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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. MARCH 4, 2019**  
 Noon For The People of the Parish
- TUE. MARCH 5, 2019**  
 8:30 Carmine Graziani  
 BY: Daughter Theresa
- WED MARCH 6, 2019- ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 7:30 Prayer Service  
 8:30 Joseph & Florence Pellechia  
 BY: Rose Palmieri & Daughters  
 Noon Larry Scotto  
 BY: Family  
 3:45 Prayer Service  
 6:30 Prayer Service
- THURS. MARCH 7, 2019**  
 8:30 Louisa Dellaporta  
 BY: Catherine
- FRI. MARCH 8, 2019**  
 8:30 Anna Massie  
 7:00 Stations of the Cross
- SAT. MARCH 9, 20019**  
 8:30 Rose Ferrari  
 5:30 Deceased of Pipitone & Bracco Family  
 BY: Their Family
- SUN MARCH 10, 2019**  
 8:00 AM Antonio & Filomena Massa  
 BY: Family  
 10:00 Lia & Joseph Cerato  
 BY: Friends  
 Noon Pietro Reca  
 BY Loving Family

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

The following is the ACA Video link  
 we invite you to watch:  
[WWW.CFBQ.org/ACAVIDEO](http://WWW.CFBQ.org/ACAVIDEO)

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/24	\$ 2,060.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$12,265.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks  
 On Line Giving for the  
 Month of January totaled \$ 2,211.94

### TAX LETTERS

Tax Letters containing contributions given to Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen's Church for the 2018 Year are in the process of being mailed out. These statements are being sent to all registered parishioners using weekly envelopes. You do not have to call the Rectory to request a statement. In addition to the contribution information, you will find a tri-fold brochure containing information regarding the Parish's financial status for our fiscal year September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. As always, we thank you for your support of our Parish!

### 40 DAYS OF CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent—"40 Days of Cans for 40 Days of Lent." The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the food pantry at the Movement Pentecostal Christian Church on Summit Street. Donations of canned food will be collected beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donations boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Pepe, Grand Knight  
 Knights of Columbus #17000



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 March 3, 2019 has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of

**JOHN CIRELLI**  
 BY: DiSchiavi & DiMeo Families



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
 March 3, 2019 have been donated  
 In Loving Memory of

**TIMMY CIRELLI**  
 BY: DiSchiavi & DiMeo Families

# 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	Dominick Aiello
Erica Concino	Bernadette Janicke

Mary Terese Pugliese

## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, March 4th @ 7:00 in the Parish House. We will be discussing **A SPARK OF LIGHT** by Jodi Piccolt. We hope to see you there. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 4/1/19. We will be discussing **DAVID & GOLIATH** by Malcolm Gladwell  
All are welcome

## CHOIR NEWS

Many thanks to the Sacred Hearts Children's Choir for sharing their lovely singing at this Sunday's 10: AM Mass. Would you like to sing in one of the choirs? We would be very happy if you'd join us! Please visit us after Mass today to talk with the organist, choir director, or any of our music volunteers. We are welcoming new singers of all ages. Are you curious about our church's pipe organ? Watch this space in the coming weeks for information about this venerable old instrument that's been "singing" at Mass since 1952.

## UPS AND DOWNS

After 2 1/2 years since beginning our church elevator project, on Friday, February 22nd, the NYC Buildings Department certified our church elevator for regular use. This is a great moment in the history of our parish as we make our worship and community space accessible to all who wish to worship regardless of their physical abilities. However, we have not yet completed our project. The installation of the automated door openers at the Hicks Street side and in the church have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed in the next 3 weeks. New signs for each floor and the outside of the building have been ordered and will be installed soon. Lastly, the marble wall covering in the lobby of the church and finishing paint around each of the landings must also be finished. At this time, it is once again appropriate to thank in a special way our architects Baxt Ingui Architects, P.C. who have donated of their services to this project including their project management staff. Remember that it is our 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. Parish donors have already paid \$581,665 of the \$783,765 pledged to the campaign. 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 updating you further in the days ahead.

St. Joseph



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**Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Heritage Committee invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Joseph with the traditional Tavolata di San Giuseppe on Tuesday March 19, 2019. Mass @6:00 PM followed by Tavolata in Cabrini Hall.**

According to the legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered with the ending of the dreadful famine. A special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets, they then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and the sick to partake in the meal. This celebration became the tradition now known as Joseph's Table or La Tavolata di San Giuseppe. We invite everyone to participate in the SHSS Tavolata by bringing a specialty dish of your own on 3/19. Contact Concetta Lo Presti-Mazzella with any questions or if you would like to help. 917 364-7421

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and the last Sunday prior to Lent, the readings present us with food for thought through the Lenten Season. The first reading and the Gospel speak to us of self revelation through the way we speak and act. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, we are told: "When a sieve is shaken, the husk appears; so do one's faults when one speaks...Praise no one before he speaks for it is then that people are tested." In the Gospel, Jesus says to us "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil for from the fullness of heart, the mouth speaks."

