
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.**



MON. DECEMBER 9, 2019
8:30 AM In Honor of the Blessed Mother
Noon Michael Francis Manus &
 Robert Manus
 BY Lou Ann & Michael

TUE. DECEMBER 10, 2019
8:30 Lelitia Scotto

WED DECEMBER 11, 2019
8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte
 & Frank & Jenny Olivero

THURS. DECEMBER 12, 2019
8:30 Ralph & Theresa Colantonio
 BY: Loving Family

FRI. DECEMBER 13, 2019
8:30 In Thanksgiving for
 The Intercession of St. Lucy
 BY The Scotto Family

SAT. DECEMBER 14, 2019
8:30 Alfred Pipitone
 BY: Mom & Dad
5:30 PM Giuseppina DiNieri
 BY Tina & Nick Cinalli

SUN DECEMBER 15, 2019
8:00 Diane Diacomenolas
10:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
Noon Anthony Polito
 BY: Wife, Children &
 Grandchildren

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/17	\$ 3,206.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 795.00
Total Sunday 11/17	\$ 4,001.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,324.00
***Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

THE FEAST OF THE
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday, December 9th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. God so loved us that God entered our world. He does so out of love for us not because we merited his coming to us by our righteous behavior. In fact, he came to us because we are in need of God's help. Mary is the instrument through whom God would enter the world. Mary is the vessel who through the Holy Spirit, would make the Incarnation of God among us possible.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is highly misunderstood by many Catholics. The feast celebrates the conception of Mary. It is not the conception of Jesus. Advent is a time for preparation. The feast tells us that God prepared Mary from the first moments of her existence to be the instrument through whom the Incarnation of God would take place. Marian devotion has been often criticized. Yet, when it is placed in the proper perspective, Marian Devotion announces the person of Christ Jesus. Mary is venerated by Catholics and Eastern Orthodox traditions because of her role in the Incarnation of God among us in the person of Jesus. All devotion to Mary must lead us to Christ. We believe in God who became one with us in all things.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be on December 9th because December 8th falls on a Sunday in Advent. Mass on December 9th will be at 8:30 AM in the chapel and Noon time in the church. We encourage all people to bring flowers to the statue of Mary located to the left of the main altar and in front of The Transfiguration Chapel.

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:

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
Dominick Aiello, Jr.	Mark Carles
Erica Concino	Bernadette Janicke
Mary Therese Pugliese	Lucille Gaudino
Evan Pontz	

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE
DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH
WEEKEND DROP OFF

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church, in cooperation with our local 76th Precinct, will be collecting winter clothing articles for NY CARES to distribute to the needy. On the weekend of December 7th and 8th, bring your new or slightly used coats to mass and drop them off at the back of the church.

76th Precinct will help us get these articles to NY CARES. Please remember to bring coats that are either new or in good condition. PLEASE DO NOT BRING BLANKETS! We do not have the capacity at this time to handle blankets. Thank you.!

Remember if you are out of town and miss this weekend opportunity, you can drop off winter coats directly to the 76th Precinct throughout most of November and December. Check with the 76th Precinct for exact dates.

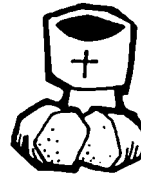
**KINDLY NOTE: COATS ONLY!
 NO HATS, GLOVES OR SCARVES!**

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WANTED!

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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Bread & Wine for the week of December 8th has been donated

In Memory of
**RALPH & THERESA
 COLANTONIO**

By: Loving Family

ENJOY ADVENT!

Only a Saint could maintain the patience needed to confront Christmas shopping, Christmas stress and Christmas credit card bills. That's too bad because something else gets overlooked in the rush, and that's Advent. So here are a few brief ways to enjoy yourself over the next few weeks. First of all, get to know Advent. This liturgical season is a time of waiting, something that we all do: we're waiting for some good news, for a better job, or for our lives to improve. Advent is a time when we think about waiting for God, so it fits in perfectly with our natural human longings. "Come thou long expected Jesus" as the hymn goes. Advent is also the time of beautiful Scripture readings, like those found from the Book of Isaiah. "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom." These are readings to give all of us hope! Advent is the season for beloved church traditions the Advent Wreath, which can easily be translated into home rituals.

