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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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## **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN**

*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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. NOVEMBER 12, 2018**  
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 13, 2018**  
 8:30 Enrico Dellaporte  
 BY: Wife, Children & Granchildren
- WED NOVEMBER 14, 2018**  
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intention Mass
- THURS. NOVEMBER 15, 2018**  
 8:30 Carmelo Napoli  
 BY: Angela & Louis Napoli
- FRI. NOVEMBER 16, 2018**  
 8:30 Filomena Scotto  
 BY: Children
- SAT. NOVEMBER 17, 2018**  
 8:30 In Honor of St. Michael &  
 St. Joan of Arc for all living and  
 deceased soldiers  
 BY: Lorraine Zanzonico  
 5:30 Dr. Lourdes Plenas Dizon  
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- SUN NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
 8:00 AM Pasqualina Stankus  
 10:00 Living & Deceased Members of  
 The Citizens of Pozzallo Society  
 BY: The Society  
 Noon In Honor of Mother Cabrini  
 Ministry Thank You Day

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 11/4	\$ 2,878.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,447.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
 Month of October totaled \$2,474.79



**Bread & Wine for the  
 week of 11/04/18  
 has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
 JEROME "GIGI" ORSINO  
 BY: The Troiano Family**

## ST. THERESE RELIC EXPLANATION

Some of you may have noticed something different about the first altar on the Sacred Heart side of the church the last few weeks. The statue of St. Stephen has temporarily been replaced with the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux and a reliquary containing the bones of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin. We are honored to be caring for this reliquary which belongs to the Magnificat Foundation which publishes the Magnificat booklets. The relic will be with us for the month of October while they are in the custody of our Pastoral Associate, John Heyer and he arranges for their veneration throughout our diocese. In order to properly host the relics of the Martin family, the renowned French sculptor and artist Fleu Nabert created the first family reliquary for veneration and procession. On a pedestal of bronze are placed three individual reliquaries each marked by the first letter of the names of Therese, Louis and Azelie. The reliquary of St. Therese, Doctor of the Church is placed in the center, the highest of the three, while those of her parents are united by two wedding rings to remind us of the power and sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage. As represented in a drawing by St. Therese herself, her parents are referred to here by two fleurs-de-lis. The flower representing Zelig Martin is slightly smaller, a sign of her death during Therese's childhood. The flowers are molded in bronze with gilded leaves of yellow and white gold. The Little Flower, Therese, is represented by a rose, for she hoped to "scatter herself" beneath the footsteps of Jesus and promised "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." The ensemble is protected by a transparent case in the shape of an arch to remind us that the Christian family is a domestic Church, the first place where we practice sanctity. We pray that you will take the opportunity to venerate the relics of this family which the church has proclaimed as being saints and learn more about them and their faith in order to assist yourself on your journey to holiness.

# 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
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
Salvatore Colonna	

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

Did you miss the SHSS Health Fair last April? The Mammogram Bus will be in the neighborhood again on Friday, 11/16. Get your no cost mammogram and clinical breast exam. Tell your friends and neighbors. For women 40-79 living in NYC who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months. No co-pays required. **Hosted by Jo Ann Simon, the bus will be at 341 Smith Street from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. For an appointment or more information, call 1-718-246-4889 or 1-877-628-9090**



We wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Frank Guido and the Guido Family from Guido

Funeral Home for their kind sharing of home grown persimmons which were placed in the back of our church for all to partake of.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness are sincerely appreciated by all.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## MINISTRY DAY

Throughout our Ministry Drive, volunteers and ministers have shared the value of their efforts with fellow parishioners, witnessing to all and encouraging others to join more actively in the vital work of spreading God's kingdom here at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen.

We will conclude this endeavor by giving thanks to God for the fruits our efforts will bear and by acknowledging the gifts He has given us. We encourage all parish ministers and volunteers to participate in this celebration at the Noon Mass on Sunday, November 18th.

Following the Mass those who are part of a parish ministry or volunteer are invited to a luncheon with fellow volunteers, new and old, in Cabrini Hall. Our gathering will include a reflection on the saint for which our hall is named, St. Francis Cabrini whose inspiration guides us in the work we do.

