
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. DECEMBER 24, 2018
4:30 PM Christmas Family Mass
Midnight Christmas Eve Mass

TUE. DECEMBER 25, 2018
11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

WED DECEMBER 26, 2018
8:30 John Vincent Vederame
BY Mom & Dad

THURS. DECEMBER 27, 2018
8:30 Vincent "Jimmy" & Sophie Pennisi
BY: Children, Connie, Guy, MaryAnn
and All Grandchildren

FRI. DECEMBER 28, 2018
8:30 Personal Prayer Intention Mass

SAT. DECEMBER 29, 2018
8:30 Michael Diacomenolas
5:30 Janet Caccioppoli &
Frank & Lottie Illiano
BY: Loving Family

SUN DECEMBER 30, 2018
8:00 AM Angelo Vergona
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
10:00 Angie Amato
BY: Husband Sal & Family
Noon Evelyn Pellecchia
Loving Granddaughters,
Rosie, Evelyn & Dana

BOOK CLUB

Mark your calendars! Join us on Monday, January 7th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for the first book club meeting of 2019. We will be discussing **SMALL GREAT THINGS** by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 12/9 \$ 3,560.00
Annual Weekly Expenses ** \$14,325.00
Difference: \$10,765.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
Month of November totaled \$2,851.55



**Bread & Wine for the
week of 12/23/18
has been donated**

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH, CONCETTA &
FRANK FOGLIA
BY: Rose Marie**



**Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
12/23/18 have been donated**

**In Loving Memory of
JENNIE & FRANK SACCO
By: The Sacco Family**

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.**

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 |
| Rev. Michael Carrano | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

PENTECOSTAL FOOD PANTRY ON SUMMIT STREET

Do you know any families in need of food relief this holiday season? They can register at the Pentecostal Church on Summit Street, corner of Columbia Street to receive food through the church's weekly food pantry. Registration is on Sunday at noon. Food giveaways for registrants is on Sundays starting at noon. Food giveaways include cold and canned food, not hot meals. Please tell your friends and neighbors and share with those in need.

Looking for a way to volunteer in your community this season? Help the Pentecostal Church with their food pantry effort. Information about volunteer opportunities will be available soon—and YOU can make a difference!

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.



Tickets for New Year's Eve 2019 are now available for our Cabrini Hall Celebration. \$80. for Adults, \$35 for children ages 6-15.

Please e-mail Valerie Westhoff at vwesthoff@aol.com if you are interested.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent. The readings prepare us for the visit of the One who will show us how to live the will of God. (“I come to do your will O God.”) Jesus comes to redeem us and to show us how to live. He comes to us with values and norms which God wills us to follow. The will of God is found in acts of mercy, forgiveness, love, justice, peace, kindness and in protecting the helpless and the poor.

In the first reading we meet the Prophet Micah. He tells of the coming of the humble birth of the Messiah who will come to shepherd his people not with swords or with power, but with peace and firmness.

In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we read that Jesus’ sacrifice surpasses the sacrifices of the Old Covenant because he sacrificed himself for the will of God. Jesus’ passion and death is a result of his faithfulness to his mission. The mission of Christ is to establish the Kingdom of God by following the will of God. This kingdom is here and alive in the hearts of all who willingly follow the Gospel and in some cases suffer for the Gospel.

The Gospel tells us about the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The story of the Visitation is filled with new life. Look carefully at the text. Elizabeth represents the Hebrew Scriptures. These texts are filled with hope and trust that God will save his people. Mary is young, she represents the New Testament. She carries in her the WORD INCARNATE. This incarnation will institute a new relationship between Israel and God and God and all humanity. John, the son of Elizabeth who we know as John the Baptist, represents New Life. Notice the reaction of John in the womb of Elizabeth. He leaps with joy at the presence of the Word made Flesh in Mary. John is a child of new hope.

So, as Christmas and the Christmas season approaches, we are reminded of the closeness of God to us in Christ especially in the Eucharist. Where are you? Do you see the possibilities of a new life for yourself? Do you see a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ in this moment? Look at the story of Christmas and of Easter. Both start in darkness. We start Christmas as it gets dark on Christmas Eve. If we are celebrating the Light of the World, why start in darkness? Easter actually begins in the dark, damp dank tomb. How does one celebrate new life in the tomb? Yet, look at life. We love to see kids enjoy Christmas. They remind us of carefree days of our childhood. Yet, Christmas is for all of us. We are dealing with issues. We have family stuff going on. We have health worries. We have disappointments, setbacks and the temptation to give up. Some of us are dealing with marital issues and children issues. Some of us are stuck in resentments, anger and hurt. These things make up the shadows of life. These things are the darkness of our lives. We all have them. Now either we can stand on the sidelines and have a secular Christmas with a meal, a party and a gathering of family, the opening of gifts or we can allow our hearts to accept this Christ who is the light of the world and the light of our lives and change for the better. The Hebrew texts taught us that only God can save us in every aspect of our lives. Only God can give us hope, save us from ourselves, our sins, our narcissism, our sadness, our regrets and our “should have and did not attitudes.” You can either try to be happy with a fake smile for Christmas or you can be joy filled knowing that even in the darkness God is present with all the help you need. New life or the same old. It is our choice.

Merry Christmas!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

CCD OUTREACH TO GHANA
CHRISTMAS 2018

The children in our CCD program want to thank all the families of our parish community for their support of our Christmas outreach. We were able to design beautiful T-shirts to send to the children in our sister parish with messages of Christmas, of friendship and of life in New York City. Please pray for the members of St. Theresa of the Child of Jesus, Fr. Victor and all the people of Abor, Ghana and especially the children:

Ivy Uwuka
James Nador
Tina Kubzordzi
Ankrah Shalom
Mawuli Bonkor
Samuel Sogbe
Edah Mawunyo
Forgive Agbofa
Francis Nuxoxo
Ruth Amematu
Coraline Sedotu
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Princella Agbozo
Paula Attipoe
Delali Ahiakah
Wonder Goka
John Houdetoji
Rachael Saba
Jullilsa Houdetoji
Esther Ohukwu
Innocent Fiahagbe
Bless Atikpo
Anastasia Dogbey

INFORMATION SHEET

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