Second, cut back on the craziness of Christmas preparations. Here are just a few suggestions; send cards only to close friends and family, drop one present per person from your list and go only to the most essential holiday gatherings. Does that sound selfish? It's just the opposite! It will give you time to spend with those you really love and more time to spend in prayer. Maybe Advent is when you can really settle into your spiritual life by finding joy in the season and less stress in Christmas. In short, Advent may be the time that you've been waiting for.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today, the Second Sunday in Advent, presents us with Isaiah the Prophet, John the Baptist, two important prophets and Paul. Isaiah is from the Hebrew text and John from the New Testament. All three men bring us a great message of hope and unity. Hope finds its basis in faith in God's Divine Providence. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are given the wonderful picture of peace and unity. The reading tells us that the Spirit of God will grant gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength. The reading points to a time when natural enemies will actually be friends. The reading expresses the desire of the Prophet for this day of peace and unity. He believes that this peace and unity is possible even if it sounds far-fetched. The reason for his hope is his faith that God will bring about this Kingdom of Peace.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the Hebrew Scriptures which were written long before the dawning of Christianity, were meant to give hope. Paul encourages the Romans to endurance in harmony or in unity with each other. He later mentions the welcome of the gentiles into the community, thus affecting a greater unity among the Romans. Therefore, if we look at the first reading in light of Romans 15:4-9, we can see this great message of hope and unity. In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to repentance because the Kingdom of God is at hand. This is a message of hope. The arrival of the Kingdom of God is fulfillment of hope. The fact that John is calling us to change means we still have time to make things right. This fact is a message of Hope. Reconciliation between God and humanity and between each of us is a great sign of hope and unity.

Hope is an essential for life in the Spirit of God. Hope is born of faith in the Divine Providence of God. The object of one's hope is not seen. However, we believe that the object of hope will happen. In the first reading from Isaiah, the real situation was dour. This passage was probably written between 735BCE and 715BCE. The Israelites were experiencing internal division. The Southern Kingdom had separated from the Northern Kingdom. Isaiah had begged King Ahaz not to make an alliance with the King of Assyria, however Ahaz feared an invasion from other forces outside of Israel. Against the advice and pleading of Isaiah, Ahaz aligned himself with Assyria. This resulted in the loss of all the Northern Kingdom to the Assyrian Empire 721 BCE.

Isaiah was marginalized and ignored by the King. The situation in his land seemed without hope. Yet, Isaiah proclaims a message of hope in this passage. He sees the prospect of peace and harmony as a promise from God. Many of us can take a great lesson from these readings. Many are facing illness and medical tests which sometimes come back to us with less than hope filled news. Some are without work. Many cannot pay essential bills. Some of us are facing sudden changes in our respective lives which are creating a whole set of personal problems. Many are stressed out. Some of us are sad. Some of us are even struggling with depression. Look at these readings. Many are stressed by the current problems faced by the Church. Some are stressed by the problems facing our country and our city. Can we have hope that God is present?

In our day we are witnessing many divisions in society. Some places there is a divide between people of race, color economic background, religion, orientation. We are even divided by our political views. Some are even separated from our inner selves. We are not at peace in our hearts. We are satisfied but we do not know what we truly want. Sometimes our hearts are divided from our minds. Sometimes we are inwardly divided between what we must do and what we want to do. Is this right? God comes to gather us into his Kingdom, not to scatter us. In fact, the word: "devil" means one who divides. Unity brings hope recognition of human dignity and human worth. Unity helps us all to sing God's praises together in different ways with different words but united. Can we have hope in God's Divine Providence working through us? Can we incarnate the words of Christ and work towards a greater unity of our family, workplace and neighborhood?

Even if you do not see the sun, it does not mean the sun is not shining. If God seems absent, this does not mean he is not present. Let us be still and know that God is. This may bring us hope and peace. Let's choose to be hope filled rather than angry, negative or resentful. Hope will bring us to a place of peace.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN LITTLE HEARTS MINISTRY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019
TIME: 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
IN RECTORY HALL, LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE ON CARROLL STREET**

**FOOD, DRINK, FACE PAINTING, MUSIC, STORY TIME WITH SANTA
\$5.00 CHILDREN 2-12 YEARS OLD
\$15.00 13-99 YEARS OF AGE
CHILDREN TWO AND UNDER-FREE**

**To purchase tickets please complete the form inserted into the bulletin and return it with
payment to 108 Carroll St. no later than Sunday, December 8th.**

You may also RSVP via email to Family@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

We regret that we are unable to sell tickets at the door!

**SACRED HEARTS AND ST. STEPHEN
CHURCH CHRISTMAS**

DECORATING PARTY

**SPONSORED BY
THE ALTAR SERVERS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
FROM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM**

**Parishioners of all ages are invited to come and help decorate our Church for the
Celebration of Christmas**

**Please RSVP to John or Maria Heyer at 917 402 9093 or
Email [Family@ Sacred Hearts-StStephen.com](mailto:Family@SacredHearts-StStephen.com)**

INFORMATION SHEET

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