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# **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.

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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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 6/10	\$ 3,499.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$10,826.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

\*\*\* On Line Giving for the Month of May totaled \$3,742.52



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

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](mailto: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 18, 2018**  
 Noon Joseph Patti  
 BY: The Troiano Family
- TUE. JUNE 19 2018**  
 8:30 John & Marie Marchetti  
 BY: Catherine
- WED JUNE 20, 2018**  
 8:30 Pasquale & Larry Scotto  
 BY: Family
- THURS. JUNE 21, 2018**  
 8:30 Pasquale Pacelli  
 BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
- FRI. JUNE 22, 2018**  
 8:30 Anthony Platania  
 BY: Sister Dora Zanzonico & Family
- SAT. JUNE 23, 2018**  
 8:30 Angelo Vergona  
 BY: The Delgado Family  
 5:30 PM Louis Trani  
 BY: Loving Wife & Family
- SUN JUNE 24, 2018**  
 8:00 AM Salvatore & Maria Grazia DiFilippo  
 BY: The Reca Family  
 10:00 Biaggio, Roseanna, Enrichetta & Antonio Colandrea  
 BY: Melania Lubrano  
 12:00 St. Pietro  
 BY: The Members of The Society

# 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:

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 10 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.

## 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



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of June 17th has been donated  
In Fond & Loving Memory of  
**JOSEPH FOGLIA**  
BY: His Daughter Rose Marie



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of June 17th have been donated  
In Fond & Loving Memory of  
**LEONA ZAGAMI**  
BY: Catherine

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

The summer season is upon us. Last week I had mentioned that we are now in Ordinary Time. The color of Ordinary Time is Green. Green is the color of hope and spiritual growth. Our growth and life in Christ comes from our reflections on the readings at Mass and our reflective reception of the Eucharist. Today's readings speak to us about the slow but steady growth of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus preached the coming of the Kingdom of God. The Beatitudes found in Matthew 5, the Acts of Mercy found in Matthew 25 are two examples of the actions which bring about the Kingdom of God. In the Lord's Prayer we pray: "Your Kingdom come." What we are asking for is that God's way or God's rule for the world. In praying for the coming of the Kingdom of God, we are actually saying that our world, our lives, our relationships are not what they can be or should be. We are asking that our lives be ruled by God. The Kingdom, for which we long, is one where there is harmony among all. This Kingdom will be marked by love, peace, joy, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, humility, modesty, patience, generosity, gentleness, self-control, forgiveness and healing. The Kingdom would restore harmony in the cosmos, nature and humanity will be at peace. In short, the world would be a better place. Our own worlds would be peace filled.

How does this dream of Jesus come about? It comes about by following the Gospel. Has the world improved over the years? I think it has. With the growth of mutual understanding, lessening of fear through dialogue and the advances in the sciences, life on this planet has gotten better. However, do we have deep problems? I think we have a long way to go. The Kingdom of God comes about in our own small worlds by living the attitudes of the Gospel. One of the affects of worship and reception of the Eucharist is to be the Body of Christ in the worlds in which we live by making our worlds better.

How can you and I make a difference and make our worlds better? There is an increase of violence in our world. Try to respond to difficult situations without violent language no matter how difficult this may be for you. We are living in times where there seems to be a growing fear of the other who may be different due to race, religion, color or orientation. When tempted to be hateful or prejudiced towards another, try to see that person also made in the image of God. We are living in a world of self centeredness. Choose to be other centered even when this is frustrating. We are living at a time when many people are angry and not open to hearing the ideas of others. Listen more and challenge without arguing. We are living at a time when we need to let go of negative past experiences through forgiveness of the past and moving on to the future. We are living at a time and in a Church when the message of the Gospel has to be more shown than preached.

Preaching, giving good example, teaching the Gospel value to the next generation is an on-going process which we may never see completed or we may see little results. In faith we pass on the Gospel in the hope that it will grow in the hearts of others by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**SPECIAL MASS ON JUNE 24TH**

On Sunday, June 24, a “Regional Mass of Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf” for parishes in Deaneries 3,4,8,9 will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled Noon Mass at St. Ephrem Church on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between 74th St. and Bay Ridge Parkway in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn.

A reception in the school gym will immediately follow the Mass.

Arrangements will be in place for those with physical, mental or emotional needs. Families, companions and friends are most welcome.

The Church and gym are accessible, as are the restrooms in the gym. Screen captioning will be offered.

Volunteers will be available for needed assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please call Phil Murray at 718 875 5407 or e-mail to PDMur@aol.com

We look forward to meeting you!

**YOUTH MASS**

Come and join us for our Youth Mass on Sunday, June 24th at Noon here at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church, For more information, call 718-596-7750 and speak with Laura.

**SACRAMENTS**

If you or someone you know has not been baptized, received Communion or Confirmation and is interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please call Msgr. Massie at 718- 596-7750 and arrangements will be made for an appointment. If anyone would like to have their civil marriage con-validated by the Catholic Church, Msgr. Massie is available to discuss this with you. Please call for an appointment.

**MASS BOOK**

Our Mass Book for the months of July through December 2018 opened this past Tuesday, June 12th. If you wish to obtain Masses, you may visit the Rectory during office hours. Please have dates and alternates ready to move the process along quickly and smoothly. We thank all who came on the 12th for their cooperation and patience.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES**

Annual Memorial Candles are available at the Rectory for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one or for anyone who has a devotion to a particular saint. Please call the Rectory Monday through Thursday and speak to Rose Marie Foglia for further details.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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