
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 7/15	\$ 2,832.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,493.00

** 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.

◇ 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 23, 2018
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JULY 24, 2018
8:30 Stephen Vergona
BY: Loving Family
- WED JULY 25, 2018
8:30 Rose DiMuro
Birthday Blessings (Deceased)
BY: Her Daughter Maria
- THURS. JULY 26, 2018
8:30 Anna Liguori
BY: Loving Son John &
The Liguori Family
- FRI. JULY 27, 2018
8:30 John Paino
BY: The Reca Family
- SAT. JULY 28, 2018
8:30 Fanny Arroyo
BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
5:30 PM Umberto & Filomena Peruffo
BY: Children
- SUN JULY 29, 2018
8:00 AM For Those Who Suffer In Silence
10:00 Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: Grace, Joe & Karen Fino
12:00 Matteo Deliso
BY: Vitoanthony Deliso

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	Robert Janicke

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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our first reading we meet Jeremiah who was a prophet in Jerusalem from 665BC to 570BC. In the Gospel, we read about the heart of Jesus being moved by compassion because the people were like sheep without a shepherd. In the second reading from St. Paul to the Ephesians, we read that in the Cross of Christ all have redemption, Jew and Gentile. The Gentiles now have a covenant with God in Christ. Thus, it is Christ who shepherds all his people to the Father.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is critical of the Kings of Judah. Kings were not only to rule and administer the government, they were to shepherd and care for the people. Many kings did not fulfill their pastoral calling and the people suffered from lack of moral leadership. Today, the shepherds of the faithful are the religious leaders who must provide not only instructions but good example for the community. Without these, the people are prey to confusion and moral ineptitude. Today there are many shepherds who are trying to raise the important questions which we the faithful need to face. However, there is also great disappointment on behalf of the faithful about many of their shepherds. Scandal, poor example and silence are major issues which have caused many to question the effectiveness of Catholic leadership. The poor examples of priests who seem ill prepared for ministry have scandalized many. While people may continue to come to Mass, many turn a deaf ear to the instruction given by shepherds whose integrity they question. In some ways, one would think that our shepherds have lost their moral voices. The Jeremiah reading may be addressed to such as these and all those in leadership roles.

In the Gospel, Jesus in his time is aware that the people lacked good shepherds. The people were looking for moral leadership. They were seeking to hear the Word of God and the leadership was not listening or proclaiming the Word of God. Since the shepherds who were to act in God's name failed, God will do the shepherding himself. Both Jesus and Jeremiah challenge all leadership people.

In a time in our society where there exists such division and suspicion of the other, we need to hear the message of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, that we are united. That God unites, God does not divide. We need to hear that Christians, Jews, Muslims are all children of the same God. We need to hear ways in which we can build community. Unfortunately, this message seems to be only said in a whisper rather than shouted from the rooftops.

Leadership is to serve the truth not power. Leadership is for the good of those being served not for the advancement of the leader.

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.

AGAINST ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM

“Indeed the Church reproves every form of persecution against whomsoever it may be directed.” (cf Nostra Aetate, Vatican II)

This weekend Jews will observe Tisha B’Av. This day remembers the day the First Temple and the Second Temple in Jerusalem were destroyed. It also calls to mind the many sufferings of the Jewish people through history. Today we will remember the Jews who have suffered from anti-Semitic actions and all who have been victims of racism, hatred for whatever reason. I ask that we keep all who are marginalized due to race, color, religion, gender or orientation in your daily prayers.

“The Church deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism leveled at any time or from any source against the Jews.” (cf. Nostra Aetate Vatican II)

INFORMATION SHEET

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