
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
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 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.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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 25, 2017
Noon	Lee Andrew Hirsch BY: Mom
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
8:30	Millie Milea BY: RoseMary , Louanne & Michael
WED	SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
8:30	Carmine Graziani BY: Daughter Teresa
THURS.	SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
8:30	Pasquale Scotto BY: Children
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 29, 2017
8:30	St Michael the Archangel
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
8:30	Salvatore Platania BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
5:30 PM	Mary Rose Di Pillo BY: RoseMary Polito & Family
SUN	OCTOBER 1, 2017
8:00	Diana Stiel
10:00	Anthony Coppola BY: Mom & Dad
12:00	Peter Ilardi BY: A. P. Giannini Lodge

Thank You

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Thanks to all who worked diligently to make our parish yard party a success. A specific thanks to Anthony Troiano. Special thanks to Carmine & Anna Balsamo for donating the TV and for selling the raffle tickets at the doors of the church for most of the summer. A special thanks to the St. Stephen's Men's Fellowship: Anthony, Edwin, Jose, John Mark & John, The Altar Server Families and the Religious Education Families. Thank you to the Lebron-Riveras Family, The Heyer Family, The Delgado Family, The San Juan Family, The Troiano Family, The Westhoff Family, The Caravello Family all who made donations. Thank you to all who made a dish, a dessert or provided drinks. Thank you to those who cleaned up, saved tables and swept up. Thank you to our DJ Chrissy Spinz (Heyer) for her donated services. Thank you to all who came. Thank you to all who did anything to make this a success.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them to help them to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to provide for your child's religious formation this fall.

- For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms were mailed in June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you haven't received a form, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or email narkin1960@gmail.com.
- If you prefer to re-register in person, if you have a child who will be attending for the first time, or have any questions or concerns, please call 718 596-7750 for assistance or to make an appointment.

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GHEGK THIS OUT!

We have exciting news for you! Sacred Hearts has teamed up with New York City Animal Care Centers as an official partner in helping shelter pets and abused animals. Animal Care & Control of NYC rescues, cares for and finds loving homes for homeless and abandoned arrivals in NYC. Pet Supplies will be collected in the back of the church after all masses from 9/9 to 10/1. Canned Dog or Cat Food, New or Gently used Bath Towels and Gift Cards from Petco, Petsmart, Chewy or Amazon.

St. Francis



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BLESSING OF ANIMALS

All animals will be blessed on Saturday, September 30th at Noon in our Church Yard. Please bring your pets to receive this blessings.

All are welcome!

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 | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Janet Illiano |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Elizabeth Foley |

Rev. Michael A. Carrano

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 24th have been donated In Memory of **LEONA ZAGAMI**

BY: The Lo Porto & Eng Family

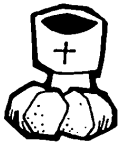


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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 24th has been donated

in Memory Of **KAINAM ENG**

BY: Diane & Roe



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We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, October 8th at the Noon Mass, Bishop Antonio Stagliano, Bishop of Noto, Sicily will be celebrating Mass in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Stagliano .

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/17/17	\$ 4,526.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$- 9,799.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on October 20th @ 8:30 AM. Please fill out a prayer intention card and place it in the intention basket located in the back of the church.

I pray for you though I may not know you. The Weakest and the Sick. I pray Dear Lord, comfort them with your great Love and Mercy.



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Through a Program sponsored by NYU Langone Brooklyn, SHSS will be holding **Blood Pressure Screening.**

Health and Blood Pressure Clinic will begin 9/24. It will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with the exception of holidays and in the month of November. November Blood Pressure Screening will take place on 11/5 and 11/12. (For November only!) The Flu Clinic will be held on Sunday, 11/5 from 11AM-1:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age and have your medical card available for Flu Shots only. These activities will take place in the back of the church by the Statue of St. Rocco.

