
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.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.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. OCTOBER 28, 2019
 Noon Guido Porcelli
 BY Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- TUE. OCTOBER 29, 2019
 8:30 Filomena Scotto
 BY: Children
- WED OCTOBER 30, 2019
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
- THURS. OCTOBER 31, 2019
 8:30 Laura Giuliani
 BY: Milena Danjo
- FRI. NOVEMBER 1, 2019
 8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &
 Ciro & Jenny Olivero
 6:00 PM Elisa Tonissi Conti
 BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
- SAT. NOVEMBER 2, 2019
 8:30 ALL SOULS
 Noon: ALL SOULS, NAMES ANNOUNCED
 5:30 PM Pietro Reca
 BY Loving Family
- SUN NOVEMBER 3, 2019
 8:00 Giuseppina & Antonino Di Nieri
 BY: The Bellantuono Family
 10:00 Camille Lamardi
 BY Lois & Anthony Tilocca
 Noon Anthony Scotto
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)
 BY: Wife Maureen

BOOK CLUB

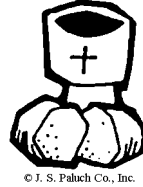
Please join us on Monday 11/4 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about SONG OF SOLOMON by Toni Morrison.
 All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 10/20	\$ 2,351.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,974.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
 Month of September totaled \$ 3,291.07



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
 October 27th has been donated

In Loving Memory of
MARIE SCOTTO

BY: Joanne Bianco &
 David Vitellio

POLICY ON MEMORIAL MASSES

Memorial Masses are Masses offered for deceased people with music and a singer.

Memorial Masses may be requested for those who die out of state or in another country. In these cases, the Memorial Mass is acting as the Funeral Mass for the deceased for the benefit of family and friends here.

Memorial Masses may be requested for those who are cremated. It is preferred that cremation should happen after the Funeral Mass, however, if this is not possible, a Memorial Mass will be said at a later date.

Memorial Masses may be requested 30 days after the Funeral Mass as is the custom for some people.

Memorial Masses may be requested on the first, fifth and tenth anniversary of death. All other commemorations should happen at a regularly scheduled mass either during the week or on Sundays.

If a family wishes to bring a priest to celebrate a Memorial Mass, they are welcome.

On any occasion when a Memorial Mass is requested, the stipend (fee) to the Church must be paid at least two weeks before the Mass is to take place.

All Memorial Masses will be said after 11:00 AM.

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 |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Lucille Gaudino |



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour the evening of November 2nd.

It's Spring ahead and Fall Back!



All Saint's Day is Friday, Nov. 1st and All Soul's Day is Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Our Annual All Soul's Day Mass will be held at

Noon on the 2nd where all names of those whose Mass of Christian Burial took place at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen will be announced.

All are welcome to join us for this celebration.

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St. Mary Star of the Sea is in need of a Part

Time Cleaner. They are located at 467 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. The need is for two days a week for three hours a day. Days are flexible-Monday-Thursday only. Pick your days. It involves dusting, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning 1/2 bathroom. Reference needed. Please call 718 625-2270 to set up an interview.

MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2020, January to June will open on Wednesday, November 6th in the Parish House from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. You must come in person for masses, telephone requests unfortunately cannot be taken. Masses are limited to 3 per person for the first week the book is open. You may have one weekend mass (Saturday evening or Sunday) and two weekday masses. If you are requesting masses for someone other than yourself, these masses will count as your masses. Kindly remember that the dates and times you request may not be available, so please have alternate dates in mind as to allow the process to move smoothly. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and allow others to have the chance to request the dates you take each time the book is open.

We ask that you note the following:
There will be a change in our time schedule for one of our Masses. Beginning in January, 2020, the 5:30 PM Mass will be moved to 5:00 PM.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

The Lesson of this Sunday is that those who wish to be right before God must make God's concerns their own concerns. The responsorial gives us the unifying theme of today's readings: "the Lord hears the cry of the poor." The first reading from the Book of Sirach tells us that while God is an impartial listener, the writer goes on to tell us that God is concerned with the weak and the poor. In the Gospel reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy, we are told that he is near the end of life. He has poured himself out for the proclamation of the Gospel.

When you heard and sang the responsorial psalm at liturgy, what was your reaction? Did the psalm annoy you? Did it sound too political to you? Did you wonder, what does this mean? Did you question who are these poor people? Do poor people really exist or are most of those who claim to be poor frauds? What does poor mean? These are important questions because God seems most concerned about them.

If we look at the Gospel to answer these questions we may find even more questions. Who in the Gospel is the poor one? The poor are those in need and who cannot help themselves. One may be financially wealthy and yet be poor. Poverty comes in many ways. We may be poor in health, in knowledge, in influence, or even in self knowledge. Is the Pharisee poor? The Pharisee filled with himself that even prayer is centered on all his accomplishments rather than on God. It is true that the Pharisee fulfilled the laws of religion but it seems his heart was not converted to God. Prayerful and faith filled people have God as their goal. Through prayer and study of scripture, they learn the mind and heart of God. The faith filled person begins to make God's concerns his/her concerns. The faith filled person is more forgiving, more loving and more merciful. Is the Pharisee growing in faith? He believes himself to be perfect to the point of looking down at others. Who is so perfect as to feel confident in coming into the presence of God the all perfect?