Lent is a time of introspection and self examination. It is time to present our hearts to the Lord. It is time to allow the Lord to gaze into our minds and hearts. So, this Lent as we fast and pray and give alms, perhaps we may fast on our words. Perhaps we may listen first to our thoughts prior to speaking. Notice the instruction of the first reading. Our words reveal us. Our words reveal of brightness and compassion, they also reveal ignorance and our self centeredness. Words reveal our concern for the other but also they reveal our jealousy and anger. Words tell others who we are. So, think prior to speaking.

Here are some quotes regarding speech which may be of interest to us. "Speech is the mirror of the soul as a man speaks so he is." Another quote which is worth pondering; "Before speaking make sure your tongue is connected to your brain." Another quote which we may all ponder, "Before speaking THINK, is what I am about to say true, is it helpful, is it inspiring, is it necessary and is it kind?"

Words and actions are connected. Saying one thing and doing another is called hypocrisy. It is hypocrisy which gets us into trouble. Hypocrisy compromises our integrity. Is this not what the church is now suffering? The Gospel says the tree is known by its fruit. I know people who talk a great talk and nothing else. They are known by the fruits they do not produce. I also knew people who speak few words and produce great food of good works. So which do you wish to be? Lent is a time to reflect, to renew, to reconcile, to rise to new life.

Lastly, one more quote "It is better to remain silent and thought of as a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

## Engaging the Mind during Lent

### Let us Pray in the words Jesus gave us;

(30 minute discussions at 11:15 AM over three Sundays in the Chapel)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name	<b>March 10th</b>
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done as it is in heaven	<b>March 17th</b>
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses	
As we forgive those who trespass against us.	<b>March 31st</b>

### LENTEN VESPERS 4:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	<b>April 7th</b>
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## Engaging the Soul During Lent

### Stations of the Cross

**March 8th** English /Italian  
**March 15th** English/Italian

**March 22nd** The Stations of St. Francis of Assisi

**March 29th** Contemporary Prayer Service centered on Passion  
**April 5th** Stations re-enacted by the **Children** of the Parish

**April 12th** Stations in the Ignatian spirituality

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays 11 AM-Noon in the Chapel**

**March 11th** for the intentions of  
.....those who do not believe in God  
.....those who do not believe in Christ

**March 18th** For the intentions of  
.....the unity of Christians.  
.....the Jewish People

**March 25th** For the intentions of our Catechumens

**April 1st** For the Intentions of  
.....The Pope

.....All orders and degrees of the faithful

**April 9th** For the intentions of those in tribulation

**April 15th** for the intentions of  
.....those in public office  
.....the Church

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH SCHEDULE:**

**7:30 AM PRAYER SERVICE**

**8:30 AM MASS**

**12 NOON MASS**

**3:45 PM PRAYER SERVICE**

**6:30 PM PRAYER SERVICE**

**LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Lent is a great season of hope. It is the time of the year that the earth itself is preparing for new life. Lent is a call to renewal, renewal of our spirits, our lives and our very being.

The practices of Lent are motivated by renewal and hope. Fasting and abstinence from food is an ancient Lenten practice. Fasting is found in many Christian and non-Christian communities for both spiritual growth and social justice awareness. Fasting means not eating. This can be done in many ways. One may fast from eating in between meals. One may fast from eating a particular food for a period of time. For example one may fast on bread or sweets, etc. The fasting need not be a painful experience. The purpose of the self denial is to remind you that Christ gave up his life willing for you. This fasting you are doing is to gently remind you of this article of our faith. Secondly, fasting can help the poor. The money saved from fasting which you otherwise might of spent can be given to the poor or given to help someone else.

To help you with the Fasting and Abstinence, the Catholic Church requires all from the age of 14 and over not to eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent. This is to remind us of the death of Christ on a Friday. Those ages from 14 to 59 are asked to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. This means that one may only eat one main meal. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

While fasting is commendable and should be done, I also urge you to do positive acts for Lent. This is a season which invites us to make room for God in our busy lives. It is time to pray in new ways. I may suggest that you pray the Stations of the Cross perhaps two stations a week until Easter. While focusing on the sufferings of Christ, ask yourself where you may be in this particular station. For example, the first station Jesus is condemned to death. For a meditation, think of acceptance of things and situations which we cannot change. How difficult acceptance of loss or change can be. Another meditation, have you or someone you know suffered an injustice? Has someone you know been condemned to death due to a cancer or a terrible sickness which is unfair? If so, then you have found your prayer for this first station of the Cross.

I suggest reading Sacred Text. Perhaps read the Lenten Gospels proclaimed each day at mass during Lent. This will keep you in line with the praying Church. As you read, ask yourself Where am I in this gospel? What stands out in this gospel for me? Sit with the Gospel for ten minutes a day. It will be a great experience.

I highly recommend that you join the parish on the days we have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of Christ with us. I ask that you take time to sit in silence in the presence of the Lord. Allow this mysterious and wonderful sacrament to contemplate you and you to contemplate the Lord. Allow this to be a time of growth for your spirit.

I wish you a fruitful Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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