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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  
5:00 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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*Sacristan*

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*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

### **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 6, 2020**  
 Noon Salvatore Colonna,  
 Jo Anne Setteducaco,  
 Linda Costello & Danny Colella  
 BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus
- TUE. JANUARY 7, 2020**  
 8:30 Anthony Polito  
 BY: John & Carolyn Zodda
- WED JANUARY 8, 2020**  
 8:30 Carmine Graziani  
 BY: Daughter Theresa
- THURS. JANUARY 9, 2020**  
 8:30 Anthony Coppola  
 BY: Mom & Dad
- FRI. JANUARY 10, 2020**  
 8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph  
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- SAT. JANUARY 11, 2020**  
 8:30 Anthony Massie  
 5:00 Antonino Conti  
 The Conti Family
- SUN JANUARY 12, 2020**  
 8:00 Loretta McGinn  
 BY: Diane Vergona  
 10:00 Aldaberto Gonzalez  
 BY: Daughter Carolina Gonzalez &  
 Loving Family  
 Noon George Velez  
 BY: Wife & Children

## 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



## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Thank you for donating 63 coats during our annual coat drive this past December 7th and 8th. Working with the 76th precinct, these coats will be distributed to the needy through New York Cares. Thank you also to our Community Affairs Officer, Officer Joseph Gonzalez who came personally to pick up all eight bags filled with coats!

We value the friends we have in our Sacred Hearts Community and at the 76th Precinct. Happy New Year!



The birth of the Light of the World signaled by our singularly bright star traveling ahead to lead seekers to the place, still stirs at least a moment's hope even for many whose religious beliefs are only embers. To believers, it offers the promise of the Savior who came into the frightening darkness of a world ruled by sin and death to carry us into the unquenchable light no darkness can ever again extinguish.

O God of light and darkness, send us a star to guide us to the safety you alone can give.

# 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     |
| Evan Pontz            |                     |

## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **THE CLOCKMAKER'S DAUGHTER** by Kate Morton. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on February 3rd. We will be discussing **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!**



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# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Thank you for your participation at our Christmas Liturgies. Thank you to our Choirs; the Adult Choir, the Young People's Choir and the Children's Choir. Thank you to Mr. James Lake and Dr. Evelyn DeGraff for all their work. Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers and our Sacristans for all their work. Thank you to all who decorated the church. Thank you to all who so faithfully participated in the Christmas Liturgies.

Today the Church celebrates the Great Feast of the Epiphany. This feast is on the official Roman Catholic Calendar for January 6th. In the United States, our Bishops have elected to celebrate this feast on a Sunday to underscore its importance. The feast celebrates two basic themes: Universality of the Gospel message as represented by the arrival of these gentile (non Jewish wise men) as well as the identity of Jesus as Divine King and Redeemer. The gifts of the Magi proclaim the mission of Christ. The gold proclaims Christ as King. The frankincense proclaims the divinity of Christ. The myrrh proclaims his sacrificial death for our redemption. The story of the Epiphany is a prologue to the whole Gospel. The Feast of the Epiphany gives us the conclusions about Jesus which the whole gospel will later explain to us as the liturgical year unfolds.

The word Epiphany means "to show or to manifest." In the gospel we read how Mary showed the Christ child to the wise men. Thus pointing out the universality of the Gospel. The story is theological and catechetical. The Gospel of the Epiphany symbolically tells the whole gospel story of Matthew. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, the Risen Lord sends his disciples to teach and baptize all nations. In the story of the Epiphany, the magi represent all nations. Thus, we see a sign or a prophecy of the sending out of the disciples to all nations with the revelation of the Christ child to the wise men of non Jewish peoples. While the Messiah was to come to the Jewish people, his mission and work of redemption was directed to the whole world. Christianity is not wedded to just one nation, but to all humanity.

In our own day, where does God manifest his presence? Where in your life have you met God? Who are the people in your life who bear for you the face of Jesus? Epiphanies happen when we least expect them and from the people we least expect. The key is that we need, like the Magi, to be open to the presence of the Lord. We need perhaps to take a chance and go outside of our comfort zone of our preconceived ideas and find the Lord. Look at the joy and the innocence of children. In those young faces which call forth our love for them, is Christ. Look at the heavens, the moon, the sun, the stars and the colors of dawn and evening, certainly this order and beauty speaks to our hearts, of God. Look to the elderly, whose lives have been spent in faithfulness to all they hold dear and true. Look to the love manifested in couples who have been married for forty, fifty or sixty years. Is not God present where there is love? Look at the generosity of so many people who give their lives of service to others. Is this not also a manifestation of the Lord? God is alive and present. All that we need do is to be open to his gentle yet strong presence. The Lord comes to those who invite him into their lives.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**THANK YOU!**  
**I AM THE CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH**  
**WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!**

To all our parishioners for all you do throughout the year to build up this parish. Thank you for your time, your talent and your treasure which have made possible many sustaining elements of the temporal life of our parish.

Thank you to all who so generously gave to the Christmas Flower/Expenses collection. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to decorate our church.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin our Director of Faith Formation for all her hard work and to the Catechists who volunteer to teach our children. Thank you to Joan McGrath, Carol Bombolino and Jean Marcoccio who help Nancy prepare various projects for our children in CCD.

Thank you to Rose Marie Foglia, our Business Manager.

Thank you to Dr. Evelyn DeGraf who works so wonderfully with our Choir and Children.

Thank you to Jim Lake, our Director of Music. Thank you to the Instrumentalists

Thank you to our fine music program. To the Children's Choir, The Young Adult Choir and the Adult Choir which makes our liturgies uplifting and inspiring.

Thank you to John Heyer for all he does for this Parish.

Thank you to our Altar Servers of every age.

Thank you to our Lectors and our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Thank you to John and Carolyn Zodda and Brenda Pyle who prepare the Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedules.

Thank you to our Ushers and Counting Teams.

Thank you to Andy DiManso and Theresa Delgado who are here every day to open and close the church and to prepare for the Liturgy of the Day.

Thank you to Anthony Troiano our Hospitality Minister who prepares treats every Sunday.

Thank you to our Blood Pressure Volunteers who with Sondra Rivera keep our parishioners healthy.

Thank you to Francesca Reca, our Cook.

Thank you to Gertrude Zagarella and the Greeters who greet you as you come to Mass with the hymnal and missal.

Thank you to Colleen and Anthony Troiano who instruct parents for Baptism.

Thank you to the Dust Angels who volunteer to clean our Church.

Thank you to all who do wonderful things for our Parish that are only known by God.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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