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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.**

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*

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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE

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*Youth Minister*

ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

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*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

### **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. JANUARY 7, 2019  
Noon For The People of the Parish
  
- TUE. JANUARY 8, 2019  
8:30 Kim Geritano  
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
  
- WED JANUARY 9, 2019  
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph  
BY Carolyn & John
  
- THURS. JANUARY 10, 2019  
8:30 Antonino & Concetta Tesoriero  
BY: The Reca Family
  
- FRI. JANUARY 11, 2019  
8:30 Anthony Massie
  
- SAT. JANUARY 12, 20019  
8:30 For the Intention of Healing  
BY: Parents for their Daughter  
5:30 Lee Andrew Hirsch  
BY: Mom
  
- SUN JANUARY 13, 2019  
8:00 AM For the Intention of Healing  
BY: Parents for their Daughter  
10:00 Marie Agnese  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon For Blessings Received  
John Heyer,II & Family



The birth of the Light of the World, signaled by one singularly bright star traveling ahead to lead seekers to the place, still stirs at least a moment's hope even for many whose religious beliefs are only embers. To believers,

it offers the promise of the Savior who came into the frightening darkness of a world ruled by sin and death to carry us into the unquenchable light no darkness can ever again extinguish.

O God of light and darkness, send us a star to guide us to the safety you alone can give.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 12/23	\$ 3,535.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,800.00
**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 1/6/19 has been donated In Loving Memory of VINCENT PEPE BY: Son Louis Pepe**



**Sanctuary Lamps for the week of 1/6/19 have been donated For the Health & Healing of LOU ANN GAMBARDELLA By: A Friend**

**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.**

**RECTORY OFFICE**

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 2nd. We extend our best wishes to all for a Happy and Blessed New Year.

## 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

### 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

This past week our elevator contractors, Mobility, Inc. filed with the City of New York for final inspection of our fully installed elevator. It is expected that final approval by the New York City Department of Buildings will be provided shortly. Additionally, our general contractor continues to put the final touches on the project including painting around the newly installed elevator landing doors and the re-installation of the marble wall slabs in the entrance of the church. The final details of the project will be the installation of the automated door openers at the Hicks Street entry doors as well as the inside church doors which will allow all to freely access our church without the need of any assistance. Remember that it is your support of the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We have currently received \$504,605 of the \$783,765 pledged to the campaign. Those who are still making payments on your pledges, should have received a letter from the Catholic Foundation updating you on the progress of the entire campaign across the diocese. 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 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 Community,

How do we hear these stories of Christmas? What are we hearing? Do we assume we know the story? Allow me to repeat what I said at the beginning of Advent: “we are hearing the readings again for the first time. The text of the scripture remains the same, you and I have changed. The depth of our belief may have changed. Faith may be deeper or more shallow. We may be hearing these readings after experiencing loss or sadness. We may be hearing these readings at a time in our life when change for the better or worse seems eminent. You may be hearing these texts after having your own child or expecting your own child. How is God showing or not showing himself to you today?

Today is the great feast of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means to show or to manifest. Today’s feast is more catechetical than historical. This means the story is teaching us about Jesus. The story is addressing the identity of Jesus through the use of symbols. The liturgy recognizes three major epiphanies; The arrival of the Magi, The Baptism of the Lord and The Wedding Feast at Cana. In many ways, this feast is like a summation of the whole Gospel story. The entire Gospel shows us Christ. The ultimate question which the entire Gospel addresses to us, after telling us about Jesus, is “who is Jesus?” For the Gospel, Jesus is The Messiah, The Savior, The Redeemer and above all else, Jesus is God made flesh. If you were asked; “who is Jesus” how would you answer?

If the celebration of Christmas was an epiphany to the shepherds and to the people of Israel, than today’s feast has a universal theme. Today is the manifestation of Christ to the world. The world is represented by the arrival of the Magi who were seekers of wisdom from nations other than Israel. The gifts presented to the Christ Child tell us that Jesus is King represented by the gold, God, represented by the frankincense and the suffering servant who would die for his people represented by the myrrh.

The mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in the humanity of Jesus is so great an event that words, celebrations, poetry, music or art cannot adequately express the complete meaning of this event. In the mystery of the Incarnation we see that humanity can be a vehicle, a carrier, a minister of the divine. God is made present through human relationships. The Incarnation continues in the Body of Christ also known as the Church. Those in relationship with Christ in his day were encountering and interacting with God. Thus, it is in and through our humanity, baptized into the Body of Christ, nourished by the Eucharist in prayerful conversation with God, anointed by the Holy Spirit that we manifest Christ to the world. It is through our frail humanity that mercy, love, kindness, justice, truth, peace, joy, etc. are carried to our respective worlds of home, work and school. Because of the Incarnation, we carry God to a waiting world.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**THANK YOU!**

To all our parishioners for all you do throughout the year to build up this parish. Thank you for your time, your talent and your treasure which have made possible our elevator, repairs and many other sustaining elements of the temporal life of our parish.

Thank you to all who so generously gave to the Christmas Flower collection. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to decorate our church.

Thank you to Mr. John Heyer for all he does for this Parish. Thank you to his family too.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin our Director of Faith Formation for all her hard work and to the Catechists who volunteer to teach our children. Thank you to Joan McGrath and Jean Marcoccio who help Nancy prepare various projects for our children in CCD.

Thank you to Evelyn DeGraf who works so diligently with our Choir and our Children.

Thank you to Jim Lake, Our Director of Music.

Thank you to the Instrumentalists.

Thank you to our fine music program. To the Children's Choir, The Young Adult Choir and the Adult Choir which make our liturgies uplifting and inspiring.

Thank you to our Altar Servers of every age.

Thank you to our Lectors and our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Thank you to John and Carolyn Zodda and Brenda Pyle who prepare the Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedules.

Thank you to our Ushers and our Counting Teams.

Thank you to our Parish Council and Finance Committee.

Thank you to Andy DiManso, and Theresa Delgado who are here every day to open and close the church and to prepare for the Liturgy every day.

Thank you to Rose Marie Foglia our Business Manager. Thank you to The Rectory Staff

Thank you to our Hospitality Minister, Anthony Troiano who prepares treats every Sunday.

Thank you to our Blood Pressure volunteers with Sondra Rivera who keep our parishioners healthy.

Thank you to Gertrude Zagarella and the Greeters who greet you as you come to Mass with the hymnal and missal.

Thank you to the Troiano Family, to Lauren and Jackie who coordinate the bulletin inserts, to Colleen and Anthony who instruct our parents for Baptism, to Lauren who volunteers her time at the Rectory on Saturday.

Thank you to the Dust Angels who volunteer to clean our church.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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