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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

**Adoration:** Monday @ 11:00 AM  
First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 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.

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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.** May 25 2020  
**Noon** Natalie Schlaifer  
 BY: Carol Bombolino
- TUE.** May 26, 2020  
**8:30** Virginia Marchesano  
 BY: AndyDi Manso
- WED** May 27, 2020  
**8:30** Natalie Schlaifer  
 BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
- THURS.** MAY 28, 2020  
**8:30** John Passantino  
 BY: Anthony & Ann Intartaglia
- FRI.** MAY 29,2020  
**8:30** Kristina Esposito  
 BY: Family
- SAT.** MAY 30, 2020  
**8:30** Lee Sgro  
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren  
**5:00** In Honor of the Holy Spirit
- SUN** MAY 31, 2020  
**8:00** Catherine Deserio  
 BY: Her Sister Anna  
**10:00** Holy Spirit for the Parish  
**Noon** Al Florentino  
 BY: Joseph D'Arecca

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 5/17	\$ 1,467.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,600.00
Total Sunday 5/17	\$4,067.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,258.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

## Financial Stewardship

For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.

## Parish Religious Education & Catholic Schools

Regular parish CCD classes held on Sundays and Wednesdays are postponed for the time being. Likewise, all activities related to our children's faith-formation program such as the Sunday 7th grade seminar, Stations of the Cross practices, Confirmation mentoring sessions, and Child Lures training are also postponed for the time being.

The health of all the faithful of the parish is of utmost concern, so let us continue to pray to the Lord who is a healer to protect us and bring about quickly an end to this present crisis through the intercession of His Mother Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

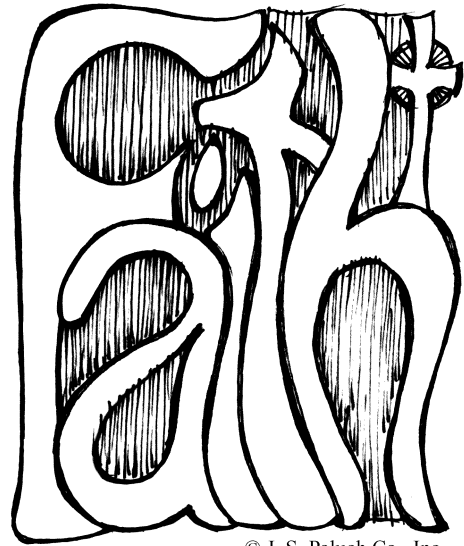
# Sick Relatives & Friends

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,     | Helena Rolla        |
| 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          | Louis D'Angelo      |
| Carol Montelbano      | Gina Salta          |
| Anthony Manfre        | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby         | Kristin Quail       |
| Louann Gambardella    | Robert Janicke      |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr.  | Mark Carles         |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese |                     |

## REACH OUT

**During this difficult time, please take a moment to check on your neighbor, the elderly and the shut in to see how they are doing. Perhaps they may need an item from the grocery store, or someone to pick up their prescriptions, anything we are able to do for them would be appreciated. Sometimes all they need is conversation and that simply requires a phone call. These are unprecedented times and we are all in this together. Take some of the free time you may have to sit in prayer for all the world.**



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Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On

line giving at [www.Givecentral.org/SHSS](http://www.Givecentral.org/SHSS). The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot. We are so very grateful for all you do for our great parish.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

The readings today have us standing between the Ascension of Christ and the great Feast of Pentecost. The readings speak to us about prayer and bearing witness to our faith in Christ. In the Gospel which comes to us from St. John 17:1-11a we meet Jesus while he is praying. Jesus is praying for himself, for his apostles and by extension, for all those who will come to the faith through the preaching of the apostles. He prays that his disciples will give witness to him who is the Way, the Truth and The Life by their unity.

Jesus is praying on the night before his death and he asks the Father to glorify him. Remember, Jesus is praying in human nature. To glorify means that Jesus is praying that the Father not only be with him as he completes his mission in redemption but that Jesus' divine status and his intimate nature with the Father become visible on earth. For the Gospel of John, the death of Christ is seen as his glory, his return to the Father.

While Jesus is facing his death, his thoughts are for his disciples. Jesus recognizes that the disciples are given to him by his Father. This recognition reaffirms that no one comes to Jesus unless the Father calls him. This statement also states that the disciples of Jesus are part of the family of God. We are part of the Trinity. God wishes to share his life with us. This is an amazing relationship.

Jesus' longing for unity is the heart of his prayer. This prayer reveals a deep unity between Jesus and the Father. Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. The prayer asks that their unity (that is the unity between Jesus and the Father) be extended to the disciples. This unity would consist of Jesus' unity with the Father combined with his unity with the disciples thus God indwelling in us. This indwelling would bind all the disciples together. The disciples living in Jesus and Jesus living in the Father would be the witness to the world of the work of Christ.

This unity for which Jesus prays is at the core of true discipleship. For the disciple of Christ communion with God and others is most important. When one realizes that one is called to such intimacy with God, then one must see discipleship as a way of life and a goal of life. One must discern how one will live one's life so as to enter into this intimacy more deeply. One may choose to be a committed lay person living in the world. One may discern religious life to enhance one's discipleship. One may discern a call to priesthood with hope that one's relationship with the Lord will grow. Whatever lifestyle is, one discerns the call to intimacy with the Lord must be first recognized. The question of which lifestyle will help me to best live my discipleship with the Lord. While the lifestyle may help us to grow in the Lord, it cannot really make us disciples if the call to intimacy is not first perceived. In my opinion, I discerned with the help of the church that I would live out my discipleship as a priest. The first vocation is to discipleship.

Most of us know about Christ. Most of us are Catholic because we were born into Catholic homes and culture and we never thought any more about the faith. While all are invited to grow in the faith, few really do. For the disciple, Christ must be all in all. Living the Gospel must be the goal. All behaviors which help us to live the Gospel are seen as good and anything which pulls us away from living the value of Christ must be avoided.

How does one strive to live out one's intimacy with the Lord? How does one live the Gospel? How does one not become self-righteous and distaining of others? One way is to effectively will the good for others (love). This means willing the good of all universally even to those we do not like. Perhaps being a person of prayer which leads us to be a person of mercy, compassion, understanding, of seeking justice for the oppressed is a way of living in the intimacy of one's relationship with the Lord.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## **MOTHER AND FATHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER**

We are doing something different and it will really help. Mother's Day was on May 10th and Father's Day is on June 21st. The Sisters of Life are expecting a sort of baby boom in about a month. Between now and 6/21, parishioners may participate in the shower by forwarding donations directly to the Sisters of Life. Their address is:

St. Andrew's Church  
Sisters of Life  
20 Cardinal Hayes Place  
New York, New York 10007

This year, the Sisters could especially use children's bibles, diapers, wipes, onesies, baby lotion and shampoo. Other suggestions are baby clothing, outfits, sleepers and hats, bottles and blankets. All baby items must be new. They also need maternity clothing.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

God Bless you!

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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