
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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Youth Minister

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.

Parish Trustees and Advisors

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.**



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 12/24	\$ 3,592.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$10,733.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

UPS AND DOWNS

We are grateful to our General Contractor Matthew who has completed 95% of the construction of our elevator project. The Choir loft portion has been completed for some weeks now and all of the plastic protection has been removed. The last element at this level to be installed is the new glass wall which opens to the atrium above the main church entrance. At the church main entrance, new terrazzo has been poured and polished, the walls have been plastered and are being painted. We have also installed a sink and counter for our Sunday coffee station in the newly opened space. New outside doors are being installed at the Hicks Street entrance and the new terrazzo floor here is being polished. Thanks to Lou Sergi, we have a new security glass wall separating Cabrini Hall from the entrance space of the Lower Church. We now also have a new ADA compliant restroom in Cabrini Hall and storage closets for all of our event supplies, a closet for Religious Education and the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, a sink was installed in the original concession stand with the hope that one day we will have enough money to install a functioning kitchen. Over the next few weeks, the electricians will be installing the reclaimed light fixtures from St. Edward's Church throughout the entry spaces. While our construction has made great progress, our elevator mechanics have not. We are still waiting on additional NYC Buildings Department certifications so that the elevator company can begin installing the elevator inside the new elevator shaft which has been constructed. During these last days of the year, please consider making an extra payment to your Generations of Faith pledge which will give you the largest charitable giving tax deduction possible for 2017 and also help us pay the expense of the project to date. We sincerely thank all who are keeping their pledges current, however, if you are behind in your payments, we ask you to consider catching up with your pledge so that we can complete the project for our parish as had been planned with your pledge in mind.

- MON. JANUARY 1, 2017
Noon Vincent & Vincenza Pepe
BY: Son Louis

- TUE. JANUARY 2, 2017
8:30 Anthony Coppola
BY: Mom & Dad

- WED JANUARY 3, 2017
8:30 Jack DiMuro, Sr.
BY: Daughter Maria

- THURS. JANUARY 4, 2017
8:30 Marie Dalton
BY: Maureen Stefenelli

- FRI. JANUARY 5, 2017
8:30 Joseph F. Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

- SAT. JANUARY 6, 2017
8:30 Anthony Polito
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
5:30 PM Domenico Dellaporte &
Filomena Lagana
BY: Family

- SUN JANUARY 7, 2017
8:00 Ronald Lenzi
Shonna Lenzi & Edward Snajdr
10:00 Fr. Simon Joseph
BY: The Altar Servers
12:00 Anthony Polito
BY: RoseMary Polito & Family

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 | 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 | Addy Wardrope |

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

of
December 31st have
been donated

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA ARIGE

By: **Anthony & Camille**

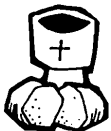


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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
December 31st has been donated

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE WALKER

BY: Rose Romano



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BOOK CLUB NEWS

Start the year off with a good read and lively conversation! Please join our next meeting on Monday January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing Year of Wonder by Geraldine Brooks. New members are welcome!

TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS



SENIORS

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Do you want to learn how to deal with technology? You have a problem on how to use a computer or a cell phone? Do you want to be more independent with technology? Come join us for a workshop on this technology on January 9th, January 16th and January 30th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Rectory Hall. Bring your laptop/cell phone with you.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

I hope Christmas was filled with new hope for you. I hope you enjoyed your celebrations. Such events strengthen us for the near future.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The feast honors the relationship among Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Family life should teach us how to love. Love is taught, it is more than emotional changes. Family teaches how to share our toys, our treats and our lives. Family teaches us that we do not belong to ourselves exclusively, but our lives are part of the lives of others. Family life teaches us that we are part of each other. Family teaches us the essence of healthy relationships. Family relationships prepare us to build healthy relationships, marital relationships, work place relationships, community relationships and even how to be a good parishioner.

Family life affects all of us. Jesus being one of us in all things but sin, is also affected by family life. Family life is the cause of great joy, pride and sometimes aggravation, heartaches and worries. There is no group who can influence us for the better than our family. Family can be made up of relatives or of close friends. Whatever the make up the family may be, the goal of the family is unconditional love, mutual support and compassion.

Good family life is the result of hard work, self giving and forgiving. Families do not just happen. Mutual acceptance, self giving and sometimes sacrificing love for each other are personal choices. Family life is a choice. Families even set limits and boundaries for its members. Living at a time when individual independence is so highly valued, the community life essential to family life may be threatened.

Family life comes with tensions. Family life of the immediate family may include more than mom, dad and my brothers and sisters. In some houses, family life includes multiple generations living together. In such cases, age differences, health issues and the patience levels can be a challenge. Family life teaches us how to love. Love can be rewarding and challenging. It can bring us pleasure and pain.

Challenges to family life abound. Among those challenges is love of money. The Love of Money, not money. I have seen families dissolve over money battles especially in the wake of the death of the last parent. Lack of communication in families creates isolation. Isolation can force family issues to be discussed outside the family relationships. Domestic violence is a terrible curse. It causes fear, teaches all the wrong lessons to our young people and is a cause of much suffering, embarrassment and hurt.

Addictions to drugs, drink, gambling and even martial betrayals all work to destroy family. To build a family, we need to love each other, respect each other, sometimes challenge each other, speak the truth loving and gently to each other, be present to each other, avoid selfishness and self centeredness and realize that what we learn at home will affect the rest of our lives. Good family relationships help the next generation to build healthy relationships and face their own challenges with a firm foundation.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners for all you do throughout the year to build up this parish. Thanks for your time, your talent and your treasure which have made possible our elevator, repairs and many other sustaining elements of temporal life for our parish.

Thank you to all who so generously gave to the Christmas flower collections. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to decorate our church.

Thank you to the members of The Pastoral Parish Council and the Finance Committee.

Thank you to Mr. John Heyer for all he does for this parish. Thank you to his family too.

Thank you to our Choir, our Children's Choir and to Dr. Evelyn Troester De-Graf who works so diligently with our choir and our children.

Thanks to Mr. Jim Lake, our Director of Music.

Thank you to our instrumentalists.

Thank you to our fine music program which has made liturgy here uplifting and inspiring.

Thank you to our Altar Servers of every age.

Thank you to our Lectors and our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion. Thank you to Mr. John and Carolyn Zodda and Brenda Pyle who prepare the schedules for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Thank you to our Ushers and collection takers and our Counting Teams.

Thank you to our Rectory Staff.

Thank you to Andy DiManso, and Teresa Delgado who are here every day to open and close the Church and to prepare for the Liturgy.

Thank you to our Hospitality Minister, Anthony Troiano who prepares treats every Sunday.

Thank you to Gertrude and the greeters who greet you as you come to Mass with the hymnal and missals.

Thank you to the Troiano Family to Lauren and Jackie who coordinate the bulletin inserts and to Anthony and Colleen who instruct our parents for Baptism.

Thank you to Antoinetta Delgado, our volunteer on Saturday Mornings.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin and to all the Catechists who serve our children.

Thank you to volunteers who help in our Faith Formation Program, Jean Marcoccio and Joan McGrath.

INFORMATION SHEET

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