
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. NOVEMBER 13, 2017**
Noon Enrico Dellaporte
Birthday Blessings (Deceased)
BY: Wife Catherine
- TUE. NOVEMBER 14, 2017**
8:30 Parents,
Anthony & Domenica Pellicano
BY: Daughter Rita
- WED NOVEMBER 15, 2017**
8:30 Leona Zagami
BY Anthony & Camille Trani
- THURS. NOVEMBER 16 2017**
8:30 Lisa Puglise
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- FRI. NOVEMBER 17, 2017**
8:30 Filomena Scotto
BY: Children
- SAT. NOVEMBER 18, 2017**
8:30 Elizabeth Lo Porto
BY: The Troiano Family
5:30 PM Kimberly Geritano &
Ann Annicchiarico
BY Loving Family
- SUN NOVEMBER 12, 2017**
8:00 Deceased Bishops and Priests
of The Diocese of Brooklyn
10:00 Living & Deceased Members of
The Citizens of Pozzallo Society
BY: The Society
12:00 Anthony Coppola
BY: Mom & Dad

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 11/12 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.

NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

If you have a green card, you may be ready to apply for citizenship!! Catholic Migration Services is holding a workshop to help people apply on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM at 191 Jouralemon Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York. To register, call our confidential hotline 212-225-4400 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call for further screening.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

As a Parish Community, we give thanks to God for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, Nov. 19th at 2:00 PM. Bishop Tiedermann will preside. Please pray for our candidates in their final days of preparation and consider joining with us to celebrate this blessed event in their lives and the life of the parish. The candidates preparing for reception of the Sacrament are:

Victoria Rose Chicchetti	Andrea Francis DiBlasio
Sofia Rita Cordero	Josef Matthew Fischer
Brianna Angela Fischer	Peter Pio Ilardi
Filomena Bernadette Ingravallo	Dylan Julio Ingui
Anastasia Agnes Morris	Justin Julio Ingui
Sofia Caridad Mota	Billy Dominic O'Toole
Isabella Teresa Ruggiero	Kenny James Ryan
Sabrina Jeanne Russo	Christopher Daniel Wasserman
Jacqueline Maria Troiano	
Vanessa Noelle Wasserman	

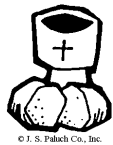
Sick Relatives & Friends

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 | Alicia Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Dominick Aiello, Jr. |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| John Scotto | |



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
November 12th have
been donated
In Memory of
LISA PUGLISE
By: **Loving Family**



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
November 12th has been donated
In Memory of
GINO MASI
BY: **Grandchildren**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 11/5	\$ 4,405.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$ -9,920.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

PRIORITY GIVING

What is priority giving? Priority giving is making the parish of Sacred Hearts/St. Stephen a priority in your daily living expenses. It means the church and the ongoing work of the parish is a priority for you. It means that the formation of the Catholic Faith from one generation to the next is a priority to you. If the Parish is a priority, then please consider priority giving. Decide what your weekly priority giving will be.

The day to day expenses of our parish are not being met through our collections. Thanks to donations from a few people, we have been blessed, but this means that the community at large is not pulling their share. So, I ask you if you can consider priority giving. With the exception of people who are on fixed incomes, I ask you to consider the following. If you are giving \$1.00 now, can you increase it to \$5.00. If you are giving \$5.00, can you consider \$10.00. If you are giving \$10.00, can you consider giving \$15.00. For those who have already increased their donation and for those doing the best they can, I thank you. I thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Be prepared! Be prepared for the return of Christ is the major theme of the sacred texts for today and for the next two weeks. The readings take us to the last line of the Creed which we profess on Sundays and Holy Days: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” If we profess the Apostle’s Creed, the sentiment is stated with the lines “He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.” The same belief is professed in the acclamation of faith at every Mass: “until you come again.”

As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, the themes of Christ’s returning are highlighted. Given that Christ will return, how should we live our lives? Last week’s theme fits very well in this context. We prepare for the return of Christ by practicing the faith we believe. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, Wisdom is presented as a woman. Those who seek her and those who find Wisdom live wisely knowing that they are but mere humans in the face of God. In the Gospel, the wise virgins were prepared for the arrival of the Bridegroom whenever he arrived.

The second reading from St. Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians speaks to us about those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Paul instructs the Christians that while they may be saddened by the death of a loved one, they must have hope that life for the loved one is changed, not ended. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they must base their hope on their belief in the Resurrection of Christ which is the foundational belief of all Christianity.

So, where do these readings leave us? As we get older and the days grow shorter, we are reminded that we are not going to be here forever. How does one prepare to meet the Lord at a time we least expect?

One prepares to meet Christ, whether we meet the Lord at the end of time or whether we meet Christ at the time of our own death, by striving to live the faith we profess. Seeking reconciliation with God, others and even ourselves is one of the important ways to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Our prayer life, our liturgical life and our sacramental life must lead us to deeper caring relationships with others. Being people of love, that is willing the good of others, being people of compassion and justice certainly help to prepare us to meet the Prince of Peace.

Keep in mind that the Lord also comes to us daily. Christ comes to us in the people we serve, the opportunities and the crisis which present themselves to us and then in prayerful introspection into our own lives. To recognize these moments of grace, we need to be prepared to meet the Lord in the surprise of the moment by seeking to be recollected, focused and awake to the movements of the spirit.

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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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