BY: Uncle Richie & Aunt Susie
- TUE. OCTOBER 10, 2017**  
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received  
BY: John, Maria, Maria Teresa & Catherine Rita Heyer
- WED OCTOBER 11, 2017**  
8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
- THURS. OCTOBER 12, 2017**  
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit for the Intentions of Gena Diacomanolis
- FRI. OCTOBER 13, 2017**  
8:30 Biaggio Lubrano  
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- SAT. OCTOBER 14, 2017**  
8:30 George Hindy  
5:30 PM Jerry "Ciro" Geritano  
BY: Mom & Dad
- SUN OCTOBER 15, 2017**  
8:00 Elizabeth Lo Porto  
BY: Mary Ann, Kevin & Theresa Byrne  
10:00 Deceased Members of The Pellicano Family  
BY: Rita  
12:00 Anthony Scotto (Deceased)  
Birthday Blessings  
BY: Wife Maureen

## 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.



**NEW YORK CITY**  
**STREET DEDICATION**  
**"MOTHER CABRINI WAY"**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**@11:00 AM**

**CORNER OF E. 19TH ST. & 3RD AVE.**  
**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Cabrini Mission Foundation invite you to join them for a ceremony dedicating East 19th St. and 3rd Ave. as "Mother Cabrini Way" Light refreshments to follow at Cabrini Apartments 220 E. 19th St. NYC212-228-8608



**NOVENTY**  
**ANIMATED ANIMAL SALE**

Once again this year, we welcome members of the Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, Inc. who will be selling unique Novelty Animated Singing Animals to raise money for the children at the Ronald McDonald House in NYC and the pediatric unit of Memorial Sloan Kettering Center after Masses on October 21st and October 22nd. Each bear moves and sings its own song. Most cost \$35.00. If you don't need a bear, please consider making a monetary donation to help the children.

# 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:

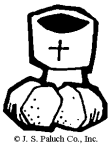
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| Jonelle Bernardo,    | Mario Austi          |
| Brad Hatry           | Matthew Ruggiero     |
| Michelle Laquercia   | Irene Balen          |
| Dolly Vergona,       | Gloria Heyer         |
| Angelo Vergona       | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith 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    |
| Carol Montelbano     | Elizabeth Foley      |

Rev. Michael A. Carrano



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of October 8th have been donated In Memory of **VIRGINIA MARIE GUIDO**

By: Andrew & Carolyn S. Moriello



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 8th has been donated

In Memory of **GUY DI MANSO**

BY: The LoPorto & Eng Family

## BOOK CLUB

Please join our next meeting on October 16th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing **The Widow of the South** by Robert Hicks.

All are welcome!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/1/17	\$ 3,640.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$-10,685.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on October 20th @ 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.*



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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 and in the month of November. November Blood Pressure Screening will take place on 11/5 and 11/12. (For November only!) The Flu Clinic will be held on Sunday, 11/5 from 11AM-1:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age and have your medical card available for Flu Shots only. These activities will take place in the back of the church by the Statue of St. Rocco.

We are excited to be bringing these services to our Parish and look forward to a successful program.

## CHURCH BEHAVIOR-RECTORY BUSINESS

Dear Everyone:

Just a reminder, Rectory business should be conducted at the Rectory during the week from 9AM-5PM. The members of the staff are also members of the parish. They have a need to pray at Mass, be part of the Liturgy and visit the Blessed Sacrament just as anyone else. Kindly allow our staff to pray in church and do not try to conduct Rectory concerns in church. Requesting Mass intentions, renewing memorial candles, donations, envelope concerns and questions are to be conducted either at the Rectory or by calling the Rectory, not in Church. Kindly respect the privacy and the prayer time of the staff members.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family:**

**“Lord teach us to number our days aright that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Ps. 90-12**

**Does God’s patience come to an end in our time to cooperate with God limited?**

**Today’s Gospel reading continues the challenging parables addressed to the leadership of the people. Last week the question was “ Why are those who are the most prepared to hear God’s word deaf to his word and do those who are least prepared, get the message?” The prior week we discussed the question: “Does God owe us anything for being faithful?”**

