
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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 6/3	\$ 3,127.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,198.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

*** On Line Giving for the
Month of April totaled \$2,015.35



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

6/12,6/19,6/26 @ 4:30 PM in

Rectory Hall. All are welcome!

Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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 and to help them 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 prepare for your child's religious formation this fall.

◇ For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms will be e-mailed this week. 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 don't receive a form by June 15th, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or e-mail narkin1960@gmail.com.

◇ If you prefer to re-register in person, or **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.

MON. JUNE 11, 2018
Noon Domenico & Amalia Mignano

TUE. JUNE 12 2018
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa

WED JUNE 13, 2018
8:30 Anthony Liguori
BY: Beloved Brother John
and The Liguori Family

THURS. JUNE 14, 2018
8:30 Joseph Foglia

FRI. JUNE 15, 2018
8:30 Frank LoPorto & Lisa Puglise
BY: Loving Family

SAT. JUNE 16, 2018
8:30 Joseph Gentile
BY: Frank & Susan Gentile
5:30 PM Fathers Day Remembrance

SUN JUNE 17, 2018
8:00 AM Fathers Day Remembrance
10:00 Fathers Day Remembrance
12:00 Fathers Day Remembrance

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 Laqueria | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John N igro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Palma Caminiti | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | John Scotto |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Anthony Manfre | |

UPS AND DOWNS

We have received the final decision from the NYC Building's Department allowing us to install our church elevator, but limiting it to provide accessibility to Cabrini Hall, the street level at Hicks Street and the Main Church. While we had been advocating for the inclusion of the Choir Loft, since our shaft needed to extend to the height anyway, the NYC Building's Department would not allow it. The City would have only permitted a fourth stop had we changed the elevator selected and purchased a more commercial elevator adding an additional \$100,000 to the purchase price. Unfortunately, we do not have an additional \$100,000, and upon review, believe that what we have been granted will allow access to our primary facilities located in the Main Church and Cabrini Hall. Since receiving this decision, our architects have done a final sign off of the elevator drawings and met on-site with Msgr. Massie, John Heyer and Mobility Elevator Company to finalize all necessary options. Mobility has given us a maximum timeline starting from this week until final sign off by the New York City Elevator Inspectors of 11 weeks till completion. This means that we can look forward to riding in our new elevator at the end of the summer. Once again, thank you to all who have made this project possible by your donation to Generations of Faith. Please continue to make your regular payments ensuring our ability to see this project through to completion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our Lady of Loretto #595 Knights of Columbus will once again give away three \$500.00 scholarships through *The Kimberly Geritano Scholarship Program* to children attending a Catholic School. Any child in Grade 1 through 12 is eligible. The application fee is \$10.00 which will be applied to the Scholarship Fund. The application forms will be handed out in the back of the church following every mass this weekend by the members of the Knights of Columbus. The winners will be picked following the noon mass on June 24th. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

JUST A REMINDER

We welcome everyone to our Church. We welcome our parishioners, we welcome all those who are Catholic from other parishes, we welcome non-Catholic Christians from every denomination. We welcome those of the Jewish faith and Muslim faith. We welcome those who are Buddhists and those who are not affiliated with any faith community. We welcome the non believer as well as those who are searching. We welcome all regardless of age, gender or orientation. Unfortunately I cannot welcome everyone to communion. The present discipline of the Catholic Church admits baptized Catholics who are spiritually prepared for the Eucharist. I do invite all to pray with us. Last week we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. We focused on the Catholic Doctrine of the Eucharist. We believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord. The Eucharist unites us with Christ and with each other in a unity of faith. It is for this reason that the disciple of the Catholic Church cannot admit to Eucharist those who are not Catholic. We lament the lack of unity among Christians, we regret not being able to share the Eucharist. We hope and pray for the day when this will be possible but for now, we ask non Catholics to come up for a blessing rather than Eucharist. For a blessing, simply cross your arms over your heart and a priest will give a blessing. We ask those who are not able to receive Eucharist sacramentally to make a spiritual communion by asking the Lord to come into your heart and soul. If you are Catholic, you should be in a state of grace to receive communion. If you are married only civilly and not in the Catholic Church, you may want to refrain from receiving Eucharist and seek to discuss your situation with me or a priest of your own choosing. If you have not been to the sacrament of Reconciliation and you are conscience of having committed serious sins like being absent from Sunday Mass, being sick is an exception, you should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to be introspective. The Sacrament calls us to self examination of our actions, our thoughts and our intentions. The Sacrament calls us into the presence of Christ to experience his mercy and face the truth about ourselves.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time began on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday. Therefore the past two Sundays were also part of Ordinary Time but because of the Feast of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, the liturgy was festive and still retained an Easter fragrance. Today we are wearing the color Green. Green signifies the growth in the Holy Spirit and it also signifies hope. The themes of the Liturgy of the Word for the coming seasons will again address some of the themes we focused on during Lent and Easter. This Ordinary time season will conclude with the Feast of Christ the King on November 25th.

Today the readings have a theme of disruption. The cause of this disruption is sin. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, we read a story of how God seeks out Adam and Eve. God calls out to the couple asking: "Where are you?" This question has nothing to do with the geographical location of Adam and Eve, but rather where are they in relationship to God. Now the story of Adam and Eve is a long parable. Adam represents all men. Eve represents all women. They are corporate personalities. Focus on the story and the lesson which the writer wishes to make. Notice at the creation everything is in harmony. Man and woman are in a paradise setting. Nature represented by the garden, humanity represented by Adam and Eve and the couple's relationship with God is also harmonious. Then something goes wrong. The couple disobey God's directive. They rupture their relationship with God and everything else falls apart. Notice how Adam nor Eve takes responsibility for their behavior and they blame each other and the serpent. They even blame God. There is a consequence for their error and paradise is lost. What was peaceful, harmonious and loving has now become disrupted. Their sin caused paradise to end.

In the Gospel, disruption has come to Jesus and his followers. First he is accused of doing good deeds and miracles through the power of evil. Attributing good deeds and miracles to evil is a sin against the Holy Spirit. Then the family of Jesus accuses him of being out of his mind. They want to take him away. Jesus, who is the source of all good, is seen as evil. This reasoning is clearly not correct. Jesus throughout his life and most perfectly in his passion, arm wrestles with evil and wins. Evil always causes confusion and disruption and undermines good. In the end, Jesus wins yet not without a fight.

Sin ruptures our relationship with God, others and ourselves. Sin causes disruption in our relationships.

Let us take greed for example because of this sin families have been pulled apart, friendships broken, suspicions raised about others and relationships broken. Let us look at unresolved anger. This is the anger that translates into long term hatreds and cutting off of communications with family and friends. When such things occur, family events such as weddings, baptisms, communions and reunions can become a potential battleground. Harmony is lost. Let's look at sins against ourselves done to ourselves. When this happens, we often blame everyone else for behaviors we refuse to face or own. Sin disrupts harmony even in our own spirit. All sin is offensive to God. Many sins are also offensive to others and to ourselves. All sins destroy harmony. God unites, the evil one divides us from others, from God and from even ourselves.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2018
JULY THROUGH DECEMBER

The Mass Book for the last six months of 2018, July through December will open on Tuesday, June 12th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM as well as 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish House. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. Please take a number as you arrive. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken on this day. **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 in 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 for 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. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on 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. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we need to be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. 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 or 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:

- The requestor's 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.
- 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 ones 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 everyday 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 everyday. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

INFORMATION SHEET

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