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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. FEBRUARY 12, 2017**  
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. FEBRUARY 13, 2017**  
 8:30 Carmine Graziani  
 BY: Daughter Teresa
- WED FEBRUARY 14, 2017**  
 Ash Wednesday  
 7:30 AM Prayer Service  
 8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
 BY: Mom & Dad  
 Noon Connie Patti  
 BY: The Patti Family  
 3:45 PM Prayer Service  
 6:15 PM Prayer Service
- THURS. FEBRUARY 15, 2017**  
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intention Mass  
 For The People of The Parish
- FRI. FEBRUARY 16, 2017**  
 8:30 Saverio & Maria Fiorentino  
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/ English/Italian
- SAT. FEBRUARY 17, 2017**  
 8:30 Gladys Zodda  
 BY: John & Carolyn Zodda  
 4:00/5:15 Eucharistic Adoration For The  
 Intentions of Migrants & Refugees  
 5:30 PM Caterina Deserio  
 BY: Her Sister Anna
- SUN FEBRUARY 18, 2017**  
 8:00 Joyce Sisto  
 10:00 RoseMarie Peters  
 BY: Fred & Josephine Russo  
 12:00 Theresa & Loreto Schiano &  
 Lee Andrew Hirsch  
 BY: Daughter & Mom

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 2/04	\$ 3,738.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$10,587.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## UPS AND DOWNS

Last week the temporary construction wall was removed from the entrance of the church revealing the section of the lobby where the elevator shaft has been installed. There are many new additions in these areas of the lobby including new lighting, handrails and a counter with a sink which will make weekly hospitality much easier for our volunteers. Our contractor will now be plastering the remaining two sections of the lobby so that he can paint everything at once. Likewise, most of the work in Cabrini Hall has been completed and the new entrance doors at Hicks Street have been installed. Our Religious Education program has begun to slowly return to Cabrini Hall once again as well as other parish organizations. Final approvals for the elevator apparatus are expected hopefully this month so that installation of the elevator can move forward allowing for 100% completion of the project thanks to your commitment to Generations of Faith.

We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday as follows: (February 6, 13, 20 & 27) @ 4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. All are welcome! Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH KNOW YOUR NUMBERS YOUR GOALS SHOULD BE:

<u>Blood Pressure</u>	<u>Blood Glucose</u>
Optimal at 120/80 & no higher than 140/90	Less than 100 for fasting value
<u>Total Cholesterol</u>	<u>Body Mass Index (BMI)</u>
Less than 200	Less than 25 for women & men
<u>LDL Cholesterol</u>	<u>Waist Circumference</u>
Less than 100 or Less than 70	Less than 35" for women Less than 40" for men
If you have other risk factors	
<u>HDL Cholesterol</u>	<u>Daily Exercise</u>
More than 60 optimal Less than 50 a risk for Woman, Less than 40 A risk for men	More than 30 minutes is ideal, but you should strive for at least 20 minutes
<u>Triglycerides</u>	<u>Cigarettes Per Day</u>
Less than 150	Zero and no secondhand smoke (more important for women)

# 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     |
| Eileen Giannotta   | Dominick Aiello, Jr.    |
| Roe Gambardella    | Elizabeth Foley         |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard             |
| Ann Curcuru        | Dora Zanzonico          |
| Lamar McNabb       | Anna Maria Marino       |
| Carol Montelbano   | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| John Scotto        | Addy Wardrope           |



Bread & Wine for the week of February 11th has been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**JANET CACCIOPPOLI**  
 BY: Olivia & Emilio Cuomo & Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of February 11th have been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**JOSEPH PATTI**  
 BY: Loving Family

## ASH WEDNESDAY

We use ashes as a sign of repentance. Marking ourselves with ashes is not a sign of pride. They are not a sign that you are Catholic. They are a sign of our mortality and our sinfulness. Ashes may be traced on your forehead or sprinkled in your hair. Ashes on our forehead are seen by all. Ashes sprinkled in your hair means that only God sees what is in our heart. If you wish ashes to be placed in your hair rather than your forehead, tell the minister giving you the ashes. Ashes are made from the burning of last year's palm branches. We carried those palms proclaiming Christ as our King. Burning the palm branches reminds us of how often we lived our life forgetting that Christ is our King.

## REPENTANCE, RECONCILIATION, RECOLLECTION, REFLECTION, RENEWAL, RESURRECTION

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH BEGINS THE GREAT AND HOLY SEASON OF LENT.**

This is a season which invites us to self examination before the Lord. Lent is both a journey to a deeper personal conversion to the Lord as well as a call to us as the community of the Church towards a deeper conversion to the Gospel of Christ. As a community, the Church universal reminds us that fasting, Almsgiving (charity) and Prayer are three columns of this season of grace. As a Catholic Community united throughout the world, we will abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. As a Catholic community united with the Church throughout the world, we will fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating only one main meal. These regulations are applied to all ages 14 to 59. These regulations are minimal. We encourage all to fast and practice self denial at this time so as to meditate on the great things God has done for us through the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. (Some may be unable to fast for health reasons. We encourage those who cannot fast to practice another act of self denial as would be in keeping with their situation.)

