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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.**

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*

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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE

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*Sacristan*

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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.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS**

**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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# MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. SEPTEMBER 9, 2019  
Noon Restituta Marchetti &  
All Deceased Members of  
The Marchetti Family  
BY Catherine
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 10, 2019  
8:30 Rose & Pasquale Masotto  
BY: Son Sal
- WED SEPTEMBER 11, 2019  
8:30 Benjamin Natoli  
BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  
8:30 Anthony Massie
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 13, 2019  
8:30 Deceased Family & Friends of  
Caria Family  
BY: Marie Caria
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 14, 2019  
8:30 In Honor of The Holy Cross  
5:30 PM Ciro "Jerry" Geritano  
BY: Loving Family
- SUN SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
8:00 Nicole Vergona  
BY: Loving Family  
10:00 Theresa Walsh  
BY Loving Family  
Noon St. Candida Society\*  
\*\* St. Candida Society to use Rectory Hall for  
Annual Social after Noon Mass

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/1	\$ 2,389.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,936.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
Month of August totaled \$ 2,998.95

## **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 and Gently Used Clothes for Children up to 13 years of age. Summer Clothing only!**

**All used clothes must be washed and folded.**

**Clothes can be dropped off in the back of Church during any Mass. If you have any questions, please see Anthony Troiano or Andy Di Manso in Church**



Bread & Wine for the week of September 8th has been donated  
In Memory of  
**GIUSEPPINA DI NIERI**  
BY: The Conti Family

## 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

**Our Annual Parish Back Yard BBQ** will be held on  
Sunday, September 15th  
immediately following the  
Noon Mass.



Parish cookout

All are welcome

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

## MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 28th at noon for Rev. Michael A. Carrano. Father Carrano served in our Parish for many years and is remembered by many for the wonderful work he did while assigned to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen. Please save this date and mark your calendar to attend this mass in his memory.

All are welcome!

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

When one is in love, no price is too high. When one is in love, every request of the beloved is acceptable. In the Gospel today Jesus lays down his demands for discipleship. Upon reading them one would conclude that discipleship is personally costly. However, loving Christ makes them rather appealing.

Discipleship is a serious commitment to the Lord. Jesus lists the requirements for discipleship. The first requirement is that the disciple's priority is his/her relationship with Jesus. This relationship must be the first among all other relationships. Secondly, the disciple must be: willing to live for Jesus publicly yet not ostentatiously and to accept the cross that is the consequence for living the Gospel publicly. This cross may be the suffering which the Gospel will cause the disciple to suffer such as: rejection, apathy and other forms of persecution.

Let us take each of these requirements separately. The first requirement calls the disciple to the renunciation of self. Therefore one's own desires and one's own agenda are not the determining factor for the disciples, life and behavior. Learning the mind and heart of Christ as found in the Gospel and teachings of the Church gives direction to the disciple. Msgr. Luigi Gissani says: "Jesus not only demands that they (disciples) follow him by detaching themselves from possessions. He asked them to live for him in the face of society." Can we live for Jesus? Can we order our priorities so as to reflect the value we place on our relationship with Christ? Possessions can be good or not so good. If we are possessed by what we have, then we are not free to accept the invitation of discipleship. If our possessions prohibit us from growing in the Holy Spirit, we have a problem. If we measure our worth or the worth of others on possessions, then we are missing the point of the Gospel message.

The living for Jesus brings us to the second requirement: to carry one's cross. In the Gospel we read "If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of human beings, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven (Matthew 10:32.) The cross we may bear of the Gospel may be that of rejection, mockery, ostracizing by one's family and friends. Are you willing to speak about forgiveness in the face of those seeking revenge? Are you able to be kind and charitable even when your efforts go unaccepted, unappreciated and even rejected? Are you able to speak out for those who are unjustly treated especially if those people are considered on the margins of respectable society? The decision to live for Christ may be difficult but it leads to eternal life for the disciple and a more human life for the world.

Where does this leave us? In an article which appeared in the N.Y Times on Saturday, 8/31 titled: Why People Hate Religion by Timothy Egan the author compares the quiet, yet public work of a religious sister who runs a shelter in the Rio Grande Valley for migrant children with those who ostentatiously wear their religion on their sleeves and talk a good talk and do nothing. The author is critical of those who religiously make bold statements of their religiosity and lack compassion and mercy. He inveighs against religious hypocrisy. How does one live the Gospel today without being showy but being public and yet willing to suffer for their convictions? Today in the church and in the world, we need people to quietly yet visibly witness to the faith in their words and their actions.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## **R.C.I.A, EASTER 2020**

If you are searching for God in your life, if you are desiring baptism into the faith, if you are sixteen years of age and never were baptized, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory 718 596 7750.

If you were baptized and never were admitted to the Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to receive these sacraments, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory 718 596-7750.

We are starting our preparation for Easter 2020.

## **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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