
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.

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.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. MAY 27, 2019**
Noon Marie, Kenny & Debbie Boucher
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. MAY 28, 2019**
8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
- WED MAY 29, 2019**
8:30 Salvatore Lubrano
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
- THURS. MAY 30, 2019**
ASCENSION THURSDAY
8:30 Ruby Gaudino
BY: Linda & Phyllis
Noon Lee Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
6:00PM Salvatore Lubrano
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- FRI. MAY 31, 2019**
8:30 Caterina Deserio
BY: Her Sister Anna
- SAT. JUNE 1, 2019**
8:30 Ruby Gaudino
BY: Your Friends from Chic
5:30 PM Marie Gambardella
BY: Catherine Dellaporte
- SUN JUNE 2, 2019**
8:00 Angelo Vergona
BY: Andy Di Manso
10:00 Joseph & Lia Cerato
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
Noon Pasquale Schiano Moriello
BY: Marisa, Joseph & Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 5/19	\$ 4,043.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,282.00

**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 26, 2019 has been donated
 In Memory of

ANTONINO DI NIERI
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani

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.

OPPORTUNITY 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.

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 |
| Anthony Tilocca | |

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.

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!

FIRST MASS

You are cordially invited to attend the celebration of

*The Reverend
Father John Paul K. Obiaeri's*

First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on

*Saturday Evening
June 1st @5:30 P.M*

Here at

*Sacred Hearts &
St. Stephen Church*

First Blessings and reception will follow in Cabrini Hall.

We hope to see you there!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“Peace I give you, my peace I give you, Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Jesus gives us the Peace which resides deep in his heart. This is a divine gift to us as a community and as individuals. The peace Jesus gives us is not based on all things going correctly, nor does it say that all stresses will end. It does say this peace will sustain us through the difficult times. For all of us who are stressed, we need to focus on Christ, the giver of Peace.

Who of us does not yearn for peace? Who of us does not sometimes lose sleep over issues and problems which cause us anxiety? Who of us does not become ill when we hear reports of bombings and terrorism? Who of us is not under some kind of stress at home or at work? Do we not worry about health issues for ourselves or for someone we love? We live in stressful times. If you can relate to any of these issues, than today’s readings are addressed to you.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the cause of peace for the community of believers of the Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the community of believers is disturbed by confusion and disagreement concerning the method of admission into the community. As the apostolic community grows, there is also the potential for disagreements. In the Gospel, the departure of Jesus is a cause of great anxiety for the apostles. This text comes from John 14:23-29 which makes up a conversation at the Last Supper according to St. John. The Liturgy applies these readings to the Easter Season in preparation for the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the second reading from the Book of Revelation, we have a vision of the Church, the dwelling place of God in all of its perfection. This reading presents us with a vision of how we wish things can be. This reading expresses our desires and dreams to see the Church free from stress and disagreement. It is the dream of many to live in a world which will be free from war and hatred. It is the longing for many to have a family which is peaceful and less stressful. For all people of good will, this second reading from Revelations is a message of hope for a future internal and external peace.

While our dream may be for peace, our reality is different. Stresses in the Church universal, in the diocese and in the parish seem to be well known. Perhaps we need to remember that the Church, like Christ is both divine and human. The humanity of the Church like our own humanity is not perfect nor is it completely converted to the Gospel. Thus, the Church on earth struggles. Meetings, councils and synods seek to solve issues yet in these critical moments, the present church is inspired by the second reading which points us to that time when every tear will be wiped away.

In our personal stresses it may help us to remember that there are situations in our lives over which we have little or no control. Accepting this premise is difficult. Knowing that fear and anxiety are difficult to control, perhaps we can focus on the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel: “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Not as the World gives it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Jesus gives the apostles his peace. The peace which comes from Christ is not a peace which is dependent on all.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ASCENSION THURSDAY

What do we mean by the Feast of the Ascension?

To answer this question we need to review our lessons in faith. Let us return to Christmas. At Christmas time we celebrated not only the birth of Jesus but, more importantly, we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in and through Jesus. God reveals himself in the humanity of Jesus. The mission of Jesus is our redemption. Redemption means literally to buy back. Jesus does this through his preaching, his miracles, but most especially by being faithful to all that God has asked of humanity. His faithfulness brings him to his Cross. The Cross is the symbol of Christ's faithfulness and our redemption. What did God ask of humanity? God, through the sacred texts, the commandments and the prophets, asks humanity to love one another, that is to effectively will the good for each other. God asked us to have faith in him. God asked that humanity be in communion with him and each other. If the Torah is the mind of God in written word, than Jesus is the illustration of how most perfectly to live out the Torah. Jesus dies while faithfully living out his mission. Jesus is faithful to himself and to his mission until death. Jesus dies forgiving his persecutors. Christ is ultimately faithful to his own teachings. He shows us that it is possible to live in this world and still be faithful to God's command. These commands make us more human, more merciful, more in touch with humanity around us. Jesus dies a free man.

In death, Christ redeems all who wish to be his follower. Through Baptism and Eucharist, we share in the redemption which Christ won for us. It is in his Death that humanity is brought back to God. In the Ascension, Christ brings our human nature which he took on back to the Father. In the Ascension we learn that redemption and salvation is not just a spiritual reality but also a corporal reality. In the Ascension, all creation is returned to the Father.

The Ascension is the great commissioning of the Apostles and the community preaches about this redemption which Christ had won for us. The presence of Christ is now found in the sacraments. Christ is present with us as he was with the disciples, but now Christ is present in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Christ is present in his people who we call the Church.

INFORMATION SHEET

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