
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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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. OCTOBER 7, 2019
Noon Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte
- TUE. OCTOBER 8, 2019
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Theresa
- WED OCTOBER 9, 2019
8:30 Rosemary Cashman
- THURS. OCTOBER 10, 2019
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
BY: Heyer Family
- FRI. OCTOBER 11, 2019
8:30 Mrs. Leah Chase
BY: M/M Michael Eng & Family
- SAT. OCTOBER 12, 2019
8:30 Camille Limardi
BY: Anne Mortillaro
5:30 PM Henry Stella
BY: Clara
- SUN OCTOBER 13, 2019
8:00 In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary
10:00 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
BY Lois Tilocca
Noon Nestor Taborda
BY: Antoinette Musarella

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday 10/7 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** by Delia Owens. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 11/4. We will be discussing **SONG OF SOLOMON** by Toni Morrison.

All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/30	\$ 2,414.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,911.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
Month of September totaled \$ 3,291.07

SAVE THE DATE

March to honor the contributions which Mother Cabrini made to help build New York City.

On Sunday, October 6, 2019 please join us as we process at 3:00 PM from Cabrini Park, 41 President St. Brooklyn, N.Y. to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church for a 4:00 PM Mass.

The City of New York recently held a competition with the goal of recognizing notable New York women who contributed to the development of the city. Although St. Francis X. Cabrini received the most votes in the competition, she was denied the recognition of a public statue in her honor. Many in our parishes are upset by the city's dismissal of the great contributions of St. Francis X. Cabrini. In order to publicly honor and acknowledge this great women of faith and social service who ministered in our own diocese, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will lead a procession in honor of St. Francis X. Cabrini through the streets she walked on in Brooklyn and celebrate Mass for the intention of all immigrants. Light refreshments & entertainment following mass with special guest Alfio

**This event is sponsored by
Italian Ministry of the
Diocese of Brooklyn.**

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 |
| JanickeDominick Aiello | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Lucille Gaudino |

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 and Gently Used Clothes for Children up to 13 years of age. Summer Clothing only!

All used clothes must be washed and folded.

Clothes can be dropped off in the back of Church during any Mass. If you have any questions, please see Anthony Troiano or Andy Di Manso in Church

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St. Mary Star of the Sea is in need of a Part Time Cleaner. They are located at 467 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. The need is for two days a week for three hours a day. Days are flexible-Monday-Thursday only. Pick your days. It involves dusting, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning 1/2 bathroom. Reference needed. Please call 718 625-2270 to set up an interview.



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St. Saviour Catholic Academy Middle School Open House on Thursday, October 17th @ 6:30 PM. They are located at 701 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

All are welcome!



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On Saturday, October 12th, at 10:45 AM, we will have an Outdoor Rosary to take place in The Holy Family Garden (located on Carroll Street, the Rectory Side). All are invited. Our very own Andrew Di Manso will lead us in the recitation.

Please join us for this event.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

What is faith? What does it mean to believe? Faith is the uniting theme of today's Liturgy of the Word. The Prophet Habakkuk who lived between 609 BC-597 BC lived in Jerusalem prior to the exile but during the victory of Babylonia which led to the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the Persian King. The political, social and religious life of all of Judea was in turmoil. Spiritually, there was increased idolatry throughout the land. The terrible situation and the suffering of the people and the increase in violence is reflected in the first two chapters of Habakkuk's writing. Habakkuk has witnessed suffering and injustice and he calls upon God for an explanation. The prophet questions God. Habakkuk is in good company in his questioning. Job, David, Jeremiah do pretty much the same. The reason for this questioning of God is that they all had a deep relationship with God. They had the faith, although they faced difficult situations. God is present in the suffering.

In our second reading from 2Timothy 1:6-8-13-14, St. Paul encourages Timothy, who had accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey, to remain faithful to the Gospel even though he (Timothy) was facing difficulties in preaching the Word. It should be noted that Paul was friendly with Eunice and Lois who were the mother and grandmother respectively of Timothy. Paul reminds Timothy to place his faith in the Resurrection of Christ. Paul, at the writing of this letter, may have been in prison for this preaching and he may have received little or no support from his fellow Christians. Paul's own witness to the Gospel should give Timothy good example and hope.

In the Gospel the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. I think we can all relate to this request. Life can be difficult for ourselves or for those we love. Everyday we hear of more people suffering from cancer or heart issues or sicknesses we never knew existed. Family life has decreased for many. Divorce has increased, domestic abuse is on the rise. We read of mass shootings and cruelties we thought only existed in horror stories. What does it mean to have faith through all these situations? Faith means trusting the Lord when all is dark and you have no control.

"God has abandoned me." "God has forgotten me." "God does not hear my prayer." As a priest, I hear these cries often. Faith does not mean that we will not suffer. In fact Jesus says in the Gospel, in this world you will suffer. Jesus is not Santa Claus who makes everything good. Faith is not a feeling, rather it is a conviction. While we profess our faith in the Creed the faith of which we speak today is one that is deeply personal and communal. Faith means that we believe that Christ is present in every pain, suffering, disappointment, persecution and every set back. Faith tells us these situations themselves can be a means of coming to a greater communion with the Lord Jesus because we have come to realize our total dependence on the Lord. Faith means that for every Cross there is a Resurrection even if that resurrection takes place in eternity. Ultimately, faith tells us that for those who are open to the Spirit, all will be well in the end either on this side or the other side of eternity. We walk by faith, not by sight.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS HERE
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

It benefits you and our parish! Enrollment is friendly, safe and trouble free. Never worry about forgetting to bring money to church again. Please visit our website at www.givecentral.org/shss to learn how using Give Central will provide you with an efficient and secure way to support the parish.

R.C.I.A, EASTER 2020

**If you are searching for God in your life, if you are desiring baptism into the faith, if you are sixteen years of age and never were baptized, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory
718-596-7750.**

If you were baptized and never were admitted to the Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to receive these sacraments, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory 718 596-7750.

We are starting our preparation for Easter 2020.

SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work, as we focus this year on how the light of faith guides us to...."*Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2019-20 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10AM Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-4 on Wednesday afternoons. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718-596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register.

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 with the registration fee as soon as possible. If you haven't received the forms, please let us know and we will re-send them. Thanks!

INFORMATION SHEET

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