
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
5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific
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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. JANUARY 13, 2020**
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JANUARY 14, 2020**
 8:30 Louis Valentino, Sr.
- WED JANUARY 15, 2020**
 8:30 Giuseppina & Giuseppe Borrometi
 BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- THURS. JANUARY 16, 2020**
 8:30 Lucia & Angelo Borrometi
 BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- FRI. JANUARY 17, 2020**
 8:30 Mary Ortato
 BY: Son Joseph
- SAT. JANUARY 18, 2020**
 8:30 For The People of the Parish
 5:00 Anastasia Piro
 BY: Helen Wallach
- SUN JANUARY 19, 2020**
 8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
 10:00 In Thanksgiving for Blessings
 Received
 BY: MJB
 Noon In Honor of
 Our Lady of Good Counsel

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/17	\$ 3,206.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 795.00
Total Sunday 11/17	\$ 4,001.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,324.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH TO GHANA

As part of our humanitarian outreach program this year, on Christmas Day at Holy Rosary Church in Ghana Africa, over 300 people were served food and received clothing and toys at a Christmas Party. We thank all of you for your continued support of this program. Donations are always welcome.

Fr. Cletus sent along this message to share with us:

Thank you all so much for your contributions towards the 2019 Children's Christmas Party. We shared clothes and toys with needy children and, above all, about 324 served with soda and food. On behalf of the children at Holy Rosary Church, I wish you a Blessed and Healthy 2020. Be assured of our prayers.

Fr. Cletus

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Do you know a choir member? Be sure to thank them for singing at our Christmas liturgies! We are blessed by the effort and dedication of so many talented volunteers. We thank the Children's & Youth Choir for the music at the Christmas Eve Family Mass and the Adult choir for Midnight Mass & Christmas morning.

Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, January 15th in the main church: Children & Youth @5:30 PM, Adults @ 7:00 PM. It's a new year—new singers welcome! Come sing with us in 2020! Jim Lake

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 |

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday February 3rd @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about
THE INVISIBLE BRIDGE
by Julie Orringer.
All are welcome.
We encourage to bring a friend.

MORNING PRAYER

**JOIN US FOR MORNING PRAYER
 EVERY MORNING AT 8:00 AM
 MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND
 7:30 AM ON SUNDAY.**

Morning Prayer is prayed in Transfiguration Chapel every day. Please do join us. Morning prayer consists of praying two Psalms, two canticles, a short reading and intercession. The Morning Prayer and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are part of the official prayer of the whole Church. The Morning Prayer is different from day to day. We have books which we will guide you in using.

**ADORATION OF THE LORD AND THE EUCHARIST IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO GET SOME PEACE IN YOUR DAY.
 JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY MONDAY FROM 11-12 IN THE TRANSFIGURATION CHAPEL. SPEND QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD.
 IT CAN DE-STRESS YOUR DAY!**

MESSAGE FROM GUY M. STEWART RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of your parishioners, we raised \$1,772. We are always most grateful for whatever people buy or donate and we are overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and charity.

When the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Manhattan and the pediatric unit of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center express their appreciation, please know that you are a recipient of their gratitude and have helped to brighten the lives of these children.

A blessed New Year and 2020 to all!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This celebration is another Epiphany. It is another showing of Christ to the world. Last week it was Mary who showed Jesus to the world represented by the Magi. Today the Father and the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus to the world. Today's celebration closes the Christmas Season and points us to the public ministry of Jesus. Tomorrow the liturgy returns to Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, we will continue to reflect on the unfolding of the mystery of the Incarnation until the Lenten Season which will show us a deeper aspect of the Incarnation.

John the Baptist is an important figure in the sacred text. It is John the Baptist as the last prophet who most immediately prepares the people to meet Christ. John preached a baptism of repentance. The baptism John administered was based on the Jewish mikvah bath. This baptism was a sign that the person repented of his/her sins and intended to live a sinless life. The baptism that you received is the baptism Jesus gave us. Our baptism is a baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our baptism joins us to the Body of Christ, the Church and makes us sharers in the redemptive death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus. John's baptism was a preparation for the baptism which Jesus would give us. John himself said that he baptized with water. Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

If John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, why would Jesus who was sinless allow himself to be baptized by John? The answer to this question is to be found in the great mystery of the Incarnation. In the Incarnation, God comes to dwell with us in our human condition. Jesus who is God among us dwells with us in our human weaknesses and struggles. Notice that during his ministry Jesus is found not with those who see themselves as perfect or good, but rather he is found among those who are considered sinners, outcast, the not so perfect and struggling humanity. Thus we find Jesus lining up with those who have decided to change their lives while admitting the struggle to be more faithful.

The ministry of Jesus will be devoted to proclaiming the Kingdom of God. This kingdom will be known by reconciliation, peace and harmony. There will be reconciliation among all peoples. Peace will be a reality. Harmony will exist throughout all of nature. To accomplish his goals, Jesus will forgive repented sinners, heal broken bodies and restore nature.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

On Sunday, January 19th which is the first Sunday outside the Christmas Season, we will celebrate the feast of St. Stephen whose real feast is on December 26th. St. Stephen is one of our parish's patrons. Stephen was the first martyr for our faith in Christ. The story of St. Stephen is found in the New Testament in Acts 7-8. Stephen proclaims the faith. He evangelizes the people and he catechizes (explains) the faith. Due to his passionate conviction for Jesus, he infuriated many of the foes of the early Christians. Ultimately, Stephen is arrested. He is tried before the Sanhedrin and is stoned to death for his faith. He dies by commending his spirit to God and forgiving his murderers. He dies as a disciple of Christ, thus giving us an example of Christian life. The disciple is one who is conformed to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.

In the past few years, we have witnessed the death of many Christians in the Middle East, in parts of Africa and Asia. We have read of the sufferings of the Christians in Egypt. With these recent killings of Christians, we remember that the days of giving one's life for the faith is not ended. In our own city, there are many priests, religious and lay people who place their lives in danger as they speak out against drug dealers and human trafficking. There are many committed Catholics who are in danger for giving shelter to victims of domestic violence. There are others who suffer at the hands of their respective families for being people of mercy and forgiveness and following the trend of anger and revenge. If the love of Christ impels us, if the person of Christ is our center, if the life of Christ shines before us, if the Gospel becomes our life then the possibility of martyrdom becomes a reality. Those who love Christ cannot forget Christ even in the face of suffering and death. Christians are called to serve Christ in all who are in need for the Greater Glory of God.

Readings for The Feast of St. Stephen are:

Acts of the Apostles: 6:8-10 7:54-59

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

INFORMATION SHEET

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