
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 8/5	\$ 2,932.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,393.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
Month of July totaled \$1,665.72



Technology Classes will not take place during the months of 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.

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, September 10th at 700 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing

WOMAN ON THE OTHER SHORE
BY MITSUYO KAKUTA.

All are welcome!

- MON. AUGUST 13, 2018
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. AUGUST 14, 2018
8:30 Vincent Porcelli
BY: Mom, Guido & RoseAnn
- WED AUG. 15, 2018 ASSUMPTION
8:30 Louisa Dellaporte
BY Catherine
Noon In Honor of Our Blessed Mother
BY: Figlia di Monti Di Procida
6:00 PM Josephine Patti &
Nancy Marchionne
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. AUG. 16, 2018
8:30 Anna Schiano-Morirello &
Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Giustina Schiano
- FRI. AUG 17, 2018
8:30 Anna Liguori
Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)
BY: Loving Son John &
The Liguori Family
- SAT. AUG 18, 2018
8:30 Lawrence & Lorraine Zanzonico
Living
BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
5:30 PM Concetta Ammatuna
BY: Dolores & Anthony Iovine
- SUN AUG. 19, 2018
8:00 AM Sr. Jarath
10:00 Arlene & Jerry Vollaro
BY: Clara & Paula
Noon Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: John & Maria Heyer

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	Theresa Colantonio
Emma Huckerby	Louis Janicke
Louann Gambardella	Robert Janicke

NEW UPDATE!! UPS AND DOWNS

We are happy to inform you that we are slated for installation of the church elevator to commence around the end of August.

There are many steps involved in this process on the part of the Installer and our General Contractor. The final process will be the Elevator Inspection by the City Inspectors after all installation and finishing work is completed.

We remain grateful to the generosity of those who have participated in the Generations of Faith Campaign. By your pledges, this work has been made possible. Without the continued fulfillment of your pledges to Generations of Faith, we would not be able to continue to work on this vital improvement which will allow all to feel welcome to our church.

Dear Parish Family,

On August 15th we celebrate the Great Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We celebrate the memory of Mary because of her vocation of giving flesh to the Word of God in the Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us, who is Christ Jesus. This is an ancient celebration which is found in many Christian communities. The Greek Antiochian and many other Orthodox Churches celebrate the Sleep of Mary, the Lutheran and the Episcopal Communities celebrate the Memory of Mary. Therefore, this is a good day to celebrate Mary ecumenically. The reason the Church celebrates the Memory of Mary with various feasts is because of the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Jesus. Thus the reason for our veneration and love for Mary is Jesus.

The Feast of the Assumption while celebrating the taking of Mary to heaven, is also celebrating Christ. By recalling the Resurrection of Christ and the Assumption of Mary, we too are calling to mind the great promise of our own resurrection from the dead and the life of the world to come. The second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians speaks of our promised resurrection. If Christ is risen from the dead, so we will rise from the dead. Mary is seen as the first Disciple of Christ. She as disciple and first member of the Church is raised from the dead because of her faithfulness to the Gospel. Just as Mary has been raised from the dead, we also will be raised from the dead. We profess the belief in our own resurrection every time we profess the Creed we say "We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

While the Assumption of Mary is a great event, scripture and tradition tell us of the assumption of Elijah found in 2Kings 2:11-12. The gift of assumption into heaven was reserved for exceptionally holy people. Mary's vocation is singular. She is the woman who gave humility to the Word of God. She is also recognized as Mother of the Church and Mother to all disciples of Christ. Her vocation in accomplishing the Incarnation is remembered every day when we pray the Angelus. As a reminder of the Incarnation, Church bells rang in the morning, noontime and in the evening.

The Gospel gives us the great Marian canticle, the Magnificate. In this prayer, Mary praises God for the gift of mercy shown to God's people throughout the ages. This prayer expresses Mary's gratitude to God for her singular vocation, which is her role in the Incarnation of God among us in the great Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. This prayer is said every day by all who pray the Divine office ordained, religious and lay. Read this Canticle, memorize it and make it part of your heart. Use it to praise and thank God for all you have received. Do you believe in your own resurrection from the dead? The celebration of the Assumption invites us to reflect on the great mystery of the Resurrection of Christ, our own future resurrection and the vocation of every disciple to give flesh to the Word of God by living in thought, word and deed the faith we profess. Perhaps we can remember that every act of mercy, every kindness, every word of truth we utter, every act of service we render is a way of giving flesh to the Word of God.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today's scripture readings speak to us about the sustaining action of the Eucharist. In the next three weeks, we will be addressing various aspects of our Eucharistic faith. The gospel readings for the next three weeks will be coming to us from John 6, known as the Bread of Life discourses.