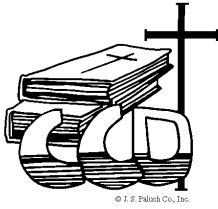
**In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we read about the Vineyard of the Lord. For the Prophet Isaiah, the Vineyard of the Lord was his own people. God cared for his people. God sent his Word to his people and even though God is most faithful to his people, the people do not produce a yield. God intends to destroy the vineyard, yet the gardener intercedes and begs that the vineyard be spared. The Gardener promises to care for the vineyard for a limited time in the hope that it will yield. If the vineyard does not produce a crop, the owner can destroy the vineyard. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about tenet farmers who were to care for the vineyard. When the owner tried to obtain his yield of the crops, his messengers are killed.**

**Parables speak to us in many ways. Some parables employ metaphors, that is one word stands for something else. Some parables are allegorical in which every aspect of the parable represents something else. All this is done to ultimately teach us a lesson. In today’s readings the vineyard stands for the Israelites at the time of Jesus. The vineyard could also stand for the Christian People or the Church. God has appointed leadership over his people and the leaders have failed to cultivate the people to ensure a good crop. The crops are symbolic of the people who together with their leaders have failed. The messengers are the prophets who time and time again have addressed the leadership. The leadership and the people ultimately refuse to hear the Prophets. In fact, the messengers were killed. In the end, not only are the messengers rejected, but God himself is rejected by the leadership. Finally, God will give his vineyard to those who will produce a crop. This is referred to by the quote from Psalm 118; “The Stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone” of another people who will yield a good crop.**

**Most prophets are rejected by those to whom they are sent because they tell the truth. The truth is not welcomed by many because the truth can be painful. The truth can demand a change in lives of those who hear the truth. This can be said for individuals and institutions. The leadership who heard this parable when Jesus spoke this parable, was upset with him. They recognized his message and knew he was right.**

**What is God trying to tell you through those who love you? Why do we often reject the difficult truth someone who loves us is trying to tell us? What is the Lord trying to tell the Church of our day? Who are the prophetic voices of our day? What truths are we not ready to hear? God may be eternal, we are not. We have a limited time to respond to God’s word and invitation. In the end, we decide our own eternal life.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME A CATECHIST

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in the ministry of Childhood Faith Formation (CCD) here at SHSS. We have the blessing of a growing program—more and more families are bringing their children to SHSS to prepare for the sacraments and to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Right now we don't have enough teachers to meet the demand, and might have to turn some families away. If God is sending these children to us, he's calling some of us to provide the needed instruction for them. You may be one of them! Prior experience is not required and "on the job" training is available. The time commitment is about a week, and our primary need at present is Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. Even if teaching isn't appropriate for you, there's also a need for classroom aides, as well as non-classroom assistance. Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our parish community. Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718 596-7750, for further information or to schedule an interview, to see if this ministry is right for you.

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### **GHOSTLIGHT**

**Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraf, Artistic Director**

**Presents**

*MARTIN*

*With the Swiss Choral Ensemble*

*VioX De Lausanne*

*Under the direction of*

*Dominique Tille*

*Saturday, October 14th, @8:00 PM, Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church*

*Sunday, October 15th @ 7:30 PM Church of Notre Dame, 405 W. 114th St. NYC*

*Tickets: \$20.00 online at [ghostlightchorus.com/concerts](http://ghostlightchorus.com/concerts)*

*\$25.00 At the Door*

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### **UPS AND DOWNS**

Our Elevator project is moving quickly during this phase of construction. Our contractor has already replaced the old wooden floor beams under the entrance of the church with steel, the foundation for the new elevator shaft was poured and the cement block walls of the elevator shaft have been completed up to the choir loft. The Hicks Street entrance for the elevator has been lowered to meet the level of the sidewalk inside the building and an opening was created for the elevator door, at the Cabrini Hall level. The storage rooms around the elevator have been created for storing tables and chairs and the family restroom has been framed out and dry-walled. While our construction continues to progress, we remind everyone that this project can only continue to move forward thanks to your donations to Generations of Faith. **It is most especially important at this time that those paying off their pledges do so on a regular basis to meet the costs of the initial construction. For those who are able, paying one additional payment on your pledge this month would help the parish meet our construction schedule with greater ease. Thank you for all your collective support!**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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