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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 5, 2018  
Noon Gino Masi
  
- TUE. NOVEMBER 6, 2018  
8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
  
- WED NOVEMBER 7, 2018  
8:30 All Souls in Purgatory
  
- THURS. NOVEMBER 8, 2018  
8:30 Deceased of Massie & Sisto Family
  
- FRI. NOVEMBER 9, 2018  
8:30 Salvatore & Maria Grazi DiFilippo  
BY: The Reca Family
  
- SAT. NOVEMBER 10, 2018  
8:30 John B. Taranto  
BY: Lucy & Brigida Piro  
5:30 Robert Palmieri  
BY: Loving Wife Rose & Children
  
- SUN NOVEMBER 11, 2018  
8:00 AM Dr. Lourdes Plenas Dizon  
BY: The Heyer Family  
10:00 Anthony Troiano, Sr.  
BY: The Troiano Family  
Noon The Wendler Family  
BY: The Lang Family

### BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meeting will be on Monday, November 5th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **OUTLIERS: THE STORY OF SUCCESS** by Malcolm Gladwell. We hope to see you there. All are welcome!

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/28	\$ 2,945.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,380.00

\*\*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:

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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           |
| Salvatore Colonna    |                         |

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Thank you to Father Michael Carrano who encouraged my wife and I to become Eucharistic Ministers at a very difficult time in our lives. It has offered us the privilege of assisting the priest in the distribution of the eucharist at the most intimate part of the Mass. What better way to serve the Lord?

*John Zodda*

## 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**

“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.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

While the ordinary minister of Holy Communion is the priest or the deacon, the Catholic Church has given permission for lay people to help distribute Holy Communion. This is a highly specialized ministry. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, so care is taken in the training of lay people who feel themselves called to this ministry. Each Eucharistic minister must be trained at a Diocesan workshop. The requirements for this ministry are as follows: All Eucharistic ministers must believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist ( as must all Catholics). Ministers of the Eucharist must be baptized, been admitted to the Eucharist and be confirmed in the faith. If the Eucharistic Minister is married, he/she must have been married according to the directives of the Catholic Church. Eucharistic ministers must also develop a Eucharistic spirituality.

Ministers of the Eucharist can give out communion at Mass and they can, with the Pastor’s permission, bring Eucharist to the sick. It is hoped that all those who distribute Eucharist will, in their lives, be Eucharist for those they serve. Can you bring Christ sacramentally as well as spiritually to others?

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)**

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

In today's Gospel reading Jesus quotes the Shema. The Hebrew word "Shema" means "hear or listen." The Shema is recited everyday by believing Jews. It is part of the daily and Shabbat Liturgies. At the synagogue, the Shema states clearly the faith of the people and the requirements of the faith. This prayer confesses that God is one and for all who accept this faith they must love God with all their being. The oneness of God is important because it confesses that God is the uniting principle of creation, morality and meaning. The Shema is the uniting belief for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is the starting point of inter-religious dialogue and mutual understanding. This is an important text for all of us.

In today's reading, Jesus recites the Shema prayer as was his custom as a Jew and he unites this central and foundational Jewish prayer to the Book of Leviticus 19:18 and gives us a new understanding of this most ancient prayer. The foundation of the Law of God according to the Gospel of St. Matthew is to love God and to love the other for the sake of God. Thus we are called to love God and our neighbor. The Jewish Law which really is not just legal requirements but rather is a way to "Walk" seeks to answer the question how does one love God and how does one love neighbor?

What does the word "Love" mean? Upon what do we base our love? How does one learn how to love? How does one behave in a loving way when faced with difficult familiar and societal questions? Does love always make us feel good or do we suffer for love? By love we mean; the willing of the good for the other for the sake of God not for our own need or desire to be recognized or even thanked. The Italian expression for love captures this attitude; "ti voglio bene." The literal translation: "I want for you the good" Love does not mean being nice. It does not mean pleasing everyone. It does not mean discerning the good for another. It may also mean taking a stand which is not popular for the good of another. How does one will the good for the elderly and difficult parent, the rebellious teenager, the troubled family, the not so studious student? I would say that many of us have struggled through these questions. True love may not always keep the peace but will seek the good.

Love for us is founded on the Love God has shown us. In the sacred texts we see that God loves us first. God gave of himself in the act of creation and most perfectly in the great mystery of the Incarnation. Thus love points us to the other. For us love has three foci: God, others and self. Placing our love for God first we must try to balance love of self with love of others. Keeping this in mind helps us to examine our motives and our attitudes. We need to ask ourselves such questions as; before God am I being honest with myself? Do I think too much of my own needs? Have I considered my family, child, etc? Behaving in a loving way is not always easy.

How does one love God? If love is the will the good for the other, how does one love God? The relationship between myself and God is a unique one. It is God who calls me into being. I respond to God's love by worship. When I come to realize that I am loved by God simply because I exist, then I must respond. When I realize that the love that God has for me is unmerited, unearned and is pure gift, I must respond. When I realize that love impelled God becomes incarnate for me in Christ, that Christ's love led him to his death for me, then I must come to realize my total gratitude to God.

How do I love God? I love God by placing God first in my life. It is God's relationship with me that is the foundational relationship for all my human relationships. One must be loved, one must experience mercy to show mercy, one must be forgiven to forgive. Love calls us to imitate all that God has done for us. I love God by placing the Lord first in my life, celebrating the Eucharist, prayer and imitation of the mind and heart of Christ Jesus. I imitate the mind and heart of Christ in my relations with others. This is how I love God.

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

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