
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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 2/25	\$ 2,902.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,423.00

** 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.

- MON. MARCH 5, 2018**
 Noon Rev. Vincent Turmine
- TUE. MARCH 6, 2018**
 8:30 Alfred Pipitone
 BY: Mom & Dad
 7:00 PM First Penance Prayer Service/
 Practice in Church
- WED MARCH 7, 2018**
 8:30 Louisa Dellaporte & All Deceased
 Members of The Dellaporte Family
 BY: Catherine
- THURS. MARCH 8, 2018**
 8:30 Anna Massie
- FRI. MARCH 9, 2018**
 8:30 Msgr. O' Toole
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
 Enacted by the Children of the Parish
- SAT. MARCH 10, 2018**
 8:30 Mary & Emanuel Maniscalco
 4:00/5:15 Eucharistic Adoration
 With Children
 5:30 PM Louis Trani
 BY: Loving Wife & Family
- SUN MARCH 11, 2018**
 8:00 Pietro Rea
 BY: Loving Family
 10:00 Carmella Pipitone
 12:00 Angelo & Carol Cella
 BY: Joseph, Ann Marie &
 Grandson Peter

We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday during the month of March as follows:



(March 6, 13, 20 and 27th) @

4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. All are welcome!
 Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Good Friday, March 30th as well as Easter Monday,

April 2nd. Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will not be any staff members present on these two days.



Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast will be held in Rectory Hall on Sunday, March 18th following the 10:00 AM Mass. Hot Buffet Breakfast @ \$20.00 per person. For reservations and more information, e-mail KofC585@aol.com.

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 |

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, March 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **NOBODY'S FOOL** by Robert Russo. All are welcome!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Bread and Wine for the week of March 4th has been donated In Memory of the Anniversary of Parents **JOSEPH & TERRY CARDILLO** & the Birthday of My Dad, **JOSEPH CARDILLO** Love, Val, Tommy & Joseph

REPENTANCE, RECONCILIATION, RECOLLECTION, REFLECTION, RENEWAL, RESURRECTION

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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“We adore you Christ and we bless you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world”

Dear Parish Community:

The readings today continue to address our covenant relation with the Lord. In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we are presented with the Sinai Covenant. After their redemption from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites come to Sinai. This is the place where God had first appeared to Moses. It is here that God gave Moses the Commandments. The Commandments were to be the foundation of Israel's relationship to God. The Israelites were freed from physical slavery, the Commandments would keep them free both morally and socially. With the giving of the Commandments, Israel becomes a nation. As a nation they will await the fulfillment of the promise; a land of their own. The land would be the concrete signs of God's promise.

The Commandments give freedom to the people. In the Book of Psalms, we often read of the blessedness of those who follow the Law of the Lord (see Psalm 1, 119) those who walk in the way of the Lord are free. The covenant relationship with the Lord gives humanity dignity, freedom and direction. If we look carefully at the Commandments, the first three Commandments speak of a relationship with God. The remainder of the laws guide us in our relationship with others. You shall not: steal, kill, covet or commit adultery. These laws allowed all to live in peace within the community. The Commandments showed the people the way to walk with God and others. Notice that one's relationship with God was lived out within the community. Notice that one's behavior in the community reflected one's relationship with God.

In the Gospel passage for today, Jesus cleanses the Temple. The Feast of Passover underscores the covenant relationship between God and Israel. There are many reasons offered for the actions of Jesus in the cleansing of the temple. It is possible that Jesus found that Temple worship more perfunctory than worship from the heart. For Jesus, faithfulness to the covenant meant one's whole person (heart) is directed to God and others. The outward cleansing of the temple also meant an inward cleaning of the heart of the community and the individual. It was not enough just to perform religious acts without faith and love for God. “Create in us a clean heart, renew in us a steadfast spirit.” (psalm 51) Jesus is rather strong and direct in this passage. He acts in prophetic role. He, as Jeremiah before him, challenges the leadership of the Temple. The price Jesus will pay for his radical faithfulness to God, is the Cross.

St. Paul in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, proclaims Christ Crucified as the greatest sign of God's loving covenant with us. Amazing! Paul does not mention Christ's teachings or miracles, but the Cross. In the weeks that follow, it will become clear that the greatest sign of God's faithfulness and love for us is the Cross. The truth of the Cross blinds us, confounds all human reason while being the Victory of God. The Cross is the New Covenant in Christ.

Lent is a time to clean up. It is a time to remove clutter from our lives. It is time to simplify our prayer life and to intensify our prayer life. It is a time to tighten up our spiritual lives by living out our prayer in the way we treat others. Cleaning up our lives means reconciling our differences even if we do not agree with the person with whom we are reconciling. Cleaning up the spirit means removing bitterness, deep seated anger and letting go of disappointment working towards improving relationships. We do this clean up by following the Commandments, re-reading the Beatitudes, reviewing the works of Mercy and taking stock of where your spirit is. Clean up! Easter is near.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENT at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen

Engaging the Mind during Lent

Why do Catholics Do That?

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

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

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

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**

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