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# **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.

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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. MAY 13, 2019**  
**Noon** Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
**BY: Family**
- TUE. MAY 14, 2019**  
**8:30** Frank Foglia
- WED MAY 15, 2019**  
**8:30** Violet Massie
- THURS. MAY 16, 2019**  
**8:30** Restituta Marchetti and All Deceased of  
 The Marchetti Family  
**BY: Catherine**
- FRI. MAY 17, 2019**  
**8:30** Pasquale Scotto  
**BY: Children**
- SAT. MAY 18, 2019**  
**8:30** Matteo Deliso  
**BY: Daughter Anna**  
**5:30 PM** St. Restituta  
**BY: Giustina Pavone**
- SUN MAY 18, 2019**  
**8:00** Martha Silva  
**BY: Trindade & Felicano Families**  
**10:00** Lee Andrew Hirsch  
**BY: Mom**  
**Noon** All Deceased Friends  
**BY: Catherine**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 5/5	\$ 3,534.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,791.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks  
 On Line Giving for the  
 Month of April totaled \$ 3,495.77



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 May 12, 2019 has been donated

In Memory of  
**CONCETTA FOGLIA**  
**BY: Daughter Rose Marie**

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019**

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**  
**RAISED: \$35,474.00**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew drive last weekend. Thanks to your generosity and that of those parishioners who made their pledges prior to this weekend. Currently pledged \$35,474.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so as all donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal over our goal will be returned 100% back to the Parish.

## CHANCE FOR MEMORIALS

Did you notice the new vestments during our Holy Week and Easter services?

Memorials for these vestments are available to dedicate the vestment set which are used during the Easter and Christmas Season as follows:

Main Celebrant Chasuble	\$1,000.00
3 Con-Celebrant Chasubles	\$600.00 each
2 Dalmatics (For Deacons)	\$1,400.00 each

If you are interested, kindly call the Rectory and speak with Rose Marie Foglia for more details.



**The Sanctuary Lamps for the  
 Week of May 12th have been  
 donated**

**In Memory of  
 Luisa DiMeo & Maria DiSchiavi  
 BY: Palma & Gino**

## 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	Louis Pepe
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
Camille Limardi	Dominick Aiello
Erica Concino	Bernadette Janicke
Mary Therese Pugliese	Mark Carles

### MUSIC NEWS

Do you know someone in the parish choirs? Be sure to thank them for all their hard work and dedication! Mille grazie to our Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Adult Choir for their beautiful singing at the Holy Week liturgies! The Youth Choir will be here again next Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 AM Mass.

**Notes on the Pipe Organ:** As detailed in this column before Easter, our venerable old pipe organ is suffering from years of wear and tear, dust and water damage. Thank God for our choirs and instrumentalists, who so fabulously brought the Holy Week music to life, despite the limited capabilities of the organ in its current condition. Restoration of the instrument has been examined, and is an expensive undertaking. It may be worth it. We are fortunate to have inherited such a magnificent instrument from the previous generations of this parish. To purchase a comparable authentic pipe organ nowadays would cost several million dollars. The organ is one of the most valuable assets we have, and its work is to inspire all who hear it.

### 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.

### MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting baby shower gift donations to be donated to the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely choose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate the gifts in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 12th.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally been called Good Shepherd Sunday. The readings present the image of God as a shepherd of the people. In Psalm 80, God is called the Shepherd of Israel. The beloved Psalm 23, the Lord is My Shepherd is the most familiar image of God's nature as one who truly cares for his people. The Prophet Ezekiel wrote of God as the Shepherd of Israel. King David was a shepherd when he was called by Samuel to be King of Israel. In the New Testament we read in 1Peter 5:4 that Jesus is the chief Shepherd of the Church. In John 21, we read how Jesus asked Peter to tend and feed his sheep. The New Testament image of the Good Shepherd is related to the Cross of Christ. It is the Shepherd who lays down his life for the good of the sheep. The image of the Shepherd is well established in scripture.

Seeing God as Shepherd conjures up images of the Lord's compassion, understanding, forgiveness, gentleness, healing, empathy, love and mercy on our behalf. It is not surprising that seeing Christ as Shepherd is one of the most popular and preferred images by Christian peoples. However, the Shepherd is also the leader of the sheep. The Shepherd is charged with the responsibility of doing the best for the sheep even when the sheep are not pleased with the shepherd. The shepherd has to be loving and compassionate but he also needs to be a leader. Correcting, calling out, prodding and even poking the sheep with his staff to move them out of danger is the job of the shepherd. Shepherds are usually disinterested in their own popularity with the sheep and are more interested in discerning the good for his following.

In our own day and age, the Church is a shepherd of the faithful of Christ. The role of the shepherd is taken up by bishops and pastors. In family life, the role of the shepherd is found in the parents. Shepherding role is found in places where there is absolute dedication to those being served without worry of reward. The one who is the caregiver lays down one's life for the good of another. Sometimes the service of the shepherd is not appreciated or recognized by those being served. Sometimes the shepherd suffers because of or on behalf of the sheep. In the end, the role of the shepherd is one of unconditional love, mercy and compassion. May God send us disciples who love us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



This month and next we welcome 32 of our young parishioners to the Table of the Lord for the first time. Please pray for them and their families, that the Eucharist will be a continual source of spiritual strength and grace in their lives...

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Mass:**

**GIRLS**

*Isabella Caporilli  
Izabella Cruz  
Tea Dupont  
Sidney Flores*

**BOYS:**

*Christopher Bramhall  
Kingslee Chilombo  
Matthew Iacono  
Joseph Martuscello  
Andrew Serie  
Sebastian Winard*

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Mass:**

**GIRLS**

*Tallulah Dispenza  
Virginia Guido DeSimone  
Raffaella Guido DeSimone  
Valentina Noye Lozada  
Erin O'Connor  
Gaia Ruggiero  
Isabella Scheck  
Federica Zambardino*

**BOYS:**

*James Benchimol  
Vincent Caiola  
Aiden Smith Ceriello  
Charles Cosentino  
Carmine Daleo  
Leo DiGangi  
James DiLiberto  
Reese Hairston  
Dylan Isner  
Nicholas James  
Carmelo Malpasso  
Anthony Russo  
Anthony Varano*

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Mass:**

*Guiliana Irizarry*



On Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation for 5 of the young people of our parish:

*Vincent Cava  
Christian Irizarry  
Joseph Morales*

*Emily Peana  
Angela Scalia*

We pray that the power and strength of the Holy Spirit will fill their lives and guide them into ever deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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