Is the Tax Collector the poor one? He has been alienated from worship and from his people. In fact, Tax Collectors may have been wealthy. They worked for the Romans. They took their commission from the taxes they collected to support the oppressive Roman Empire. Tax Collectors were despised in the eyes of the local population as traitors.

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor." Let us think about this for a moment. The answer is they are both poor. The Pharisee is poor in self knowledge. The Pharisee thinks he does not need the mercy of God. He is so blinded that he sees not the truth about himself. The Tax Collector is not religious yet he knew his faults. He knew he was not honest with the people. He knew he was far from perfect and he admits this to God. He clearly seeks mercy in his situation. In the end, the Tax Collector is the blessed man. He knows he is in a poor relationship with God. He begs for mercy in his situation. He is justified by God because he asked for mercy. The Pharisee is poor, yet cannot admit it. All of us need mercy and all of us are poor in some way. No one is perfect, not me and not you.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

What is it that we celebrate on these days? What is the communion of saints? What do we mean by the resurrection of the dead?

All Saints Day celebrates the memory of all those who have died, some of whose names we know, but for the most part, we do not know, who now see the Face of God. These good and holy people may be our own relatives and friends whose lives inspired you and many others through their prayer and their acts of mercy and charity. In the Apostle's Creed we say: "I believe in the communion of saints..." By this term we mean that those who are now seeing the face of God are remembering us. They are praying for us. Thus we here on earth and they in heaven are in communion with each other. Communion means in union with us and we with them. The saints experience God more directly. We experience God through Word and Sacrament. To make this communion clearer, I suggest that we think of it like this: when I ask you to please pray for me, what am I asking? I am asking you to take my name and petition to God when you pray. When we ask for example St. Francis to pray for us, we are asking St. Francis who is presently beholding the face of God to mention our name to God and our needs to God. The saint or those praying for us do not grant our petitions. They pray for us. Only the Lord grants our needs, graces and petitions. The one praying for us always points us to Jesus.

The word "Saint" comes from the word "Sanctus" meaning holy. Who is holy? Do we really know who is holy? Only God sees what is unseen. Therefore it is not until after death that we know who is holy. How one's life ends tells us of the victory of one's life before God. The "holy ones" also known as the saints, loved Christ to an extraordinary degree. Their deep relationship with Christ inspired them to become examples of charity and mercy. Some gave their lives in a most extraordinary manner. Their lives were possessed by Jesus. Jesus was their joy, their hope and their reason for living. They tell us by their lives the way to holiness, wholeness, happiness, justice and peace is JESUS.

If you want to be a saint, then seek to grow in your relationship with Christ Jesus. Learn about the lives of some of the saints. Learn how a particular saint faced difficulties, prayer and doubt. Try to imitate the saint in his or her devotion to Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform you, remake you and help you to know the mind and heart of Jesus.

All Souls Day, we the church remember and pray for our beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The reason we pray for our faithful departed is because we believe our prayers can assist our loved ones. We pray that God may have mercy upon them, look upon their faults with a merciful heart and forgive their sins or failings. We are also told in 2Maccabees 12:43-46 that it is a "good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." The liturgy of the day moves us to hope. The readings remind us that those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are in the hands of God. Believing that our loved ones are with God gives us hope and peace of mind and heart.

While our faith is our strength and eternal life our hope, our hearts still hurt and our spirits still feel the loss. Love never dies, people die. God is love. The love we have experienced in the lives of our loved ones and the love we have for them survives death. Why? Because God is love. In the First Letter of John we read "we are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light, when it does, we shall see God as he is." This tells us that we survive death, that our relationship with God continues and that death for the Christian means "life has changed not ended." For all of us who are going through this year of mourning, life has changed. It seems that grief comes to us in different ways. Just when you think you are healed, you will find yourself in tears. Depending on the depth and the closeness of the relationship, the loss of a loved one leaves us with an emotional wound. We mourn our loss not just for a year but in many ways, forever until we see them again. If we can always hold our departed loved ones in our hearts, how much more does God hold us to his heart?

Today and every day the church prays for her children who have gone before us. We pray for them because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray for them because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and the life of the world to come.

I invite all, especially those who are mourning this year, to see the heart of God manifested to us in the kindness, understanding and compassion we have received from our friends, neighbors and relatives. As we walk through this coming holiday season, perhaps we can pray for each other that we may find our hope, peace and joy in knowing that God is with us.

May God give rest to our loved ones and consolation to all who mourn. May our faith be our strength and eternal life our hope.

INFORMATION SHEET

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