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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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*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

**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 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00  
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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- MON. AUGUST 26, 2019  
 Noon Joseph & Josephine Patti  
 BY Loving Children
- TUE. AUGUST 27, 2019  
 8:30 Vincent Favorito  
 BY: Wife, Children &  
 Grandchildren
- WED AUGUST 28, 2019  
 8:30 Antonino & Concetta Tesoriero  
 BY: The Reca Family
- THURS. AUGUST 29, 2019  
 8:30 Rosemary Cashman
- FRI. AUGUST 30, 2019  
 8:30 Lelitia Scotto  
 BY: Her Sisters
- SAT. AUGUST 31, 2019  
 8:30 John Marquez  
 5:30 PM Gino Masi
- SUN SEPTEMBER 1, 2019  
 8:00 For The People of The Parish  
 10:00 John Denaro  
 BY Wife Anna  
 Noon Dr. Maria Musarella &  
 Santo Musarella  
 BY: Antoinette

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 8/18	\$ 1,967.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$12,358.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks  
 On Line Giving for the  
 Month of July totaled \$ 3,919.78

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
 2019**

PARISH GOAL:	\$32,306.00
PLEGGED:	\$43,103.00
PAID:	\$36,626.75.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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.

**BE MINDFUL OF THE POOR**

**Dear Parish Family,  
 While it may be difficult to believe in our day and age in America, we have been asked to help parishioners. Many seniors can no longer afford their co-pay or at times their prescriptions. In some cases, we have been asked to help people with their rent. People who live on their own but suffer from special needs are very vulnerable. We are establishing a St. Vincent DePaul Box at the doors of the church. Please do make a contribution for those of us who have fallen on difficult times. Your kindness to the poor will be known only to God. Any help given to people is done confidentially.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

# 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 |
| Anthony Tilocca       | 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         |

## SACRED HEARTS HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH TO GHANA

Continuing our Parish Humanitarian Outreach to the Churches of Holy Rosary and St. Theresa, Fr Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, we are now collecting School Supplies and Children's clothing for shipment.

New clothes for children up to 10 years old and **SUMMER CLOTHING ONLY!** All clothes must be **NEW** with tags to be shipped.

Clothes and School supplies can be dropped off in the back of our Church during any Mass.

We greatly appreciate any financial donations to help with the cost of shipping.

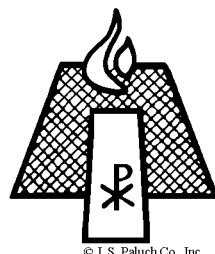
If you have any questions, please see Anthony or Andy in Church.



Bread & Wine for the week of August 25th has been donated In Memory of **TERESA &**

**LORETO SCHIANO**

BY: Gemma & Giustina



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 25th have been donated In Loving Memory of **CONCETTA FOGLIA**

## BOOK CLUB

We will not be meeting during August, but for those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on September 16th. We will be discussing **GILDED HOUR** by Sara Donati.

All are welcome



Parish cookout

**Our Annual Parish Back Yard BBQ** will be held on

Sunday, September 15th immediately following the Noon Mass.

All are welcome

We hope to see you there in community with our SHSS Parish Family!

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings suggest to me three words; universality, discipline and practice. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we read the final prophecy of Isaiah. In this text the prophet tells the Israelites who have a special covenant with God that a time will come when even the gentile nations will have a part in God's covenant. Good and righteous people from all nations will come together with the people of Israel and worship one God. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that the special relationship that they enjoyed with Jesus, that is those who ate and drank with Jesus, is no guarantee of salvation. Salvation goes to those who lived the Gospel message. Those who lived the Gospel message will come from north and south, east and west and enter the kingdom of God while those thinking they are most prepared to enter will not enter. Finally, the lesson is: discipleship demands discipline. Being a follower of Jesus is not an easy road. The road to Jesus is made of constant striving for perfection. Discipline is a rough word. It means learning boundaries. It means corrections. It means humility to learn from our errors. It means listening to the will of another and placing our own will at the disposal of another, in this case, Christ. This is a lifelong process.

How do we hear such scriptures in our day? What do they mean to us? I can only answer these questions from my own experience. They tell me that those who are open to discipleship and to the discipline of the Word of God and act upon the Word in their lives are in good stead of salvation. Those who think that because I am Catholic or because I belong to such and such denomination, or have special positions in the religious community have some upper hand on salvation are gravely mistaken. So, just because I am a priest or a bishop or the pope, just because I am a sister or a brother or I am a lector or a deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Eucharist does not mean my salvation is guaranteed. It means that I hold a position. For EVERYONE is called to deeper conversion to the Gospel. If we are not practicing the faith we show externally, we are missing the point. It is possible to be a priest or bishop and even the pope and never to have heard, know or have followed the Gospel. In the end, it will be a surprise. Those who think they have a right to salvation will be surprised by those who actually enter the Kingdom of God. Those who were looked down upon may be the very people whose hearts were deeply converted to the Lord and who practiced their faith in Christ through charitable deeds.

So, where am I? I am trying. Not always succeeding, but always seeking mercy. Where are you?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## **SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH**

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work, as we focus this year on how the light of faith guides us to...."*Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2019-20 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10AM Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-4 on Wednesday afternoons. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718-596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register.

For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms were mailed in June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form with the registration fee as soon as possible. If you haven't received the forms, please let us know and we will re-send them. Thanks!

## **UP-DATE ON AIR CONDITIONING IN CHURCH**

After a thorough review by technicians, our church Air Conditioning cannot be repaired back to working condition. The system is too old and the parts needed are no longer available. If custom parts are made for the system, it would be very costly and technicians cannot promise that it will work. As a result, we have begun to have three different companies visit the church to give us estimates for replacing the system. We have been told that the cost of such a replacement will be substantial. We will be providing the parish with a full report on the estimates when we receive them. It is not anticipated that installation of a new system will occur in time for the remainder of the season. Additionally, since we have been seeing a decline in our Sunday collections and do not have reserve funding established for this size of a project, some form of fundraising effort will have to be considered based on the cost of the project. We will update you as more information is made available.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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