
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

- MON. NOVEMBER 26, 2018**
 Noon Filomena & Angelo Lagana
 BY: Catherine
- TUE. NOVEMBER 27, 2018**
 8:30 Lee & Joseph Sgro
 BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- WED NOVEMBER 28, 2018**
 8:30 All Souls in Purgatory
- THURS. NOVEMBER 29, 2018**
 8:30 Al Strykowski
- FRI. NOVEMBER 30, 2018**
 8:30 M/M Nicholas Zanzonico & Family (Living)
 BY: Dora & Lorraine Zanzonico
- SAT. DECEMBER 1, 2018**
 8:30 George Storz
 5:30 Joseph Patti
 BY: Loving Family
- SUN DECEMBER 2, 2018**
 8:00 AM Peter Bello
 BY: Josephine Fiore & Carolyn Johnson
 10:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/11	\$ 2,705.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,820.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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



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Bread & Wine for the
 week of 11/25/18
 has been donated
 In Loving Memory of
JOHN SCOTTO

BY: Phyllis Valentino & Linda Masi



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Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
 11/25/18 have been donated
 In Loving Memory of
DINA VILLELLA

By: Madeline Poldrugovac

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.**



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TOY DRIVE

St. Stephen's Men's
 Fellowship's Annual Toy
 Drive to benefit The
 Children of Ghana,
 Father Cletus' and

Fr. Victor's parish's in
 Ghana, will begin on Sunday 12/2/18.
 Please only **NEW UNWRAPPED** Toys!

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND WREATH SALE



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St. Stephen's Men's
 Fellowship will once again
 have their annual Christmas
 Poinsettia, Wreath,
 centerpiece, greens and
 ornaments sale to begin on

Saturday December 1st. These pieces are beautifully
 decorated and prices are great. We invite you to
 check them out!

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.	Anthony Turco
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	
Salvatore Colonna	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

THE WINTER CSA IS BACK AT SHSS IN DECEMBER

Did you know that you can sign up for direct-from-the-organic-farm local vegetables, provisions and eggs and pick them up right here at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen church? Our CSA (community supported agriculture) farm is Garden of Eve in Riverhead, Long Island. Farmers Eve and Chris Wallbrecht donate fruit and vegetables year round to feed our rectory and donate the extras for SHSS to distribute to the needy. Parishioner Karma Martell runs the effort. We invite you to join and support the CSA and enjoy a variety of fresh items all winter long! To sign up go to www.gardenofefarm.com and click on CSA. This will take you to a page to join. You will see SHSS listed as a pick up point.

UPS AND DOWNS

We invite you to take a look at the recently installed elevator doors in the vestibule of the church. Doors are also now being installed at the Hicks Street entrance and in Cabrini Hall. The installation of the elevator is 90% complete and we are awaiting a replacement part to finish installation and request inspection from the NYC Department of Buildings. While the installation is completed, the contractor is placing finishing touches on the walls around each set of elevator doors in addition to many other finishes required by the Building Department. One such requirement was the installation of an elevator shaft vent which has been installed conspicuously on the outside façade of the church facing Hicks Street. Other improvements which will complete the project will include the installation of automated door openers on the exterior Hicks Street doors and the doors leading into the church at the elevator and proper signage letting people know where the elevator is. Remember that it is your support of the Generations of Faith Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We have currently received \$495,794 of the \$783,765 pledged to the campaign. While it is true that we have received over 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 unable to fulfill your pledge, please consider calling the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens and lowering your pledge to something that works with your budget. We look forward to setting a date to bless the completed elevator once all aspects of the project are finalized.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Christ is the beginning and the end, Christ the Alpha and the Omega of our existence, Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. All time and all seasons are his. To Christ be glory forever

Today the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday in the Liturgical year 2018. The year ends as it began by proclaiming Christ as our King. Acknowledging Christ as our King means that we acknowledge his reign over every aspect of our lives. We acknowledge our very existence as dependent on Christ. We as disciples of Christ are to invite the Lord Jesus into every part of our lives. Being baptized and being admitted to live Eucharist means that we not only acknowledge the Kingship of Christ, but that we willingly accept and rejoice over his reign in and over our lives. “The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of one who writes straight with crooked lines.” John Paul II

The readings today tell us of the nature of the Kingship of Christ. The First reading is from the Book of the Prophet Daniel. The Book of Daniel is a piece of apocalyptic literature. This is a particular genre of biblical writing which speaks about the final victory of God over evil. Apocalyptic literature uses symbolism which can be difficult to understand. All we need to know is that the world we know will end and in the end God will be victorious. We are also reminded that all of us will be held accountable for our lives. In the Book of Daniel we are presented with the term; “Son of Man.” It is this person who will come and establish the reign of God among us. The Son of Man will be both divine and human. In Christian writings, the Son of Man is identified as Jesus.

In the second reading from the Book of Revelations we read a great Christological text. This text tells us that Jesus is our conquering and victorious King. Christ has defeated death, destroyed evil and made the final victory of good over all forms of evil possible. Notice the reference to the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Thus the final victory is won in Christ. While there may seem to be the growth of evil, in the end Christ will have the last word. So, in Christ the victory is ours, if only we would believe that the battle is over good and evil is won.

In the Gospel of St. John, we are brought back to Good Friday. In this portion of the Gospel Pilate asks Jesus; “are you the King?” Jesus answered that he is and that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate recognizes Jesus as a threat to Roman rule. The Jews recognized the Messiah as one having religious and secular power to establish the rule of God. Jesus transcends both concepts. The Kingdom of Jesus is one of Truth, Love, Mercy, Justice. These are eternal values which neither Pilate nor the Jewish leadership understood. Christ reigns in our hearts. The mark of the Kingdom of God is that of love, mercy, justice, peace, truth, life, holiness and grace. It is a kingdom where those who showed mercy are given mercy. The Kingdom of God is the victory of the Beatitudes, (Matthew 5:1-12) it is the crowning of those who actualized the spiritual and temporal acts of mercy as we see in the final judgment scene. (Matthew 25:1f) Notice in this final judgment parable that mercy is the criteria for attaining heaven. Notice that the prayer, liturgy, sacraments are never mentioned. Perhaps this is so because the goal of our prayer life must lead us to charity and mercy. We must hold our Prayer, mercy and Charity together and never separate them. Christ is King of those who follow his commands. Do we want a Christ who reigns from a cross? Do we want a Christ whose gospel challenges our very hearts and notions of God? Do we not prefer a nice Jesus who we have created in our own minds to the Jesus who asks us to accept the humanity of people including those who are different and challenging, poor, uneducated and who come in a variety of colors?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING
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Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
God's love is everlasting.
Come, let us praise God joyfully
Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors.
We thank you Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared
from birth until our dying; We thank you Lord God

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and
encouragement; We thank you Lord God

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;
for secrets kept in love; We thank you Lord God

For family, for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures; We
thank you Lord God

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their
sudden sympathies; We thank you Lord God

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for
freedom; for their solemn vows; We thank you Lord God

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time
made precious by its passing We thank you Lord God.

For help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and
danger; We thank you Lord God

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord We thank you Lord God

We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and
prompts our grateful worship We praise you Lord God

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for
our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him; We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your
goodness to us. Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting!

INFORMATION SHEET

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