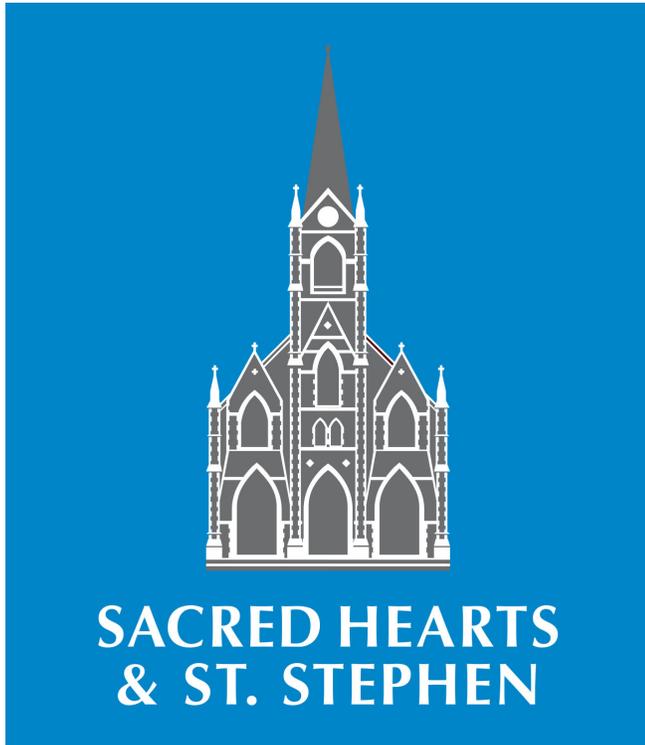

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

Adoration: 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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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. NOVEMBER 2, 2020
8:30 All Souls Intentions
7:00 PM All Souls Intentions (Names Read)

TUE. NOVEMBER 3, 2020
8:30 RoseMarie & Frank Dellaporte & Jenny & Ciro Oliviero

WED NOVEMBER 4, 2020
8:30 Edward, Rosaria & Catherine Sullivan
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THURS. NOVEMBER 5, 2020
8:30 Gino Masi

FRI. NOVEMBER 6, 2020
8:30 Massie/Sisto Deceased

SAT. NOVEMBER 7, 2020
8:30 Jennifer & John Passantino
SPONSORED BY: Alexander & Louise Passatino
5:00 PM Anna Marie Leone
SPONSORED BY: RoseMary Polito & Family

SUN NOVEMBER 8, 2020
8:00 Lucia Love
SPONSORED BY: Lucy Hanachek
10:00 Anthony Troiano, Sr.
SPONSORED BY: The Troiano Family
Noon Guiseppe & Giuseppina Borrrometi
SPONSOED BY: Maria DiRosa

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 10/26	\$ 1,530.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,680.00
Total Sunday 10/26	\$ 4,210.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,115.00
**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.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

Today the Church celebrates All Saints Day. In the Apostle's Creed we say: "We believe in the communion of saints." The communion of saints means that we believe that those who have gone before us in death and are in the presence of God, continue to pray for us. Thus, death does not break the relationship between us and those in the presence of God. In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, we read about a vision of vast numbers of people beyond counting who stand in the presence of God. This vast crowd of people who have been signed with the Cross in Baptism, fed on the Eucharist, confirmed in the faith, whose sins were forgiven and who had striven to live the Beatitudes are the saints. These are the children of God. Some of these people we know by name: Saints Mary, Joseph, Peter, Paul, John, Andrew, Rose of Lima, Martin De Porres, Damian of Molakai, Jeanne Jugun, etc. The majority are known only to God.

The word "saint" comes from the Latin word "santo" or "santa" meaning holy. Holy in this sense means filled with the life of God. Who are the saints in your life? Whose life has brought you closer to God? Whose life has inspired you to be prayerful? Whose life has inspired you to be a person of mercy or peace? Whose life has shown you the power of forgiveness? Who in your life has been the person who tried to live the Beatitudes? Those who witnessed the faith for you may be saints. They could have been your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, teachers, etc. These good people may never be canonized, never have their life stories revealed to the world, yet for you they are your inspiration.

Only God knows who is holy. Holiness is not often seen and recognized. Those who are holy do not know they are holy. Those who are holy may not look holy. Do not be fooled by the obvious piety such as: silence, closed eyes, folded hands and those who wear their faith on their lapels or cuffs. Some of the known saints were quite down to earth, truthful, direct and, at times, difficult. Holiness comes in many ways and in many different people. God sees the hearts, spirits and attitudes of each of us. While we may say this person or that person seems to have a deep spirituality, only God who sees into the depths of our being knows holiness.

All of us are called to live a life in the presence of the Lord. In the second reading from I John we are told that we are God's children now. We are to live as a child of God and God will take care of the rest.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ALL SOULS DAY

November is the month of Remembrance. As we see the leaves change colors, the summer sun give way to the dimmer light of fall and winter, we are placed in an atmosphere of remembering. We remember with thankfulness our many blessings on Thanksgiving Day, we remember those who have died for our country on Veterans Day. November lulls us into looking back over the past year and remembering events of the past. Thus, just before the great and joyful season of Advent and Christmas, we take this month of shorter days, colder afternoons and falling leaves to remember in hope those whose lives have touched us.

All Soul's Day, we the Church, remember and pray for our beloved dead who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The reason we pray for our faithful departed is because we believe that our prayers can assist our loved ones. We pray that God may have mercy upon them, look upon their faults with a merciful heart and forgive their sins or failings. We are also told in 2Maccabees 12:43-46 that it is a "good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." The reason praying for the dead is a good and wholesome thought is stated in the reading "because (Judas Maccabus) had the resurrection of dead in mind." We pray for the dead because we believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. This we profess when we say the creed. The liturgy of the day moves us to hope. The readings remind us that those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are in the hands of God. Believing that our loved ones are with God gives us hope and peace of mind and heart.

While our faith is our strength and eternal life our hope, our hearts still hurt and our spirits still feel the loss. Love never dies, people die. God is love. The love we have experienced in the lives of our loved ones and the love we have for them survives death. Why? The reason is we believe that God is Love. In the First Letter of John we read "we are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light, when it does we shall see God as he is." This tells us that we survive death, that our relationship with God continues and that death for the Christian means: "life has changed, not ended." For all of us who are going through this year of mourning, life has changed. It seems that grief comes to us in different ways. Just when you think you are healed, you will find yourself in tears. Depending on the depth and the closeness of the relationship, the loss of a loved one leaves us with an emotional wound. We mourn our loss not just for a year but in many ways, forever until we see them again. If we can always hold our loved ones in our heart, how much more does God hold us to his heart?

Today and every day the church prays for her children who have gone before us. We pray for them because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray for them because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and life of the world to come.

I invite all, especially all those who are in mourning this year, to see the heart of God manifested to us in the kindness, understanding and compassion we have received from our friends, neighbors and relatives. As we walk through this coming holiday season, perhaps we can pray for each other that we may find our hope, peace and joy in knowing that God is with us.

May God give rest to our loved ones and consolation to all who mourn. May our faith be our strength and eternal life our hope.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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