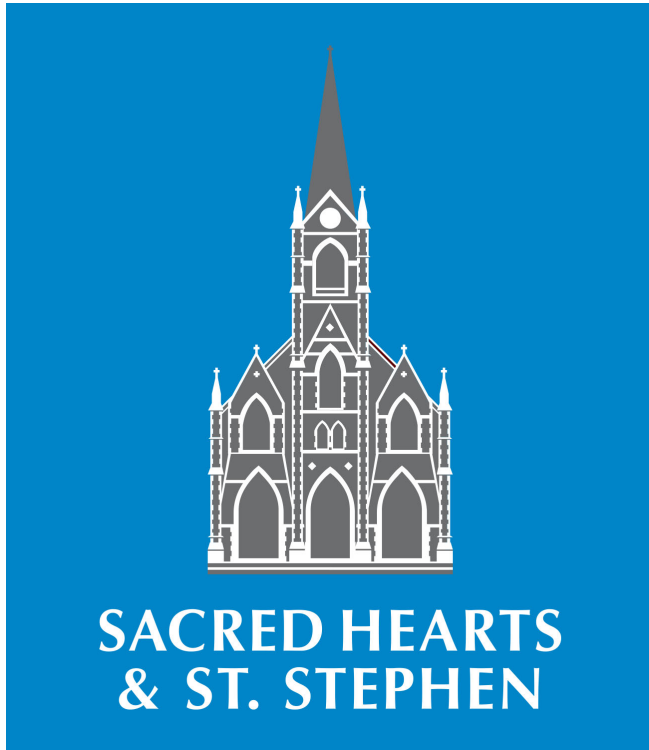


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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  
5:00 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  
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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. JANUARY 20, 2020**  
 Noon Deceased Members of  
 The Boucher Family  
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE. JANUARY 21, 2020**  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for  
 Blessings Received through the  
 Intercession of O. L. of Mt. Carmel  
 BY: Angie
- WED JANUARY 22, 2020**  
 8:30 Jane Smith  
 BY: The Tennier Sisters
- THURS. JANUARY 23, 2020**  
 8:30 John Suffaro  
 BY: Dominick &  
 Lillian Intartaglia
- FRI. JANUARY 24, 2020**  
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek  
 BY: Her Sister Gert
- SAT. JANUARY 25, 2020**  
 8:30 Jay Sisto  
 5:00 Dennis DiMuro  
 Birthday Remembrance (D'cd)  
 BY: His Sister Maria
- SUN JANUARY 26, 2020**  
 8:00 Angelo Vergona  
 BY: Loving Family  
 10:00 Biaggio Lubrano  
 BY: Wife, Children &  
 Grandchildren  
 Noon Phil & Santa Castro  
 BY: Andrew, Carol & Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/12	\$ 3,255.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,295.00
Total Sunday 1/12	\$ 4,550.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,775.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## 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

## OLIVE WOOD

Next weekend, Samer Awwad representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian Families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

# 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 Family,

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

“You are my servant...I will make you a light to the nations...”

Today’s first reading and Gospel are illustrated in our church. If you look at the base of our altar, you will see mosaic of a lamb holding a cross on which is displayed a white banner with a red cross. If you look at our tabernacle when the solid door is open, usually during communion time, you will see the inner door of the tabernacle. On this inner door you will see a painting of the lamb seated on a book. The book, although closed, displays seven ribbons. In church art, the lamb represents Christ. The book represents the Word of God and the ribbons, the seven sacraments. The Cross draped with white banner represents victory over death. Lambs were sacrificed in the ancient world and no longer existing temples in Jerusalem as sin offerings. In the story of the Passover in the Book of Exodus, it was the blood of the sacrificed lamb which saved the Israelites from death as an Angel of Death passed over their houses in ancient Egypt. Today’s readings from the Gospel and Isaiah outline the ministry of Jesus. Jesus is both servant and lamb of God. Jesus takes upon himself the sins of the world as he faithfully serves us and God. Being the light of the world, which the darkness has not extinguished, Christ will be seen as the Servant of God who brings redemption.

Jesus is seen as the Servant of God par excellence. He is the archetype of all servants of God. In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah from Chapters 49-52, we find the Servant of God passages. Scholars have given us many interpretations as to the identity of the Servant of God. The servant is seen by some as the Israelites collectively. Others see the servant as the prophet who stands behind this Isaiah tradition. Still others see these passages as referring to the Messiah. It is possible perhaps to see all three interpretations as operative in these servant passages. These passages have been used since the beginning of Christianity to describe Jesus and His ministry. Early Christianity saw these passages illustrated in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus will say of himself “that the Son of Man came to serve and be served.”

We see Jesus as servant throughout his ministry but particularly in the Passion narratives. The servant empties himself for the sake of those being served. Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. In this act, he symbolically empties himself which he would graphically do in his death for the redemption of the world. It will be his faithfulness to his mission that will cause his death and heal our unfaithfulness.

If Jesus takes to himself the title of Servant and if Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, what then should the ministry of the church be? If we the Body of Christ are baptized into Christ, our role too is one of servant not of power. Clergy, religious and lay ministers are not in roles of honor or power, but of service. Imitating Christ the servant will save us from thinking of ourselves as people of power.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Today, 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**

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