**DO NOT TRIVIALIZE THIS SEASON, RATHER MAKE A TIME OF TRUE INTROSPECTION. Lent is a time for REPENTANCE, RECONCILIATION, RECOLLECTION, REFLECTION, RENEWAL, RESURRECTION.** What in your life do you need to change? What bad habits do you need to address? What behaviors in your life enhance your relationships with the Lord and others and what behaviors hinder those relationships? Who do you need to forgive? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness? To whom have you been unjust? Do you love the Lord Jesus enough to ask for the grace to truly change?

Fasting helps us to self deny in a culture which needs instant gratification. Fasting and using the money saved from buying favorite foods which we have given up can be used to donate to a charity.

Prayer places us always in God's presence. Prayer unites us with the Lord. Prayer need not have words. It can be a silence in the Divine Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer can be a reflection on the Scripture reading. Prayer can just be a call for mercy. Too many words in prayer can be distracting. **LENT IS A GREAT SEASON FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY. MAY IT BE THAT FOR ALL OF US. PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN FOR PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT SHSS.** (Readings, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Reconciliation times)

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Community,**

**Today, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are again given an epiphany. Jesus heals a man with leprosy. While this is a short story, it is filled with inspiration. Leprosy was and is a terrible disease. It is a disfiguring illness. In the time of Jesus, those suffering with this affliction were rendered outcast. The leper could not come into the village, enter the marketplace or even gather with the people for worship. The leper was isolated. The leper lived either alone or with other lepers. The reason for this was fear. The society of the time believed that the leper could infect the healthy. Touching a leper was forbidden by the Law of Moses. Those who touched the leper were also suspect of being carriers of the illness. While this sounds harsh, these regulations were for the good and protection of the society of the time. Today we may reference the way the medical profession is treating Ebola. Such infections are not totally understood and precaution is necessary.**

**In the Gospel, the leper falls at the feet of Jesus and says “if you wish you can make me clean.” The leper wants his life to change. He is open to healing and the change. The leper has touched the heart of Jesus. Jesus is moved by compassion and touches the leper and heals him. This is a dramatic event. The leper is faith-filled. He believes in the power of Jesus to heal. The leper is courageous. He goes directly to Jesus and trusts that Jesus will not run from him. Jesus also shows great courage in touching the leper. In touching the leper, Jesus heals him, returns the leper to society and ironically now Jesus, the healer, is recognized as unclean by the society of his time. In short, Jesus has traded places with the Leper. (Jesus will trade places with all of humanity on Calvary when he becomes sin for us to save us.)**

**This event tells me that Jesus is moved by his heart than the protocol of his time. It tells me that Jesus is willing to touch humanity in areas of our lives which need healing. This Gospel is a good introduction to the Season of Lent. Sin disfigures us. We are created for God. Sin takes away the beauty of a soul and a spirit. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to be refigured. Lent is the time to hear the call to come home to this Sacrament. Many may be embarrassed to admit their sins. Many may feel afraid of approaching this Sacrament of mercy. Look at this Gospel reading. No sin is so ugly, no sin is so dark and no sin is so horrendous that it cannot be healed through the mercy of God. Everyone, again, everyone, laity and priests are called to this Sacrament of Mercy. The priest is not perfect, he also knows his weaknesses and how dependent he is on the mercy of God. This allows him to hear confessions with mildness and kindness.**

**The healing of the leper tells me that the Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us, experienced in Jesus, is willing to touch us in the places in our lives we see ourselves as most ugly and most unholy. Jesus will go to places deep within us that no one else will go.**

**Nothing is far from the mercy that comes to us in Jesus. Nothing is hidden from the eyes of God’s mercy. For all those who feel that God will not look at them, for those who live with Jesus with shame, disgrace and regret, hear, read and memorize this Gospel.**

**The leper wanted a change in his life. He was open to the mercy of Jesus. Can we do the same?**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

## LENT at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen

**Ash Wednesday**-February 14, 2018

7:30 AM-Prayer Service

8:30 AM-Mass

12 Noon-Mass

3:45 PM-Prayer Service

6:15 PM-Prayer Service

### Engaging the Mind during Lent

#### **Why do Catholics Do That?**

(30 minute discussions at 11:15AM over three Sundays in the Main Church)

The Meaning and Structure of the Mass-**February 25** with John Heyer

Decoding Symbols of Scripture and Sacraments-**March 4** with Msgr. Massie

The Church Calendar as the Image of Christ's Life-**March 18** with Nancy Arkin

### Engaging the Soul During Lent

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7PM in the Church

February 16  
English/Italian

February 23  
English/Italian

March 2  
Stations for **Social Justice**

March 9  
Stations re-enacted by the **Children** of the Parish

March 16  
**Contemporary** Prayer Service centered on  
The Passion according to Mark

March 23  
Stations for those facing **Grief and Loss**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturdays from 4:00-5:15 PM in the  
Church

February 17  
For the Intentions of Victims of **Migrants & Refugees**

February 24  
For the Intentions of **Victims of Violence**

March 3  
For the Intentions of the **Poor & Vulnerable**

March 10  
Adoration with **Children**

March 17  
For the Intentions of those who seek **Healing**

March 24  
For the Intentions of those facing **Grief & Loss**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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