
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.

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. SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Their Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**
 8:30 Carl Gambello
 BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
- WED. SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**
 8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato
 BY: Lenny & Jo-Ann Travato
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**
 8:30 Anna Marie Leone
 BY: Fiore DiCostanzo
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**
 8:30 Felix Consenza
 BY: The LoPorto, Kaplan
 & Eng Family
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**
 8:30 In Honor of St. Michael
 5:00 PM Josie Spano
 BY: Anna Giunta
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**
 8:00 Marie Scotto
 BY: Doreen & Della Nicosia
 10:00 Catherine Romanelli
 BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
 Noon Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato
 BY: Lenny & Jo Ann Trovato

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/13	\$ 2,127.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,740.00
Total Sunday 9/13	\$ 4,867.00.
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,458.00

***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 | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | |

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.

Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On line giving at www.Givecentral.org/SHSS. The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank



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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.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

As we read the parable, let us remember God wills the salvation of all. Let us all remember that the disciple is called to make Christ and his Gospel his way of life. Paul tells us that for him Life is Christ. This is also our call. Notice the responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”

What was your feeling when you heard the Gospel today? Were you annoyed with the land owner? Did the workers who worked all day have a point? What were your answers to the questions which the land owner posed to the workers? Did they not agree to the usual daily wage? Was the land owner not allowed to use his money as he wished? Were the workers envious because he was generous?

To examine this text, let's go to the first reading. Notice this line: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways says the Lord.” If we look at the parable from the perspective of baptism and the kingdom of God (meaning what are God's wants) then we may be open to the lesson of the parable. Firstly, God's ways are different from our ways. The parable illustrates this point. In the business world, one would not pay the same wages for the latecomer as does the land owner in the parable. In the parable, the land owner represents God. Secondly, the times of day in the parable represent the time and seasons of our lives. Some come to the vineyard early in life, others come later. What does God want? God wants people in his vineyard regardless of what time in their lives they get to the vineyard. The wages upon which the worker and the owner agree represents our baptismal promises. God will make good on the promises even if we are late to do so ourselves. Thirdly, the wealth of the land owner represents grace. God is rich in mercy and grace and can give mercy and grace to whom he wishes. We do not earn God's love or mercy. Fourthly, the envious workers are those who think they can put God in their debt. These are the people who are called early and work diligently all their lives. They resent the latecomer who also receives the reward they think they deserve.

Where did the first called go wrong? They went wrong when they put God in their debt. The first called, as well as all followers of Christ should have at heart what God wishes for the world and for each person....their call to conduct themselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ always. God wants our salvation. The disciple must strive to have the heart of Jesus which rejoices when someone who had been away finally returns, or when someone who never really believed finds the faith. The first called would have been happy because those who were distant finally return home.

So, where does this reading leave you? Are you glad to see people returning to the faith? What is your attitude towards those who come to Mass only for holidays? Are you glad they are here? Are you put out because your seat is taken by someone who only comes on the holidays? Are you happy they are here? If welcomed, do you hope they stay and come back? Do you believe God owes you anything besides what God promised you at baptismal promises? Do you want what Christ wants for all people?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen
Children's Faith Formation Program 2020-21
"Share the Light of Faith"**

REGISTER NOW!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Faith Formation for Grades 1 through 8 2020-21 Program Theme; Salvation History Grades Level 1 through 7 with focus on the Bible narrative, journeying together through the events in human history that reveal God's saving plan for us. Blended learning model includes online/home activities component as well as once a month on site small group attendance, following all social distancing/safety protocols. (We're offering flexible scheduling for monthly small group attendance, including virtual sessions if on site is not possible/permitted according to Diocesan/NYC Board of Ed requirements). Sacramental formation will be incorporated into the program for children preparing for First Communion (1st and 2nd year and Confirmation (1st year) Final Confirmation Preparation (2nd year/Grade 8) will consist primarily of small mentoring groups that meet periodically virtually or in person, depending on circumstances/need. These groups will focus on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and how to live our discipleship in the world today.

Email Nancy Arkin in the Faith Formation Office at narkin1960@gmail.com or
call

718-596-7750 for more information.

INFORMATION SHEET

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