Ministers and volunteers are asked to please **RSVP if you are or are not able to attend the Mass and/or the lunch by November 15th at [info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com](mailto:info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com)**

## MORNING PRAYER

**JOIN US FOR MORNING PRAYER EVERY MORNING AT 8:00 AM-MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND 7:30 AM ON SUNDAY.**

Morning prayer is prayed in Transfiguration Chapel every day. Please do join us. Morning prayer consists of praying two Psalms, two canticles, a short reading and intercessions. The Morning prayer and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are part of the official prayer of the whole Church. The Morning prayer is different from day to day. We have books which we will guide you in using.

**ADORATION OF THE LORD AND THE EUCHARIST IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO GET SOME PEACE IN YOUR DAY. JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY MONDAY FROM 11-12 IN THE TRANSFIGURATION CHAPEL SPEND QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD. IT CAN DE-STRESS YOUR DAY.**

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings show Jesus' praise for the humble and his despising of hypocrisy. Jesus in the Gospel reading for the past few weeks has presented us with his agenda. Jesus has turned the tables on the secular world. Jesus has shown who he believes to be important in the world. He has shown the attitudes of which he approves. In doing so, he has upset the status quo of his time and of our time. In today's first reading and Gospel, the image of the widow is held up to us. Widows along with orphaned children were symbols of poverty. Both the widow and the orphaned were dependent on the mercy of others to care for them. Widows did not collect pensions or social security. If their husbands could not provide for them, if their families could not take care of them, they were at the mercy of the community.

In the Gospel, it is the widow who is the heroine of the story. Similar to the story about Bartemaus, the blind man, whose cries come to the ear of Jesus in the midst of the noise of the crowd, so too, the keen eye of Jesus notices this poor widow making a contribution to the temple. It is the faithfulness, goodness, kindness and compassion lived out in the people considered unimportant by the power structures who Jesus sees and accepts. In the first reading, the heroine is the widow of Zarepath who places her faith in the words of Elijah the prophet who is commended by Jesus. According to Jesus, greatness was found in those who serve not in those being served. It is those who give of themselves quietly without seeking recognition for their good deeds that Jesus notices.

The two widows who Jesus praises stand out in sharp contrast to the religious leadership of the day. The scribes were educated, respected and trusted by the people. Scribes often assisted widows, managed their property or their expenses. Many served the widows honestly some, on the other hand, pretended their religious piety in order to gain the trust of widows. These men treated widows dishonestly. Such behavior is called hypocrisy.

It is possible that the story called the Widow's Mite may be misnamed. A mite is a small amount. The widow gave all she could. This is what she could afford. Therefore, for her it was a great amount. Those on the other hand who could have given more, really only gave a mite or a small amount. Those who could give, had little faith. The poor widow who trusted God gave a great amount. She gave in faith that God would provide for her. The wealthy really gave a mite because they could have given more. Their external behavior did not reflect their self acclaimed internal piety. They presented themselves as faith filled people but, in reality, they were not trusting in God.

I ask you to consider the following questions: Where do you picture yourself in these readings? Are you one of the apostles listening to Jesus? Are you the widow who is at the mercy of those around her for constant help? Would you have found Jesus to be too challenging of the status quo of his time? Do you sympathize with the established religious point of view of the scribes? What is your definition of hypocrisy? What would you have liked to discuss with Jesus with regard to this story? Why do we do the good that we do?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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**CCD “NEWS”**

This year the children in our CCD program are learning about the Communion of Saints and how to live as part of that Communion: praying in intercession with the saints in heaven, as well as reaching out to others in service, as members of the family of God. We have established a relationship with the children of our “sister” parish in Abor, Ghana (where Fr. Victor is now stationed)-St. Theresa of the Child Jesus– and have begun a “pen pal” correspondence with them. In the coming weeks some of the pictures and letters from Ghana will be on display in the vestibule of the Church.

As you know, clean water is scarce in many villages in Ghana and Abor is no exception. Efforts are underway to build a water tower to capture rainwater (due to prohibitive costs, digging a well is not an option at this time), and we want to help in any way we can. The children will be working on different activities in the coming months to help raise money for their new friends in Ghana, and will also be donating small items to send “care packages” during the upcoming holy days (the Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas seasons). They want to invite the entire parish community to be part of this effort.

Before Thanksgiving a list of care package items will be published in the bulletin, and you’re invited down to CCD (in Cabrini Hall ) on any Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon to make a contribution. The children will use any items donated, as well as things they supply themselves, to make personalized care packages for their pen pal friends. It is our hope that through this effort, sharing both materially and spiritually in friendship, all the children will experience the abiding love of God, and will recognize their own call to be instruments of His love in the world.

Nancy Arkin  
Director of Faith Formation

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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