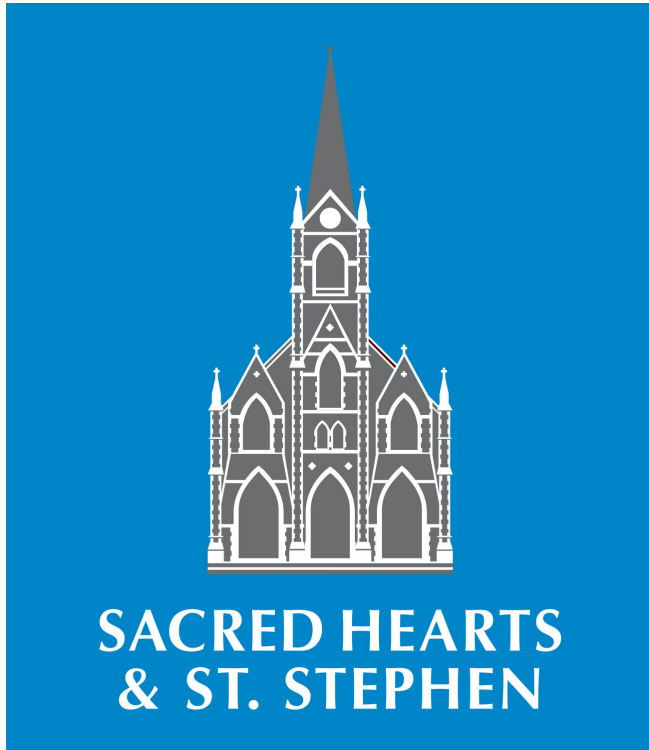

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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 6/17 \$ 4,309.00*
 * A one time annual donation of \$2,000 is included in the above reporting
 Annual Weekly Expenses** \$ 14,325.00
 Difference: -\$10,016.00
 ** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
 On Line Giving for the Month of May totaled \$3,742.52

- MON. JUNE 25, 2018**
 Noon Maria Zonfrillo & Debbie & Kenny Boucher
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JUNE 26 2018**
 8:30 Angelo Vergona
 BY: Scotto & DiCostanzo Family
- WED JUNE 27, 2018**
 8:30 Alfred Pipitone
 BY: Mom & Dad
- THURS. JUNE 28, 2018**
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intention
- FRI. JUNE 29, 2018**
 8:30 William Scorcia
 BY: Paul Gessler, Jr.
- SAT. JUNE 30, 2018**
 8:30 John B. Taranto
 BY: Brigida & Lucia Piro
 5:30 PM Andrew DiCostanzo
- SUN JULY 1, 2018**
 8:00 AM In Honor of the Holy Spirit for The People of the Parish
 10:00 For Our Country
 12:00 For Immigrant Children



Our technology class for Tuesday, June 26th has been cancelled. Thank you for your attendance at our classes. Classes will not take place during the months of July and August. They will resume again in the month of September. See you then!

Deacon Przemek

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.



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 Laquercia	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	Michael Panariello

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

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Behold the Lamb of God

Today is the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. This is a great feast for a great prophet. The tradition of the Church is to remember a Saint on the day of his or her death, unless another date has been assigned to the Saint due to a conflict in the liturgical calendar. The reason for remembering a Saint on the day of his/her death is to celebrate the Saint's final victory and his or her entrance into heaven. However, the church does celebrate the births of Mary and John the Baptist, the Nativity of Christ being taken for granted. The reason for honoring Mary and John on their day of birth is that they are born without original sin (the Immaculate Conception of Mary and John who leapt in the presence of the Lord before he was born). Both Mary and John are essential to the great event of the Incarnation of God among us who is Jesus. So important are both Mary and John to salvation history that there exists many feasts on the calendar for Mary and John is mentioned often in the Gospel as well as having a second feast on August 29th.

John is part of the Old Testament prophetic tradition as well as part of the New Testament in that he prepares for the immediate arrival of Christ. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the vocation of the prophets was to speak the truth of God to the leadership of the Israelites. The prophet also spoke the Word of God to the people as well as making clear the will of God to the people. While John was the voice, the work John spoke was Christ. If prophets were to make known the Word of God, John truly points out the WORD made flesh who is Jesus. John's greatest act was to point out Jesus as the Christ by saying: "Behold the Lamb of God behold the one who takes away the sins of the world."

In the Gospel according to St. Luke, we learn that the father of John was Zachariah. Zachariah was a priest in the temple of Jerusalem. John was from a priestly family. John in some way does act in a priestly role by preparing us for the sacrifice of our redemption who is Christ.

John's ministry prepares the world for the arrival of Christ. John is a great example of all ministry in the Church. Every priest/deacon must point out Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, not himself. Every preacher must disappear and allow the Word to come to fulfillment. Every preacher and teacher of the Gospel teaches others through word and good example. It is only after the teaching, after the witnessing, after the reception of the Eucharist that Jesus enters the mind and hearts of the listener. It is after the homily that the words of the homily are felt in the parishioner through the Holy Spirit.

John not only gives us good example of bearing witness to the truth regardless of the personal cost, but when his ministry was ending he says of himself: "I must decrease and he (Christ) must increase." John ultimately gave his life for the Truth as did Jesus. John dies a martyr's death. The price of all discipleship is death to oneself and one's will so that Christ can be all in all.

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.

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