Today's first reading holds the major theme for the day. Coming to us from 1Kings 19:4-8 in this selection of Elijah the Prophet is on a journey to Mount Horob also known as Mount Sinai. Elijah is fleeing for his life. He is tired and he sleeps. He is awoken by an angel who gives him food to strengthen him for the journey. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the food for the journey of Christian Life. It is not only the teachings of Jesus which sustain us, but rather it is Jesus himself who is the food for our journey. The strong belief in Jesus being the food for the journey is illustrated in our belief in giving Viaticum to the dying. The sacrament of the dying is not the anointing of the sick, but rather Holy Communion. The Eucharist, who is Jesus himself, the Bread of Life, is the food for the journey from this life to God. While this is true, we cannot underestimate our life in the here and now. Each day is a journey. Every day has blessings and challenges. Each day calls us to respond to situations for which we need help and strength. The believer cannot get through the day without God's grace. The Eucharist is the highest level of grace we can receive for the daily journey.

We read in the Gospel all were looking for Jesus. Look around, for what are we searching? Faced with disappointment in leadership, or by people we trusted, we are looking for trust. We ask ourselves: "Who can be trusted?" Faced with fear and anxiety, we are searching for peace, guidance, direction and hope. To whom shall we go? Look at the situations which cause us to doubt and become cynical. In these cases, we are searching for truth. Who is the truth? In the end, we are looking for Jesus. These are all attributes of God. Life can be tough at times. How do we make it through these times?

Given our struggles in life, how can one separate oneself from the Eucharist? How can the Catholic who prays not long for the Eucharist? I often hear that some are disappointed in the leadership of the Church. I know that many of us are annoyed by what seems to be a constant state of scandal among the clergy. I know that we may even hold disappointments about our parishes and our priests or fellow parishioners. Given all these issues, why would you separate yourself from the Eucharist? Yes, priests can be wonderful or they can disappoint. Priests can make the parish or destroy it if the parishioners allow him, yet he is not the reason for being at Mass or not being at Mass. The reason for Mass is to worship God with community, hear the Word of God in the community and receive Eucharist in the community. Being strengthened by the presence of Christ we can deal with all the disappointments, setbacks and humiliations which may come our way. Christ is the food for the journey, do not starve yourself. Come to the feast!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION

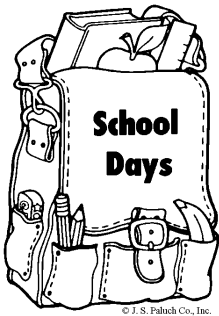
Wednesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. Masses will be held at 8:30 AM, Noon and 6:00 PM. Free Ice Cream will be given out to all after the Noon and 6:00 PM masses. All are welcome!

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Be a Catechist

10. The best way to learn is to teach.
9. Catechists “echo” the teachings of Christ.
8. Sharing the faith is an honor.
7. Your own faith will come alive.
6. You become active in the lively part of our Parish.
5. A Catechist is a role model.
4. You will be practicing stewardship.
3. You show your own family that you value religious education.
2. It is fun. Really!
1. It is what we are called to do!

If interested or if you have any questions, please call Nancy Arkin, Director of Faith Formation, 718 596-7750.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help some children who cannot afford school supplies! From August 11th thru August 20th you can drop all **NEW** school supplies in the back of the church. You can also make a monetary donation (payable to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church) at any time after mass to benefit the Children of Ghana. See Anthony Troiano for more details.

XAVERIAN BROTHERS MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Msgr. Massie:

On behalf of the Xaverian Brothers and especially our missionaries, thank you for allowing us to speak at your parish as part of the Mission Cooperative Plan for the Diocese of Brooklyn. In these difficult economic times, we are especially grateful to your parishioners for their wonderful generosity to our missionaries around the world. Again my thanks to your parishioners and my prayers for God’s continued blessings on your priestly ministry.

Brother Edward Driscoll, CFX
General Superior

INFORMATION SHEET

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