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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 7/8	\$ 2,743.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,582.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
Month of June totaled \$2,320.59



Technology 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 did not receive a form as of 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. JULY 16, 2018  
Noon Anthony Liguori  
Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
BY: Loving Brother John &  
The Liguori Family
- TUE. JULY 17, 2018  
8:30 Mary Schovanec  
BY: M/M M. Muino
- WED JULY 18, 2018  
8:30 For A Special Intention
- THURS. JULY 19, 2018  
8:30 Rev. Msgr. Celsus O. Collini  
BY: A Friend
- FRI. JULY 20, 2018  
8:30 Catherine Graci  
BY: Marie Caria
- SAT. JULY 21, 2018  
8:30 For The People of the Parish  
5:30 PM Deceased Members of  
The Marchetti & Dellaporte Families  
BY: Catheirne
- SUN JULY 22, 2018  
8:00 AM For Peace in our Family  
10:00 Anna Schiano-Moriello  
BY: Jo Ann Simon  
12:00 Vitantonio Clememte  
BY: The Delgado Family

## 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 Nigro
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 Montalbano	Rev. Michael A. Carrano
Anthony Manfre	Michael Panariello
Emma Huckerby	Louis Janicke

Louann Gambardella

### UPDATE      UPS AND DOWNS

The Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Elevator is currently being manufactured for installation in our church by the end of the summer, making our church fully accessible to all. Once manufactured, the elevator will take two weeks to install in the elevator shaft of the church. It may take up to two weeks from that point for the New York City Buildings Department to give final approval for the installed elevator to be used. Our contractor will then complete the finishing details on the exterior of the shaft around each of the elevator doorways, as well as install automated door openers on the exterior Hicks Street doors and the doors leading into the church at the elevator. Remember that it is your support of the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We have currently received \$466,348 of the \$783,765 pledged to this campaign. While it is true that we have received 60% of the pledged amount, due to the money that was first allocated to the Diocese, we have only received 48% of the money needed to complete our elevator project. If you have made a pledge to Generations of Faith, please continue to make your payments allowing us to fully fund our parish elevator. For those who may have made a pledge but are behind in your payments and are unable to fulfill your pledge, please consider calling the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens and lowering your pledge to something that works within your budget.

### 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The uniting theme for the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday is evangelization. Evangelization means to announce the Good News. The word “gospel” means the “Good News.” the Good News is Jesus. The Good News is of a world redeemed. The Good News is that in the end, good and not evil will win the day. The Good News means that truth and not falsehood will have the final word. The Good News is life will be victorious over death as we see in the Resurrection of Christ. This whole message is summed up in the disciples being sent to announce the Kingdom of God.**

**In the Book of the Prophet Amos, we read that Amos the prophet was sent to preach to the people. Amos compelled the message he must announce. While Amaziah, the priest of the temple rejects Amos, Amos must preach the Word of God. Remember, prophets do not tell us the future, rather they raise questions to the present situations. The prophet brings us back to reality. The prophet reminds the people of commitments to the faith. The role of the prophet is to draw the line between faith and behavior. The prophet oftentimes is not accepted by his own people nor by those to whom he is sent. Prophets ask questions which some may find too probing, too personal and too thought provoking. Thus, the prophet suffers for this message.**

**In the Gospel we meet Jesus who is sending out his disciples to announce the Kingdom of God. They, like Amos and Jesus, must preach and in their actions bear witness to the Gospel message. The mission of the disciples is described by such phrases as: authority over unclean spirits, they were to preach repentance and they were to anoint the sick. They were to minister together in groups of two and never alone. What do these tasks actually mean? To expel evil spirits means to have authority to limit evil. In the life of Christ, there is a constant battle between good and bad, between good and evil, between life and death. If you want a life in the Spirit, be prepared to do battle with evil spirits. These spirits are the tempter’s way of getting us to consent to evil. So, look at those enslaved by jealousy, anger, hatred or negative habits which hold them bound. These need to be freed to embrace the message of hope in the Gospel. The message of repentance calls us to turn around and examine our lives and change what is necessary to make us a better person and to reconcile us to God. Lastly, those announcing the Good News must live the Good News in their lives. Thus announcing the Gospel in groups of two allows those announcing the message to practice it by being understanding of each other, forgiving each other and allowing the other to be.**

**So, how do you and I announce the Good News without being deemed a religious fanatic? Have you seen the movie “Will You Be My Neighbor?” It is the story about Mr. Rogers, the children’s program of the 1950’s. Mr. Rogers was a Presbyterian Minister in real life. He left the ministry and formed this program. He never once mentions God or Jesus or the Gospel, yet the program teaches Gospel values of honesty, kindness, acceptance of differences, forgiveness, mercy, understanding and many other gospel values. So, if you wish to evangelize and take on the role of sharing the faith, do so by living the prayer of St. Francis. Where there is darkness bring light. Where there is sadness, bring joy. Where there is hurt, bring forgiveness. Where there is error, bring truth. Where there is fear, consolation.**

**So, in a quote attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, “proclaim the Gospel always and, use words when necessary.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

**SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN CHURCH**  
**HOSTS TWO FREE WORKSHOPS BY SPECIALISTS**  
**FROM NEW YORK CITY MEMORY CENTER**

For 35 years, New York Memory Center has been pioneer in the movement to bring evidence-based home and community solutions to adults living with memory loss and to their caregivers.

Join us at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church on Sunday, July 22nd from 11:15AM to noon for the free workshop “**How to keep your brain fit.**” This interactive workshop is for every adult young or old and explores ways to help keep your brain fit at any age. A wonderful resource for caregivers of older adults, this session is great for anyone with a concern about memory loss.

Join us at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church on Sunday, August 5th from 11:15AM to noon for the free workshop “**Family Care giving.**” You may be a care giver and not even know it! Care giving happens in all different ways. Learn about activities to do at home. Learn about resources available to you.

Workshops are held at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church Transfiguration Chapel located inside the church at 125 Summit Street right after 10:00 AM mass is over. All are welcome!

**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.

**THANK YOU**

**We extend a note of thanks to Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$1,000.00 to our Parish from the dance held in Cabrini Hall in early June. Supporting our parish helps us in many ways to offset expenses.**

**Again, thank you one and all.**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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