
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.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/6	\$ 3,011.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,314.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

On Sunday, January 20th, which is the first Sunday outside the Christmas Season, we will celebrate the feast of St. Stephen whose real feast is on December 26th. Saint Stephen is one of our parish's patrons. Stephen was the first martyr for our faith in Christ. The story of Saint Stephen is found in the New Testament in Acts 7-8. Stephen proclaims the faith. He evangelizes the people and he catechizes (explains) the faith. Due to his passionate conviction for Jesus, he infuriated many of the foes of the early Christians. Ultimately Stephen is arrested. He is tried before the Sanhedrin and is stoned to death for his faith. He dies by commending his spirit to God and forgiving his murderers. He dies as a disciple of Christ, thus giving us an example of Christian life. The disciple is one who is conformed to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.

In the past few years, we have witnessed the death of many Christians in Egypt. With these recent killings of Christians, we remember that the days of giving one's life for the faith is not ended. In our own city there are many priests, religious and lay people who place their lives in danger as they speak out against drug dealers and human trafficking. There are many committed Catholics who are in danger for giving shelter to victims of domestic violence. There are others who suffer at the hands of their respective families for being people of mercy and forgiveness and following the trend of anger and revenge. If the love of Christ impels us, if the person of Christ is our center, if the life of Christ shines before us, if the Gospel becomes our life then the possibility of martyrdom becomes a reality. Those who love Christ cannot forego Christ even in the face of suffering and death.

Readings for the Feast of St. Stephen are:

Acts of the Apostles: 6:8-10; 7:54-59,

I Corinthians 12:4-11

Matthew 10:17-22

MON. JANUARY 14, 2019
Noon Louis Valentino, Sr.

TUE. JANUARY 15, 2019
8:30 Lucia & Angelo Borrometi
BY: Carmela Di Rosa

WED JANUARY 16, 2019
8:30 Giuseppe & Guiseppina Borrometi
BY Carmela Di Rosa

THURS. JANUARY 17, 2019
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY: Son Joseph

FRI. JANUARY 18, 2019
8:30 Intention of Healing for
Their Daughter
BY: Parents

SAT. JANUARY 19, 2019
8:30 Ruby Gaudino
BY: Nancy & Anthony
5:30 Marie Mechaluk
BY: The Delgado Family

SUN JANUARY 20, 2019
8:00 AM Julie & Eduardo Cuevas
BY: Daughter Julie
10:00 Celebration of
The Feast of St. Stephen
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

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
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

Dominick Piro

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

PENTECOSTAL FOOD PANTRY AT 90 SUMMIT STREET

Do you know any families in need of food relief this holiday season? They can register at the Movement Pentecostal Church at 90 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.

You can make a difference!

SHSS church is organizing volunteers to help with food giveaways at the Movement Pentecostal Church.

We need your support!

If you are interested in volunteering and getting involved, contact

**Concetta Raz at
917-420-1515**

UPS AND DOWNS

On December 24th, the New York City Department Elevator Unit inspected the elevator for certification and use. The inspectors passed the elevator and found it in complete safe working order, however because the marble from the church vestibule which remains to be installed was placed for safekeeping in the elevator motor machine room and three other similar minor issues, the elevator was not certified for use. Over the past week, all four of these issues have been corrected. We now wait for Mobility, the elevator installers, to arrange for the New York City Department of buildings to return for the follow up inspection in order to be able to use the elevator. The technician responsible for installing the automated door openers at the Hicks Street ground level and at the church level have scheduled their final walk through for measurements leading to the installation of this important aspect of this project.

Remember that it is your support of the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We still need your financial support in order to complete all aspects of this project. There is still almost \$300,000 which was pledged by our parishioners but has not yet been paid. If you have made a pledge to Generations of Faith please continue to make your payments allowing us to fully fund our parish elevator. We look forward to further updating you in the days ahead.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This celebration is another Epiphany. It is another showing of Christ to the world. Last week it was Mary who showed Jesus to the world represented by the Magi. Today it is the Father and the Holy Spirit who show Jesus to the world. Today's celebration closes the Christmas Season and points us to the public ministry of Jesus.

John the Baptist is an important figure in the sacred text. It is John the Baptist as the last prophet most immediately prepares the people to meet Christ. John preached a baptism of repentance. The baptism John administered was based on the Jewish mikvah bath. This baptism was a sign that the person repented of his/her sins and intended to live a sinless life. The baptism that you received is the baptism Jesus gave us. Our baptism is a baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our baptism joins us to the Body of Christ, the Church and makes us sharers in the redemptive death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. John's baptism was a preparation for the baptism which Jesus would give us. John himself said that he baptized with water. Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

If John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, why would Jesus who was sinless, allow himself to be baptized by John? The answer to this question is to be found in the great mystery of the Incarnation. In the Incarnation, God comes to dwell with us in our human condition. Jesus, who is God among us, dwells with us in our human weakness and struggles. Notice that during his ministry, Jesus is found not with those who see themselves as perfect or good, but rather he is found among those who are considered sinners, outcast, less than perfect and struggling humanity. Thus we find Jesus lining up with those who have decided to change their lives and try to be more faithful.

The ministry of Jesus will be devoted to proclaiming the Kingdom of God. This kingdom will be known by reconciliation, peace and harmony. There will be reconciliation among all peoples. Peace will be a reality not only among nations, but deeply within ourselves. Harmony will exist throughout all of nature.. To accomplish his goals, Jesus will forgive repented sinners, heal broken bodies and restore nature.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**UNDERSTANDING
ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA**

Sponsored by Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church

Join specialists from **Alzheimer's Association** NYC Chapter and **New York Memory Center** for 3 in-depth workshops. These workshops are a must for families or individuals concerned with memory loss. Understand the science and dispel the myths. Learn how to talk about memory loss with your family.

• Session 1 **Know the 10 Signs** **Sunday February 3 at 11:15 AM** right after the mass. Warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, its time to learn the facts.

• Session 2 **The Basics** **Monday February 4 at 12:30 PM** right after mass. Understand the science and dispel the myths. Learn about detection, causes and risk factors. Explore stages of the disease and treatment.

• Session 3 **Dementia Conversations** **Wednesday February 6 at 12:30 PM**
How do you have honest and caring conversations with family members about going to the doctor, when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans?

Get the help you need to face these challenges.

**All sessions held at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church
Transfiguration Chapel inside the Church
125 Summit Street between Henry and Hicks Street-
Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn
All sessions are free.**

Light refreshments served

**Registration appreciated but not necessary
718 596 7750**

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN BROOKLYN

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