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# **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  
5:00 PM on Saturday

**MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

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

**Adoration:** Monday @ 11:00 AM  
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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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: [WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS](http://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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK



- MON.** May 11, 2020  
**Noon** Deceased Members of  
 The DeLosa & Polito Families  
 BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
- TUE.** May 12, 2020  
**8:30** In Honor of the Blessed Mother  
 for Answered Prayers
- WED** May 13, 2020  
**8:30** Restituta Marchetti and All Deceased  
 Members of The Marchetti Family  
 BY: Catherine
- THURS.** MAY 14, 2020  
**8:30** Frank Foglia
- FRI.** MAY 15, 2020  
**8:30** Tony & Lucy Trani
- SAT.** MAY 16, 2020  
**8:30** Antonio & Gabriella Piro  
 BY: Children & Grandchildren  
**5:00** Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
 BY: Loving Family
- SUN** MAY 17, 2020  
**8:00** Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &  
 Jenny & Ciro Oliviero  
**10:00** Jennie Milo  
 BY: :Son Carmine  
**Noon** Anna Maria Marino  
 BY: Catherine Dellaporte

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 5/3	\$ 1,597.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,732.00
Total Sunday 5/3	\$4,329.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,996.00
**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.

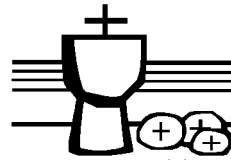
# Sick Relatives & Friends

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 |                     |

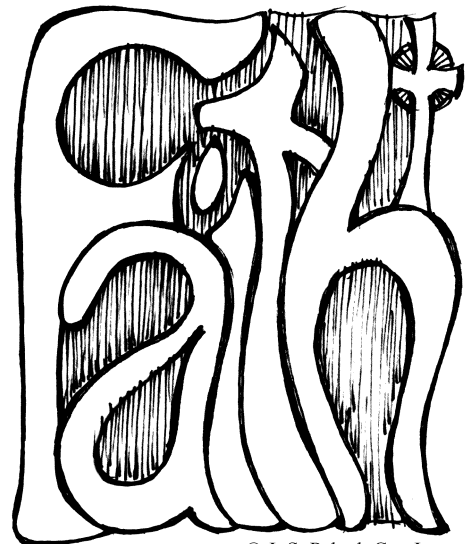
## REACH OUT

**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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Bread & Wine for the week of May 10, 2020 has been donated In Loving Memory of **UNCLE JOHNNY** BY: **Amanda & Eric**



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Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On line giving at [www.Givecentral.org/SHSS](http://www.Givecentral.org/SHSS). The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot. We are so very grateful for all you do for our great parish.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

In today's Gospel there are many points we can focus upon. First there is the fear. The disciples are fearful. Second, we learn that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thirdly, we learn that to see Jesus is to see the Father. Fourthly, we learn the need for faith not only in doctrinal beliefs or in the creed, but a personal faith and trust in Jesus both personally and community.

The Gospel opens with the instruction of Jesus: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." We certainly need to hear these words. We are troubled and we are fearful and we are stressed by many things especially the Coronavirus 19 virus. What makes us stressful and what makes us fear? Many things cause us fear among them is not knowing what is happening around us or to us. We fear change. In today's readings, the disciples know something is happening but they do not quite understand. Their life with Jesus is about to change in ways they never dream. We are fearful of the uncertainty of the future. How do we handle these fears about things which we have no control over? In the text Jesus invites his disciples to trust him personally. Today our faith is tested by this virus, by scandals even among some of our clergy and even by a distrust of our public leadership. What can we do? Do we trust Jesus? To trust Jesus we, like the apostles, need to know who Jesus is. We must ask ourselves in our fear to whom shall we go?

These questions bring us to the second and third points of the Gospel: the identity of Jesus and his mission. The Gospel today addresses this major theme in a mystically and contemplatively way. According to the Gospel of St. John, Jesus reveals the Face of God to us. To see Jesus is to see God. Those who see are those who believe. In the Prologue of the Gospel of St. John (Jn 1:18) we read "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him." For St. Irenaeus, it is through the Word of God that we come to know God. For us, the Word of God is Jesus. In the story of the Man Born Blind found in John 9, we are told that those who see are those who believe. Thus in the early Church, Baptism was called illumination. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Philip that those who have seen him have seen God. Thus, to know Jesus is to know God. What is to know Jesus mean?

To know the Lord differs from knowing about the Lord. To know about Jesus is more than an academic exercise. To know the Lord is a matter of constant conversion and turning to the Lord in the very depth of our heart. To know the Lord is to confess in our innermost being that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We come to know Jesus through our understanding of the Gospel passages, through sacred text of the New Testament, through those who have known him throughout of history, namely the saints, the teachings of our faith community known as the Church.

As I have said time and again, the saints are not just statues of people who lived long ago. The saints in their lives and their writings gave witness to Christ and they have much to tell us about faith. Looking at the faith of parents, grandparents and learning from them how important Jesus is to them is another way to come to know Jesus.

For the disciple, Jesus is the Way to the Father, Jesus is the way of how to live here and now. Jesus is the way through the darkness and confusion and fear. In the first reading for today's liturgy, the early Christian Community is struggling with newcomers, prejudice and change. How is Jesus the Way through their communal problem? Do we not have similar issues? How in prayer do we discern which way to go with our fears and our unknowing?

For the person of faith, Jesus is the Truth. Christ is the truth who can set us free from fear. Christ is the Truth about who God is. In this truth, we are reminded that we are made from God and anyone or anything else will not satisfy us. Christ is the mind of God. In Christ we are called to face the truth as difficult as this may be and be freed by the truth. The Woman at the Well (Jn3) faced the truth about herself and was freed. Can we say that Jesus is the Truth we long to hear?

In John 10, we read "I came that they may have life and life in abundance." Jesus is the Life. In God there does not exist death, all are alive for God. If Jesus is our life, than eternal life has started for each of us in Baptism. In the Eucharist, in prayer, in reflection and in our growth in the Spirit, we nourish the eternal life in which began at our baptism. This leads us to say with St. Paul "For me, Life is Christ." To live in Christ is to live in freedom, to lessen our fear and increase our love and mercy for each other.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## VOCATIONS

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday presents us with an opportunity to speak about vocations to religious life and priesthood. It is evident that we need priests who are from Brooklyn and Queens. While we thank the many priests who are from other nations who have helped us, we need priests who can celebrate the Eucharist for us. The Eucharist is the center of our Catholic life. It is the center of our spiritual life and growth. The Eucharist is Jesus. We need the Eucharist. Through this pandemic, my grave concern is that our people are separated from the Eucharist. We pray that this time may pass. We need priests who can preach the Gospel to us in a way we can understand. We need priests who can be part of us, be with us and still rise above us and lead us. We need priests to challenge us to grow in the Spirit of Christ Jesus. We need priests who are convicted of the faith, are convinced that God loves them so they in turn can love us by willing our good for the sake of Christ. We need priests who know how to sacrifice their own wants for the greater good of their parishioners. We need priests who can serve us. We need priests who will tell us about Jesus. Above all else, we need priests who will bring Jesus to us through faith-filled liturgies that nourish our souls with the Body and Blood of Jesus and with the inspired words of scripture.

Yes this is a challenge. Youth love challenges. Perhaps you the parents and grandparents and family members need to ask our youth to at least consider a vocation of dedicated service to Christ and the Church. Remember, we want the priests for our baptism, marriages, funerals and memorials. We want the priests in the parish. There will be no priests for tomorrow if we do not start inviting young people today.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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