
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
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. JANUARY 27, 2020**
 Noon Mary Ann Tabeek
 Birthday Remembrance (D'cd)
 BY: Her Sister Gert
- TUE. JANUARY 28, 2020**
 8:30 Matteo Deliso
 BY: Daughter Anna
- WED JANUARY 29, 2020**
 8:30 Steve Coates
 BY: The Brian Coates Family
- THURS. JANUARY 30, 2020**
 8:30 Maria Grazia &
 Salvatore Di Filippo
 BY: The Reca Family
- FRI. JANUARY 31, 2020**
 8:30 Ida Trocchia
- SAT. FEBRUARY 1, 2020**
 8:30 Dominick Piro
 BY: Loving Family
 5:00 Vincenza La Bella
 BY: Her Husband Richard
- SUN FEBRUARY 2, 2020**
 8:00 Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri
 BY: Diane Vergona
 10:00 Karl Chepolis
 BY: Paul Chepolis & Lori Lupo
 Noon For The Intentions of
 Msgr. Guy A. Massie
 BY: A Friend

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 1/19	\$ 2,768.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,660.00
Total Sunday 1/19	\$ 4,428.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,897.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This coming Pentecost Weekend, 24 of our young parishioners will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation. This past Sunday at our Enrollment Mass, individual parishioners pledged to pray for these candidates, that their faith in Jesus will grow, and that they will be open to the power and the presence of his Spirit in their lives. We encourage everyone to join in these prayers for our young people.

**Viva Acrabascio
 Tristen Cabareri
 Victor Campanile
 Kaitlyn Caruso
 Ella Chester
 Gianna Coffaro
 Victoria D'Avino
 Laura DePaolo
 Mia DePaolo
 Jenna Geritano
 Caleigh Guevarra
 Larry Hotaling
 Kalista Iacono
 Gianna Irizarry
 Olivia Majesky
 Brianna Malpasso
 Joseph Mannari II
 Ava Randazzo
 Alyssa Russo
 Sienna Seeger
 Marcello Smith
 Alexandra Varano
 Sebastian Vitali**

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 Laqueria | 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 |
| Louis D'Angelo | |

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 you to bring a friend.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has designated this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the “*Sunday of the Word of God*.” Through this celebration, the Church reminds us that she “has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God’s Word and Christ’s Body.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 103) We are encouraged to allow God’s word to nourish us by regular reading of the sacred text. As a parish, we will use the season of Lent together in small Scripture/Faith sharing groups, asking God to deepen our appreciation, understanding and spiritual nourishment as we break open His Word together. More details to follow!

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!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

“The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

God is light and in God there is no darkness. In the Prologue of the Gospel of St. John we read “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” The themes of light and darkness are themes which seem to unite both the Hebrew Texts and the New Testament. In the Book of Genesis, God creates light. Light is always positive and it leads us to truth. For us Christ is the Light of the World through his words and his example.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus begins his preaching in the northern area of the land of Israel in the territories of Zebulon and Naphtali. Beginning his ministry in this area, Jesus is acting in a symbolic way. The areas of Zebulon and Naphtali were the first areas to be devastated by the Assyrian Empire in the eighth century before Christ. This devastation ultimately led to the period called the Babylonian exile. The people in this area were destroyed. They suffered loss of their land, families and economic stability. They lost themselves and their identity as a people. They were led into exile. During the days of Isaiah, the land was shrouded in gloom and darkness. While Isaiah acknowledged the terrible situation and the total ruination of the culture, civilization and even religion of the area, the Prophet Isaiah preaches a message of hope and restoration to the people in the midst of their darkness and suffering. In fact, so certain is Isaiah that there would be a restoration that the text seems to say it has already taken place. Jesus, beginning his ministry in this locale, makes the message of Isaiah come to life. The light that shines in the darkness has come and the darkness has not overcome it.

So, where is the land of Zebulon and Naphtali? Yes it is in northern Israel where Galilee and Nazareth are to be found. Where is it for us? The land of darkness and the land of gloom and anguish really is found in our hearts. It is there in our hearts that the message of hope and light need to be heard and lived. During the days of the exile, many if not all, of the Israelites felt abandoned by God. How often do I hear people tell me that God has turned a blind eye or a deaf ear to me. Devastation, loss and anguish happen to us regularly. We receive bad news about our health, a loved one dies, the family house needs to be sold, a betrayal by a loved one destroys our family. These are all moments which cause our spirits to be dark. These are all the feelings which leave us crying out to God asking why? How? We all seek the light of understanding and relief. It is at that time we are most open to hearing the Gospel for the first time again. It is at moments like these that God may be closest yet perceived as being far away.

We who love Christ are called to be the light of the world along with Christ. Can the people in darkness find this light in us?

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During this time of the year we are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians of every denomination. Sadly, Christianity has experienced brokenness. This shattering of Christianity has become a scandal to the non-Christian World. It has hindered the preaching of the Gospel especially in mission lands. If we cannot reconcile our own differences, how can we be a light for the world? I have in my priestly ministry worked among Christians of various communities working towards a greater understanding among us. Perhaps we can remember every Sunday when we pray the Lord's Prayer before communion that other Christians in other Christian and non Christian communities are praying this same prayer and unite our thoughts with them and ask for Christian Unity. The second reading today seems to direct us to this intention.

The followers of Christ are called to be the light of the world. Christians are called to be united in faith. Paul addresses the issue of unity among the members of the Church in Corinth. In today's second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle urges the Corinthians to preserve the unity of faith. It seems that at the time of the writing of this letter, factions among the people were devastating. These factions may have been based on one's relationship to a particular leader in the community. Therefore one was saying he/she belonged to Paul because Paul had baptized him/her. Another claimed importance because Peter had baptized him/her. Still others claimed a place of honor because Apollo has brought them into the faith. Paul warns against this behavior because it undermines the unity of faith we have in Christ Jesus. He directly reminds the Corinthians that Christ is the center not Paul, Peter or Apollo. He states that they were baptized into Christ Jesus not into Paul, Peter or Apollo.

This letter is a reminder to all of us that while we may like a particular Bishop, pope or priest, it is Christ and the gospel which matter not the priest, Bishop or pope. While it is true some clergy have a personality which we may like and find easy to understand, we cannot make idols of our favorite clergy persons. Such behavior may even prevent us from hearing the more challenging parts of the gospel which we may need to hear. Thus, it is not me, Fr. Cletus, Fr. Long or even the Bishop or Pope Francis who is the message. It is Christ Jesus. The head of the Church is Christ. With him the Church will succeed in every situation. It is for Christ and Christ alone that we exist, move and have our being. The parish, the Catholic School, the Parish activity all exists for the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. With Christ all is possible. Without Christ all our plans and everything fails.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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