
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 7/1	\$ 3,333.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$10,992.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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



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 9, 2018
Noon Lee Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- TUE. JULY 10, 2018
8:30 All Souls in Purgatory
- WED JULY 11, 2018
8:30 Albert Pearce
BY: Andy Di Manso
- THURS. JULY 12, 2018
8:30 Larry Scotto
BY: Family
- FRI. JULY 13, 2018
8:30 John Marchesano
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- SAT. JULY 14, 2018
8:30 John & Raffaella Sisto
5:30 PM In Praise and Thanksgiving
- SUN JULY 15, 2018
8:00 AM Angelo Vergona
BY: Grace Paladino & Connie
10:00 Giovanna & Luigi Barrera
BY: Loving Family
12:00 Caterina Deserio
BY: Her Sister Anna

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 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 Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Anthony Manfre | Michael Panariello |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |

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 8 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 Family,

Today, the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel presents us with one of the first rejections which Jesus receives. In some way this portion of the gospel prepares us for the ultimate rejection of Jesus by many of the religious leaders of his time. The problem seems to be that Jesus is known to the people of Nazareth. The people perhaps know him from his days as a child. He may have worshipped at the very synagogue where we find him preaching. The people know his family. They know his immediate family and his extended family. They resent his message and even if he is saying things that are true and inspiring, many cannot accept him. He is too familiar, they think they have him figured out.

Perhaps the people of Nazareth had an idea of God which may have been incorrect. Perhaps they thought that God always acts with drama. Perhaps they expected God to always act with great manifestations of power and glory. Perhaps that God is mystery was never really accepted. I think the familiarity of Jesus caused them to reject him. He was too close to them. Does this not happen in families? How often have you given your children advice which they clearly reject? Such protest as: "Mom, you do not understand." Yet, let a friend or someone outside the family give the exact same advice and it is accepted without question. How often have we listened to a speech given by someone we do not like and reject everything which is said? However, let the same address be given by someone we like with the same sentiment and we accept it. This seems to be the flaws of human nature.

The people of the town thought they knew him. Is not everybody a mystery? Do you really know your children? Do you really know yourself? Do you really know your husband or wife? Can you really know another person? Have you never been surprised by the way you acted or by what you may have said? Each of us is a mystery and each of us is much deeper than what is seen on the surface. Never think you know everything about a person or yourself. You may be greatly surprised about what you do not know.

Oftentimes we may box a person in. We think because when a person was a teenager they acted poorly that they never changed as an adult. We may think that because a person was problematic as a child, that he/she never changed. We need to allow people to grow. I am sure that all of us were very different fifteen or twenty years ago. We may have been immature, spoiled, self-centered, temperamental and a host of other behaviors which others may have found difficult to endure. We grew up. We had experiences which matured us and here we are. Well, the same is true for Jesus. They thought he was exactly the same as he was as a child. Well, he too grew in wisdom and structure and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

The lesson, we are all mysterious because we are created in the image of the mystery of who is God. Never box anyone in, we all change and lastly, God is closer than you think, usually in the ordinary events of the day and in all ordinary people we think we know.

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.

KIMBERLY GERITANO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On June 24th following the noon mass, the members of O.L. of Loretto #585 awarded three \$500.00 scholarships to children attending Catholic school. The winners were Christopher Fraser, Damian Torres and Stefano DiFlavia. All scholarship checks will be presented following the 10:00 AM mass on July 8th. We thank SK Anthony Troiano, PGK Jimmy Geritano, GK Joe Ilardi and Msgr. Guy A. Massie and the parishioners of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen for their support of all our programs. Congratulations to the winners.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, July 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing Vinegar Hill by A. Manette Ansay. All are welcome!

INFORMATION SHEET

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Would someone kindly resend the schedule for expedited bulletins going forward. We at SHSS were never reminded about the deadline for the July 8th bulletin. Sending a Schedule once for the whole year is not good for us. We need to be reminded.