
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 10/7	\$ 3,346.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,97.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the Month of September totaled \$2,287.35.

MON. OCTOBER 15, 2018
 Noon Philomena & Michael Polito & Yolanda & Danny DeLosa
 BY: Rosemary & Family

TUE. OCTOBER 16, 2018
 8:30 James Zagarella (Deceased)
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Daughter Gertrude

WED OCTOBER 17, 2018
 8:30 All Souls In Purgatory

THURS. OCTOBER 18, 2018
 8:30 John Marquez

FRI. OCTOBER 19, 2018
 8:30 Carol Montaperto
 BY: Lorraine & Dora Zanzonico

SAT. OCTOBER 20, 2018
 8:30 Archie Zanzonico
 BY: Dora & Lorraine Zanzonico
 5:30 PM Ramona Mugno
 BY: Paula Mazze & Clara Stella

SUN OCTOBER 21, 2018
 8:00 AM For The People of the Parish
 10:00 Anthony Scotto
 BY: Wife Maureen
 Noon Umberto & Filomena Peruffo
 BY: Children



Technology Classes with Deacon Przemek will be held in the month of October as follows: 10/16 10/23, at 4:30 PM in the Parish House. All are welcome. Please bring your tablets, laptops or phones to the sessions.

BOOK CLUB

Out next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing CALEB'S CROSSING by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Bread & Wine for the week of 10/14/18 has been donated In Loving Memory of KRISTINA ESPOSITO BY: John & Phyllis Edwards



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of 10/14/18 have been donated In Loving Memory of KRISTINA ESPOSITO BY: John & Phyllis Edwards

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 |
| Diane Barchuk | 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 | Theresa Colantonio |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Celeste Internicola | Anthony Turco |

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

“Being part of the Altar Server Ministry has truly been an amazing experience. Every week gives me the opportunity to learn something new and strengthen my relationship with God. Being a server has taught me to be an active member not only in our parish but in our community as well. Since joining this ministry, I have grown closer to God and to the members of our parish..”

Julianna

CHOIR MINISTRY

“ By being part of the choir, I feel blessed and closest to God. I’m not only raising my voice to God in praise, but I am connecting in a special way with the Lord. It allows me to express my devotion to God with people who welcome me in friendship and love. I find great reward in the act of giving through joyful music and in connecting with the entire congregation through voice and fellowship.”
The harmonized thoughts of some members of our loving ensemble.....

Carmela, Karma, Machi, Sara & Linda

CHOIR & ALTAR SERVER MIISTRIES

“I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together.” I, you and we need you to hear a call to lay ministry in our faith community. Long past are the days of scores of religious sisters who taught in our schools and Religious Education Programs. Long past are the days of many priests in a parish. Now we have one priest and good and generous people of faith who keep our parish serving each of us. I know that we have many commitments and responsibilities, but our Faith is the most precious gift we have. Please consider helping us to pass it on.

CHOIR:

The Ministry of the Choir is related to the ministry of the Lector and to preaching. Music is part of our liturgy. Music is not provided for entertainment. The Music Ministry provides us the singing of the Word of God. Notice that many of the Hymns we sing are based on the Bible. Usually the hymn repeats and is the echo of the homily or the Sacred Text which was proclaimed at the Mass. Most often, the hymn is prayer. The choir leads us in praying and offering praise to God. We need choir members to help us hear God’s word in song and praise. You need not have an excellent voice. You need a desire to sing for God. If you are interested in this wonderful ministry, please contact James Lake through the Rectory.

ALTAR SERVER:

The Altar Server may be a girl or a boy or a man or a woman. This ministry is a call to serve the priest at the Altar. This is a great Ministry and a spiritually rewarding ministry. The Ministry invites its participants to a close relationship with the Holy Eucharist. The Alter server assists the priest by holding the Missal, preparing the wine and water, receiving the Bread and Wine from the people, preparing the incense, assisting at weddings, funerals and special liturgies and being part of the prayer life of the altar. If you are interested and feel called to commit to this important ministry, please contact John Heyer through the Rectory.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Is avoiding evil and doing no harm enough to live the Gospel? Is being rich a negative or positive or neutral disposition? What is the price of following the Gospel?

The Gospel reading today is a familiar story. The rich young man who seems overly enthusiastic to ask his question of Jesus leaves rather down hearted and disappointed. What happened? The rich young man seems moved by the preaching of Jesus. He is emotionally driven. Jesus tells him to calm down and think about what he is asking. The choice to follow Christ is made not only with the emotions of the moment but with reason. What is following Jesus going to cost? On this side of eternity most things have a price tag. This includes the Gospel. We all hear the Gospel but few actually seek to apply it to their lives. If people took the Gospel to heart they would do good works, be more loving, not seek reward, be more forgiving and speak out against injustice. If we took the Gospel to heart, we would willingly give of our time, talent and treasure to foster the Gospel among others. Doing such things takes a commitment.

The Rich Young Man in the Gospel is a good person. He keeps the commandments. He does no harm to anyone. Notice that the commands are all negative except for one which addresses care for the parents but this too is a family based command. The Gospel calls us to avoid evil and to do good things. What good has the rich man done? The Rich Man could have used his treasure and talent to do good deeds. He has not done anything to relieve someone's sufferings. He has not contributed to the poor. He also has not offended anyone. He is respectable. The Gospel calls us to be more than respectable. It calls us to do good deeds. The Gospel calls us to stand up for truth. The Gospel calls us to take a stand. It does not call us to be respectable. What good do we do with our time, treasure and talent?

The Rich Young Man seems to think that salvation is earned. Perhaps thinking if he does this or that, he can win his salvation? We do not earn our salvation. We do not win it as a reward. Salvation is given. It is pure gift from God. We respond to this gift by doing good deeds, by praying and by worshipping. Salvation depends on God and we cannot place ourselves in God's debt. When Jesus says to sell what you have and give to the poor, he is saying do something for someone else. The young man is frustrated. He believed his wealth was given to him by God. He did not see that his blessings were meant to be shared. The gifts we have are to be shared. The young man was possessed by wealth. He was not free.

In light of this Gospel reading, let us ask ourselves a few questions. In the text, Jesus said to the young man there is only one thing more you must follow him. In the case of the young man, he was told to sell what he owned give to the poor and then follow Jesus. Why could the man not comply with the request of Jesus? Are there things in our respective lives which interfere with our growth in the Spirit of the Gospel? Are there habits and attitudes which we love more than we love Jesus? Why can we not let them go for in favor of Christ? Did the young man have the deep desire to follow Jesus or was he moved by the emotion of the moment? To follow the Gospel, one must be at least willing to struggle to view the world as Jesus viewed the world. One must see the poor, the outcast and the stranger as Jesus sees them. One must be at least willing to struggle with forgiveness, making peace and seeking justice for the oppressed. Finally, one who seeks to follow Jesus must find joy in a life defined by giving rather than receiving.

So where are we with these questions? Do we want the Gospel or are we satisfied with keeping the Gospel on a social level, a level that is respectable and acceptable rather than getting too involved?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2019 JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2019, January through June will open on Tuesday, October 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM as well as 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish House. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken on this day. **If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.**

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays in a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request ONE Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened for **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means; suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions ONE of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. ONE for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we need but we must also be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestor's name (the one making the intention for the mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention?

Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally everyday. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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