
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 7/29	\$ 2,199.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$12,126.00

** 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 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. AUGUST 6, 2018**
Noon Flora Opoku
BY: Joan McGrath
- TUE. AUGUST 7, 2018**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- WED AUG. 8, 2018**
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY Son Joe
- THURS. AUG. 9, 2018**
8:30 Flora Opoku
BY: The Delgado Family
- FRI. AUG 10, 2018**
8:30 Fr. Simon Joseph
BY: Carolyn & John
- SAT. AUG 11, 2018**
8:30 Anthony Scotto
BY: Wife Maureen
5:30 PM Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: The Delgado Family
- SUN AUG. 12, 2018**
8:00 AM In Honor of The Holy Spirit
10:00 Rev. Simon Joseph
BY: The Altar Servers
Noon In honor of St. Joseph

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 5th have been donated

In Loving Memory of
Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: Jennie Bianco



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of August 5th has been donated

In Loving Memory of
Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: Joanne & David

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 Montalbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Anthony Manfre | Theresa Colantonio |
| 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

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 Family,

The readings today and for the next three weeks continue the theme began last Sunday which is the Bread of Life Discourse which we find in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Ultimately the Bread of Life refers to the Holy Eucharist who is Jesus. Each week will take a particular aspect of the Bread of Life Discourse. This week we are concerned with sufficiency and abundance. In our life journey, God provides enough and more for us to survive.

The journey of life can be an adventure. Look at the first reading. In the first reading we meet the Israelites after they have left Egypt. While in Egypt, they complained that they were ill treated. They were not free. They were slaves. In the portion of Exodus we are reading today, they are free. They are no longer held in slavery. Now their complaint is they have no food. They want to go back to Egypt, even if this meant being slaves. The adventure in the desert was too much. They were fearful. Their new normal, at least for a while, is scary. For them it was better to suffer in a place where they had security rather than to make the journey to true freedom. God hears the complaint and sends manna which they could eat. The Manna will be seen as Bread from Heaven. This manna will satisfy them every day. This bread will be provided every day and it will be enough to get them through the day. The giving of the Manna reminds us of the line from the Our Father "give us today or daily bread."

What does this story tell us ? What is our journey? What are our fears? What do we need? The Israelites were on a journey to freedom and to the Promised Land. We too are on a journey. Our spiritual journey is to greater communion with God. Our journey, like that of the Israelites, is often not so easy. Certainly there are oasis moments characterized by peace and tranquility when life seems fine. Then there are times when we are invited by unexpected events to leave the oasis. There are other times when we want and long for change. When the time finally comes, we are upset and we want to go back to a simpler time. One may think of children looking forward to go to college and then as the day approaches to leave home and they are fearful. Yet, this is the very thing they wanted to happen. Then there are moments of unexpected illness, financial crisis, family discord or upheaval which end our serenity. These difficult moments on our journey can be Graced Moments. We can learn about ourselves and our spiritual lives. It is at times like this that we complain as did the Israelites saying I want things to be the same again. It is at this time we need to say "Give us this day our daily bread." Our daily bread can mean: give me the strength for today, give me the insight I need for today, give to me what I need. We need to trust that God will provide. God does provide in many unexpected ways. Sometimes people walk into our lives who can help and guide us, sometimes we discover strength we never knew we had.

For us our daily bread is Jesus. Our daily bread is the Eucharist. Our daily bread is the grace for today. In the end, God in Christ provides all we need. In times of disappointment, uncertainty, emotional pain, anxiety, fear, etc. it is most important to have our daily bread who is Christ without whom we can do nothing.

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 as specialists from New York Memory Center visit 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.

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.

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!

INFORMATION SHEET

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