
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.

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 6, 2019**
 Noon For The People of The Parish
- TUE. MAY 7, 2019**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Theresa
- WED MAY 8, 2019**
 8:30 In Thanksgiving to
 The Sacred Heart of Jesus &
 The Intercession of The Blessed Mother
 BY: Marie Caria
- THURS. MAY 9, 2019**
 8:30 Carmela Lucci
 BY: Friends
- FRI. MAY 10, 2019**
 8:30 Filomena Scotto
 BY: Children
- SAT. MAY 11, 2019**
 8:30 Ruby Gaudino
 BY: Friends from Chic
 5:30 PM Mothers' Day Remembrance
- SUN MAY 12, 2019**
 8:00 Mothers' Day Remembrance
 10:00 Mothers' Day Remembrance
 Noon Mothers' Day Remembrance



**The Sanctuary Lamps for the
 Week of May 5th have been
 donated
 In Memory of
 Antonino Di Nieri
 BY: Tina & Nick**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 4/28	\$ 3,336.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,989 .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 5, 2019 has been donated
 In Memory of
 Our Beloved Cousin
STEPHEN FOTI
 BY: Valerie, Tommy & Joseph

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
4 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:

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

Louis Pepe

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 Family,

The gospel today presents us with themes of recognition of Jesus, reconciliation, rehabilitation, and sacraments. The question the gospel asks us to consider is; do you love Jesus? This question is personal and intimate. Loving Jesus goes beyond belief in Jesus. Do you love Jesus?

In today's Gospel let us keep our eye on Jesus, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and Peter. This is a gospel of signs, symbols and sacraments. Peter decides to go fishing. Peter, although, he had experienced the Risen Lord, seems to be trying to process all that has happened. To accomplish this he goes back to what is familiar to him. When he spies a figure on the beach he does not recognize the man, yet when John announces that it is the Lord, Peter is open to the message, and jumps into the water and swims to the shore. Baptism is openness to the gospel. Peter plunges himself into the water. Peter plunging into the water is a symbol of baptism. In short, Peter wants to be immersed in Jesus.

The disciple who announced that the mysterious man on the beach was Jesus, is the same disciple, who on Easter Morning, ran with Peter to the tomb and saw the burial wrappings at the tomb and believes that Jesus is risen. Peter, on the other hand, seeing the same wrappings does not know what to make of the situation. It takes Peter longer to come to grips with resurrection. The identity of the mysterious man as Jesus is confirmed by many signs; the bread and fish which remind the disciples of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, the manner in which the bread and fish are given to them reminds them of the Supper of the Lord, (the Eucharist) the great catch of fish which Peter hauls onto the beach reminds them of the great catch they made early in the ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke 5:1-10. It was this great catch that forced Peter to his knees before Jesus asking Jesus to depart from him for he was a sinful man. It was at this point that Peter realized that Jesus was more than just a great teacher or preacher. Finally, Jesus is recognized as one who serves. Notice that Jesus prepares a meal and serves it to the disciples. Does this not remind us and them of Holy Thursday, when Jesus says that those who serve are the greatest. The apostles know that Jesus is present through signs and symbols which Jesus used with them prior to his death and resurrection. Is this not what the sacraments do? The sacraments carry the presence of Jesus for us. This is especially true of the Eucharist. To recognize the Lord in these sacraments one must be faith filled and truly love the Lord. The disciple whom Jesus loved recognized Jesus because of his love for Jesus and his deep faith.

Jesus and Peter

Peter and Jesus shared a friendship and a deep relationship. For Peter, Jesus is not only Lord; he is friend. Peter is asked a serious question by Jesus; "Peter, do you love me more than these?" This is a deep and intimate question. Until this section, the Gospel, emphasized belief in Jesus. Now Peter confesses his love for Jesus three times which rehabilitates him after his three denials and Peter is told three times to feed the flock of Christ. It will be Peter's love and strong faith in Christ that will lead him to die for love and faith in Christ.

Where are we in this Gospel?

Today the Gospel emphasizes a loving relationship with Christ. We must see Jesus as a real person with whom we have a personal relationship. This relationship is the basis for our faith and moral behavior. This personal relationship is not solitary. It never stands alone. It is never me and God or me and Jesus alone. It is always in community. Our relationship is always in the context of the Eucharist, the Scripture and the Community. When one has a personal relationship with the Lord based in the Sacraments, the Scriptures and the Community, (church) Jesus is seen as real, alive and with us. This love and faith for Christ goes beyond cultural boundaries; it goes beyond family ties. Jesus is not an idea or philosophy of life. Jesus is a person. Notice the behavior of the apostles, they relate to the Lord personally as well as in a group. When you love Christ, being at Mass is a joy, receiving Eucharist is the high moment of your day and living your life for him makes moral decisions easier. For love of Christ so many have given their lives. Where are you in your relationship to Christ?

"The Love of Christ impels us."



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 5th, 10 am Mass:

GIRLS

*Isabella Caporilli
Isabella Cruz
Tea Dupont
Sidney Flores*

BOYS:

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

Sunday, May 19th, 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 Ceriello
Charles Cosentino
Carmine Daleo
Leo DiGangi
James DiLiberto
Reese Hairston
Dylan Isner
Nicholas James
Carmelo Malpasso
Anthony Russo
Anthony Varano*

Sunday, June 9th, 10 am Mass:

Guiliana Irizarry



On Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 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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