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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  
5:30 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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*Sacristan*

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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.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

**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. AUGUST 12, 2019**  
 Noon Michael Bombolino  
 BY Natalie & Arthur
- TUE. AUGUST 13, 2019**  
 8:30 Guiseppina Di Nieri  
 BY: M/M Frank DiRosa
- WED AUGUST 14, 2019**  
 8:30 Vincent Porcelli  
 BY: Mom, Guido, Roseann & Families
- THURS. AUGUST 15, 2019**  
 8:30 Elisa Tonissi Conti  
 BY: The Reca Family  
 Noon In Honor of Our Blessed Mother  
 BY:Figlia di Monte di Procida  
 6:00 PM Louisa Dellaporte  
 BY: Catheindre
- FRI. AUGUST 16, 2019**  
 8:30 Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri  
 BY: Concetta & George Mazzella
- SAT. AUGUST 17, 2019**  
 8:30 Angelena Caccavale  
 5:30 PM Anna Liguori  
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
 BY: Loving Son John &  
 The Liguori Family
- SUN AUGUST 18, 2019**  
 8:00 For The People of the Parish  
 10:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Uncle Frank  
 Noon Matthew & Angelina Ruggiero  
 BY: Allison Boggio

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection 8/4     | \$ 2,265.00 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses ** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference:               | \$12,060.00 |

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
 Month of July totaled \$ 3,919.78

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**  
**RAISED: \$41,613.00**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew drive. Thanks to your generosity and that of those parishioners who made their pledges prior to this weekend. Currently pledged \$41,613.00.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so as all donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal over our goal will be returned 100% back to the Parish.



**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA  
 PARISH LOCATED AT  
 467 COURT STREET IN  
 BROOKLYN IS SEEKING A PART  
 TIME CLEANING PERSON WITH  
 REFERENCES.  
 HOURS AND DAYS ARE FLEXIBLE.  
 IF INTERESTED, CALL DEBBIE  
 AT 718 625-2270.**

# 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      |
| Camille Limardi       | Dominick Aiello     |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Mark Carles         |

## **SACRED HEARTS HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH TO GHANA**

Continuing our Parish Humanitarian Outreach to the Churches of Holy Rosary and St. Theresa, Fr Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, we are now collecting School Supplies and Children's clothing for shipment.

New clothes for children up to 10 years old and **SUMMER CLOTHING ONLY!** All clothes must be **NEW** with tags to be shipped.

Clothes and School supplies can be dropped off in the back of our Church during any Mass.

We greatly appreciate any financial donations to help with the cost of shipping.

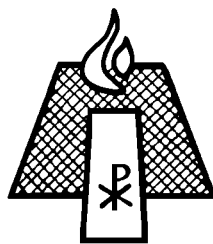
If you have any questions, please see Anthony or Andy in Church.



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Bread & Wine for the week of August 11th has been donated In Memory of **ELISA TONISSI CONTI**

BY: The Di Rosa Family



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 11th have been donated In Loving Memory of **ROSEMARIE DELLAPORTE**

BY: Dom & Mary Pipitone

## **BOOK CLUB**

We will not be meeting during August, but for those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on September 16th. We will be discussing **GILDED HOUR** by Sara Donati.

All are welcome



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Parish cookout

**Our Annual Parish Back Yard BBQ** will be held on

Sunday, September 15th immediately following the Noon Mass.

All are welcome

We hope to see you there in community with our SHSS Parish Family!

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

What is faith? What does faith do? How do people of faith behave? Is there a difference between faith and religion? How is faith passed on? Where does faith grow? What affects does it have on us? In today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author states in the opening line: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." The rest of the reading speaks to us about people who had faith and how that faith influenced their respective lives.

The opening line of the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reads: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" is important for what it says and what it does not say. Faith is not a feeling. Faith is not an emotion which is swayed by our moods. Faith is not a ritual or religious practice. Faith may be linked to a deep and abiding relation with the Mystery who we call God. Chapter 11 from Letter to the Hebrews from which we take our portion today speaks to us about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others who lived by faith. Faith for our ancestors, whether our ancestors be our parents or our grandparents or our biblical characters, seems to be based on a relationship which they had with God. They trusted the Divine Providence not seeing, not knowing exactly what lay in front of them. They trusted the Mystery who they called God. Faith for them was a relationship both personal and communal.

