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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. MAY 20, 2019  
Noon John Scotto  
BY: Richie & Susie
  
- TUE. MAY 21, 2019  
8:30 Holy Spirit
  
- WED MAY 22, 2019  
8:30 Lucy & Paul Pensabene  
BY: M/M Louis Napoli
  
- THURS. MAY 23, 2019  
8:30 Theresa & Ralph Colantonio  
BY: Angie & Louis Napoli
  
- FRI. MAY 24, 2019  
8:30 Deceased Priests
  
- SAT. MAY 25 2019  
8:30 Antonino Di Nieri  
BY: Francesco Di Rosa  
5:30 PM Peter Bello  
BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
  
- SUN MAY 26 2019  
8:00 Michael Ruggiero  
BY: Family  
10:00 Gene Kalbacher  
BY: Wife Kathleen Kalbacher  
Noon Adele Guercio  
BY: The Bailey Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 5/12	\$ 2,532.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,793.00

\*\*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 19, 2019 has been donated  
In Memory of  
**MICHAEL BOMBOLINO**  
BY: Terri Scotto

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**  
**RAISED: \$41,613.00**

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 \$41,613.00. 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 19th have been donated**

**In Memory of  
Leo Davilmar  
BY: Chris Taylor**



# 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            | 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         |

## MASS BOOK FOR THE SIX MONTHS JULY TO DECEMBER 2019

The Mass Book for the six months July through December 2019 will open on Wednesday, June 5th at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory House and again from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Rectory House. You must come in person for all masses as telephone requests cannot be honored on this day.

As most of you are aware, masses are limited to 2 weekday and one weekend Mass per person for the first week the book is open. Please be guided accordingly. Please also bear in mind that oftentimes, dates you may desire are not available. Please be flexible and know that a mass intention is the same no matter when the mass is celebrated.

We thank you for your understanding, cooperation and patience during this process.

## 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.

## KIMBERLY GERITANO SCHOLARSHIP FUND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Once again, Our Lady of Loretto Council #585 Knights of Columbus will be awarding three \$500.00 one time scholarships to students attending a Catholic School. The children must be entering grades 1 through 12. Any child going to Catholic School is eligible. Just complete the application form and submit it with a \$10.00 filing payment (which will be applied to the scholarship). The forms will be available after Mass. Please see one of the Knights of Columbus in the rear of the church. Just fill out the form and mail it back. The winners will be picked on June 15th after the 10:00 AM Mass. Good Luck to everyone!

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

I wish you a Happy and Blessed Fifth Sunday of Easter. As we journey through the Easter Season, the readings today begin to move us from the Resurrection to the next Easter Event which is the sending forth of the Holy Spirit known as the Great Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty days since the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Listen carefully to the readings and notice the references made to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today, Jesus gives us his hallmark of discipleship. For Jesus, the sign of discipleship is love.

What does this love mean? Is it emotional? Do I have to love everyone? Is not this kind of soft theology? Love means; effectively willing the good of the other. The reason we effectively will the good of the other is because we are followers of Jesus, who taught us that to effectively will the good of the other, is the will of God. We do not love because we like a person or because we are looking for a reward. We love because we are followers of Jesus. We do not love because the other deserves our kindness or love, or because we are obligated in some way to the person. We love not because of who a person is, but because of who we are. We are followers of Jesus. This love which the disciple of Jesus is calling to show has nothing to do with emotions, feelings or personal interest. The love we are striving for is not the love we share as family members or as husband and wife. It is the love called agape. This love is pure love for God and because of our love for God, we love or will the good for the other.

The love of which the Gospel speaks has nothing to do with the one who is showing the kindness. Rather, the one receiving the kindness is the one upon which attention is placed. The love of which the gospel speaks invites us to die to ourselves for the good of another. The love Jesus invites us to show, invites us to die to our self interest for the good of the other. This agape or effectively willing the good for the other or love can be found when we do an act of charity for another or for a group anonymously. The love of which the gospel speaks is seen in the teacher who gives of him or herself to help a struggling child to read or to learn mathematics without counting the hours or looking for recognition. The agape of gospel can be seen in those who courageously give of themselves to a cause for justice for the poor and the underprivileged expecting nothing in return except the satisfaction that they gave all they had for another.

Since the love of which Jesus speaks is seen when the giver of the kindness or the love is not the center of the good deed, this love is connected to the Cross and dying to oneself. Notice in the gospel that the Cross and the glorification of Jesus are connected. The love of which the Gospel speaks invites the disciple to serve for the sake of Christ, not for the sake of the disciple. This love involves all of us.

For our deacons and seminarians and priests and religious, they are to serve wherever they are sent. If they like the assignment or they need to grow into the assignment, is not the question, they are sent to serve the poor, the wealthy, the bright, the uneducated, the kind and the rude. If you are a caregiver, you are called to love for the sake of the one being served, not for the sake of yourself. Therefore, is it more loving to place someone in nursing care and admit you cannot care for the sick person as the person needs or are you more emotionally moved by a feeling of guilt or by the fear of what the neighbor's will say? Sometimes, we are placed in a position when we need to set limits, discipline someone, either a child or a worker, how do you do so lovingly? How do we handle these difficult situations for the good of the person and all concerned? Anger or self righteousness or getting even or showing of power, cannot enter into this situation. As disciple of Christ, we must oftentimes struggle to make the right decision to do the loving act. Love is tough, not soft, love is a dying to oneself and doing the loving act can cause tears and pain. All you need do is look at the crucified Lord to see how much love can cost. Jesus came to tell us the Truth. He remained loyal to his message and mission to us and suffered for love. If love is real, it is a cause for joy and suffering. It also means death to oneself and Resurrection and new life.

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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