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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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- MON. JANUARY 28, 2019  
Noon Mary Ann Tabeek  
Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
BY: Gertrude
  
- TUE. JANUARY 29, 2019  
8:30 Peter Bello  
BY: The Ringston Family
  
- WED JANUARY 30, 2019  
8:30 Maria Grazia & Salvatore DiFlippo  
BY The Reca Family
  
- THURS. JANUARY 31, 2019  
8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
BY: Mom & Dad
  
- FRI. FEBRUARY 1, 2019  
8:30 Ruby Gaudino  
BY: Friends from Chic Elegance
  
- SAT. FEBRUARY 2, 2019  
8:30 Ruby Gaudino  
BY: Angela Favorito  
5:30 Rev. Patrick Burns  
BY: The Lector Ministers
  
- SUN FEBRUARY 3, 2019  
8:00 AM Salvatore Lubrano  
The Reca Family  
10:00 Barbara Lebron  
BY: The Delgado Family  
Noon Santa & Philip Castro  
BY Andrew & Carol

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/20	\$ 2,498.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,827.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks  
On Line Giving for the  
Month of December totaled \$2,334.08

SACRED HEARTS PARISH  
HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO  
GHANA, AFRICA

Over 1,000 pounds of supplies were shipped to the Churches of St. Teresa Child of Jesus and Holy Rosary, Fr. Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, Africa. The items included school supplies, toys/games, detergents, rosary beads, books and religious education materials to help set up their CCD program. Along with our continuous efforts to provide clean water, we will continue shipping needed items throughout the year.

We want to thank:

- St. Stephen's Men's Fellowship
- Nancy Arkin and the CCD Program
- The Altar Servers and all of our Parishioners who helped with donations.

A very special thank you to:

- Vincent & Elizabeth DiMartino and their family
- The Folise Family
- Danny Durante

Without whose help we would not have been able to ship so many items.

**GOD BLESS ALL!**

# 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      |
- Dominick Piro

## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, February 4th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **DIE FREE** by Cheryl Wills. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on March 4th. We will be discussing **A SPARK OF LIGHT** by Jodi Piccolt. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

## NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

If you have a green card, you may be eligible for Citizenship.

Thursday, January 31, 2019  
1:30 PM—5:00 PM.

Catholic Migration Services,  
191 Joralemon St. 2nd Floor,  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

To register, call 718 236-3000  
or text 718 866-3687

You will need to bring your Green Card, all passports, a copy of your most recent IRS tax return, marriage certificate or divorce papers (if applicable) and certified court dispositions and MTA dispositions (if applicable)

## 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.



Bread & Wine for the week of January 27th has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**LOUIS DI SCHIAVI**

By: His Sister Palma.



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of January 27th have been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**CHERUBINA**  
**“RUBY” GUARDINO**

BY: Gino & Palma

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today the first reading from the Book of Nehemiah and the Gospel reading point to the spiritual and temporal realities of living in the spirit. Nehemiah is concerned with material realities of the City of Jerusalem and the reconstruction of the Temple. Ezra is concerned with the rebuilding of the spirit of the people. While Nehemiah will rebuild with stones and mortar, Ezra will rebuild the spirit by proclaiming and giving the explanation of sacred texts. The second reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians addresses the nature of the Christian Community as the Body of Christ. The Church recognized as the Body of Christ is made up of both a spiritual and temporal reality. Christ, the Incarnation of God among us, is both human and divine. Caring for both spirit and body are complimentary not in competition. The Church universal and the local parish are both spiritual and human communities in constant need of care, change affirmation and correction.

The Book of Nehemiah tells us of the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem after the exile. The Israelites were exiled from about 587BC—538 BC. At this time, the land and the City of Jerusalem lay in ruins. The temple, which was the center and the heart of ancient Judaism was destroyed. The return of the Israelites to Jerusalem began around 538BC to 515BC. This was a slow and ongoing process. Nehemiah and Ezra were two men who played an important role in the reconstruction of the City of Jerusalem and the reconstruction of Judaism in the post exile period. Nehemiah was a Jewish layman returning to Jerusalem. He was a gifted administrator. Being a man of action, he introduced administrative reforms which made it possible to begin construction of the walls of Jerusalem. In fact, the foundations which he constructed are still existing. The wall of which we speak refers not to modern Jerusalem, but rather to the Old City. Nehemiah rebuilt the physical structure of the city.

Ezra, who we meet in the first reading, is of the priestly cast of Israel. He, like Nehemiah, was a returning exile. He, with his assistants, proclaim the Torah to the people. Proclaiming the Word of God to the people was done to raise their hearts and spirits to the Lord. This event seems to be Yom Kippur observance. The people are asked to recommit themselves to the following of the Word of God for their good and ultimately for the good of the whole community. This recommitment would come not only from their hearing the Word, but from the people's knowledge of the Word. It was important for the people to understand their faith and their texts. Ezra explains the faith to the people. Ezra rebuilds the spirit of the people with the Word of God.

In the second reading from 1Corinthians, Paul calls the Church the Body of Christ. Saint Paul compares the human body and its parts to the parts of the Church. The Church is made up of the people who are baptized, celebrate the Eucharist and the sacraments and live their faith in Christ Jesus. The Body of Christ is made up of many ministries. Some of the ministries are for the ordained and others for laity. The Church is not just the priests, bishops, popes, sisters and brothers. Church is all of us together. The Church has a deep spiritual and sacramental reality as well as a human reality. The Church is, therefore, always growing in its understanding of the Gospel as well as in need of reform and reconciliation to its Lord.

In the Gospel passage for today we read that Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. Jesus is Jewish. Jesus keeps the Sabbath. He is given the scroll to read and like Ezra, he will explain the passage. It is important for us to know and to understand our faith. Many of us simply do not know enough about our Catholicism. When asked questions about it, we cannot explain it. This results in lost opportunities to explain the faith to one who is searching. The more we know about the faith, the more we can enter into it.

Faith seeks understanding. Learn your faith, defend your faith and live your faith.

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**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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