We are excited to be bringing these services to our Parish and look forward to a successful program.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRESENTATION

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Fatima Apparitions on Saturday, October 7th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM here at SHSS. All are invited to be inspired by the message of O.L. of Fatima. The messages of O. L. of Fatima are unfolding now. Come and listen to what Our Lady's peace plan is for humanity. The presentation will include video clips of the "Miracle of the Sun" and other apparitions will be shown.

From the Pastor

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“Seek the Lord, while he may be found.....

My thoughts are not your thoughts...”

Dear Parish Family:

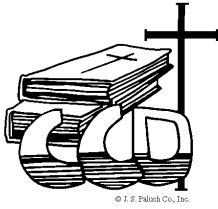
The readings today seem to be connected in the above quote from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. God’s timing is not our timing. In the Gospel, we are presented with a controversial parable about time and the call of God. In the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, Paul tells us that life is Christ. Paul’s outlook upon the world, himself, his life, his death, his ministry and the mission of the Church is tied to this phrase.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are told now is the time to seek the Lord. Now is the time to call to the Lord. Isaiah appeals to the sinner and the scoundrel to return to the Lord. In fact, any time is the time to seek the Lord. The Parable presented in the Gospel has a time element. In the story, the owner of the vineyard calls workers at different times of the day. The problem arises when the owner pays each the same wage regardless of when the worker joined the work force. The parable merits a discussion, however we can see the symbolism in the parable God calls all people. Some respond early in life as those in the parable who respond in the morning. Some at midlife as did those who respond at the midday hour. Some respond in the late afternoon of life, in early evening of life some just prior to night fall of their lives.

So, why do the early arrivals get upset? They think the owner owes them money for having worked longer hours. How does this parable affect us? My first question is, do you think God owes you anything for your faithfulness other than what God promised, that is eternal life? So, when a person, after not leading such an upstanding life, returns to the Lord and the sacraments, should his or her eternal life be less than those who have lived a good life all their lives long? When people come on holidays, are they less loved by God than those here every Sunday? So you feel a certain sense of self-righteousness when you see those arrive only for holidays? Remember the quote: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts.....” Remember the quote: “ for me life is Christ.” So, if we were living our lives because we believed that life is Christ, then we would want what Christ wants. We would see through the lens of Christ, who wills the salvation of all.

Our attitude would be to thank God that people have found their way. We would be happy for anyone returning to the sacraments or coming to the faith no matter what stage of life. Our joy would be that grace has triumphed. If you believe that God owes you anything then you have missed the point of Christ. Remember the quote from St. John’s Gospel: “ without me you can do nothing.” (Jn 15:15) The very desire to pray, to praise, to come to the sacraments is God’s gift. What can you do on your own? How can you put God in debt to you?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME A CATECHIST

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in the ministry of Childhood Faith Formation (CCD) here at SHSS. We have the blessing of a growing program—more and more families are bringing their children to SHSS to prepare for the sacraments and to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Right now we don't have enough teachers to meet the demand, and might have to turn some families away. If God is sending these children to us, he's calling some of us to provide the needed instruction for them. You may be one of them! Prior experience is not required and "on the job" training is available. The time commitment is about a week, and our primary need at present is Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. Even if teaching isn't appropriate for you, there's also a need for classroom aides, as well as non-classroom assistance. Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our parish community. Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718 596-7750, for further information or to schedule an interview, to see if this ministry is right for you.

APOSTOLATO ITALIANO DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN PROCESSION IN HONOR OF ST. THERESA

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Procession begins at 3:00 PM at

Most Precious Blood Church

32-23 36th St. Astoria, N.Y. 11103

Mass at 4:00 PM at

St. Joseph Church

4319 30th Ave. Astoria, N.Y. 11103

Celebrated by

Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio

The Participation of Children is highly encouraged.

GHOSTLIGHT

Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraf, Artistic Director

Presents

MARTIN

With the Swiss Choral Ensemble

Vioxx De Lausanne

Under the direction of

Dominique Tille

Saturday, October 14th, @8:00 PM, Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church

Sunday, October 15th @ 7:30 PM Church of Notre Dame, 405 W. 114th St. NYC

Tickets: \$20.00 online at ghostlightchorus.com/concerts

\$25.00 At the Door

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