What is faith for you? What is faith for us? Does faith mean that all will go well to our liking? I can only answer these questions for myself. Faith to me is a relationship based on trust in Christ Jesus. Faith is a deep personal relationship with Christ in the context of the Eucharist, the Sacred Text, the Community. It is a relationship and a conviction which in some way knows that Christ is present and with us. It is a relationship which grows with every change in life. There are various degrees of faith. Faith means acceptance and understanding of the faith of our community as it is expressed in the Creeds and the teachings of the Catholic Church which finds its foundation on the apostles.

Faith in action is Love. Faith in Christ moves us to act for the sake of Christ. Faith in Christ is the motivating force for acts of mercy, charity, kindness and the living out of the Gospel. Faith is a guide in making moral decisions and choosing between right and wrong. Faith does not depend on my mood or feeling. Even when I do not feel like praying or participating at Mass, faith moves me beyond the feeling to the conviction that God is and Eucharist and prayer are lifelines to my spiritual well being.

It is faith which gives life to our rituals, holidays and celebrations. Faith is celebrated and lived through our religious behavior, yet it is faith that gives life to religion. Without faith, these holidays and celebrations are just cultural experiences. While culture can be a conduit to growing in the faith, it is faith in heart that gives these events deep spiritual meaning.

Faith means that when we walk in darkness of suffering, spiritual dryness, a feeling of aloneness that we will come through this period changed for the better. Faith gives us hope. Faith gives us the patience to suffer for the love of others. Faith believes that for every cross in our lives, we will experience a Resurrection either in eternity or here and now. Faith means believing that our lives, along with its joys and sufferings, have meaning. Faith means that all the seasons of our lives belong to God and through all the ups and downs we experience, we will grow ever closer to the Lord.

So, what is faith for you? Can we define faith? Is faith beyond explanation? How do you speak about faith to and with your children?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

Dear Parish Family,

“We believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.”

The Assumption of Mary points us to our final goal. We are meant to be with God in body and soul. What Mary received at the end of her life, we too are promised to have. This great reward is in keeping with our human dignity. We are to be rewarded in the body and the soul in the presence of God.

On August 15th we celebrate the Great Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We celebrate the memory of Mary because of her vocation of giving flesh to the Word of God in the Mystery of the Incarnation of God among us who is Christ Jesus. On August 15th, the Church celebrates the great feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is an ancient celebration which is found in many Christian communities. The Greek, Antiochian and many other Orthodox Churches celebrate the Sleep of Mary, the Lutheran and the Episcopal communities celebrate the memory of Mary. Therefore, this is a good day to celebrate Mary ecumenically. The reason the Church celebrates the memory of Mary with various feasts is because of the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Jesus. Thus the reason for our veneration and love for Mary is Jesus.

The Feast of The Assumption, while celebrating the taking of Mary to heaven, is also celebrating Christ. By recalling the Resurrection of Christ and the Assumption of Mary, we too are calling to mind the great promise of our own resurrection from the dead and life of the world to come. The second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians speaks of our promised resurrection. If Christ is risen from the dead, so we will rise from the dead. Mary is seen as the first of the Disciples of Christ. She as disciple and first member of the Church, is raised, we also will be raised from the dead. We profess the belief in our own resurrection every time we profess the Creed we say: “We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

While the Assumption of Mary is a great event, scripture and tradition tell us of the assumption of Elijah found in Kings 2:11-12. The gift of the assumption into heaven was reserved for exceptionally holy people. Mary's vocation is singular. She is the woman who gave humanity to the Word of God. We know the Word of God as Jesus. Thus, because of her vocation as Mother of God, she is also recognized as Mother of the Church and Mother to all the disciples of Christ. Her vocation in accomplishing the Incarnation is remembered everyday when we pray the Angelus. As a reminder of the Incarnation, churches ring bells in the morning, noontime and in the evening.

The Gospel gives us the great Marian Canticle: The Magnificate. In this prayer, Mary praises God for the gift of Mercy shown to God's people throughout the ages. This prayer expresses Mary's gratitude to God for her singular vocation, which is her role in the Incarnation of God among us, in the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. This prayer is said everyday by all who pray the Divine Office, ordained, religious and lay. Read this canticle, memorize it and make it part of your heart. Use it to praise and thank God for all you have received. Do you believe in your own resurrection from the dead?

The celebration of the Assumption invites us to reflect on the great mystery of the Resurrection of Christ, our own future resurrection and the vocation of every disciple to give flesh to the Word of God by living in thought, word and deed the faith we profess. Perhaps we can remember that every act of mercy, every kindness, every word of truth we utter, every act of service we render is a way of giving flesh to the Word of God.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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