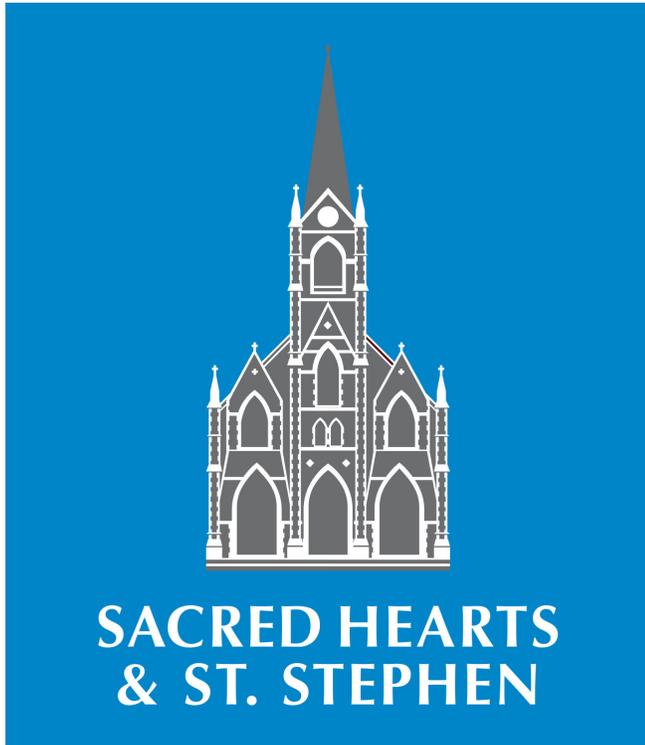


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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. AUGUST 17, 2020**  
 8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
 BY: The Illiano Family
- TUE. AUGUST 18, 2020**  
 8:30 Antonio & Maria Gaudioso  
 BY: Marie & Frank Gaudioso
- WED. AUGUST 19, 2020**  
 8:30 Jennifer & John Passantino  
 BY: Alexander & Louise Passatino
- THURS. AUGUST 20, 2020**  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received  
 Through the Intercession of  
 O. L. of Mt. Carmel  
 BY: Angie Conenna
- FRI. AUGUST 21, 2020**  
 8:30 Charles Cacchiola  
 BY: A Friend
- SAT. AUGUST 22, 2020**  
 8:30 A Personal Intention  
 5:00 PM Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
 BY: Lenny & Jo-Ann Trovato
- SUN. AUGUST 23, 2020**  
 8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit for  
 The People of the Parish  
 10:00 Amato Family  
 BY: Ann Marie & Edward Illiano  
 Noon Peter DeCesare, Sr.  
 BY: Allison Laffey

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 8/9	\$2,433.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,510.00
Total Sunday 8/9	\$4,943.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,382.00
**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 | Evan Marra          |
| Hector Jimenez        |                     |

## 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.**

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



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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.



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Bread & Wine for the week of August 16th has been donated In Loving Memory of **ANNA MARIE LEONE** BY: Terry Scotto Spinelli



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# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's Liturgy of the Word is challenging to us to have faith, to love, to be persistent, to have courage and never give up hope in the Lord. To understand the three readings this Sunday, it will be helpful to review some points about the ministry of Jesus. We are used to a Jesus who comes for all. We accept the universal message of the Gospel for all people at all times. This acceptance is true, however, the universality of the Gospel message as we have today, happened after the Resurrection. The universal message of the Gospel came most perfectly through the preaching of St. Paul. In the Gospel today, we are in a time period before the Resurrection and certainly prior to Paul. (However we must remember the Gospel is written well after the Resurrection.) Today we are at a point of development.

The primary mission of Jesus was to the Jewish people of his time. So, when in the Gospel Jesus says "my mission is to the lost of the house of Israel," it is a true statement. Remember, Jesus is spearheading a movement which is primarily a Jewish event. So, the first concern of Jesus is to the Jewish people, not the gentiles or the non-Jews. In Matthew 10, Jesus sends his disciples out only to Jewish Territory not to gentile territory. The Gospel message would go to the gentile world after the Resurrection.

The Canaanite woman is a gentile. She is from a people who were traditional enemies of the Jewish People. While ethnicity plays a lesser role in our American society than it once did, in Biblical times it was a major concern. The Israelites had believed themselves to be a people, a nation a community that had a particular calling to be the People of God. There were benefits and consequences for their special status. They had to walk in the ways of the Lord as revealed by the Torah. There was not a belief in universality that the Catholic Church has today. While all could have a relationship with God, the Israelite relationship was special. The mission of Jesus was first to the Jewish People, not to the Gentile world. The call to the gentile world would come later. Yet, Jesus will praise the faith of this woman. Her faith was not doctrinal, it was deeply personal. She calls Jesus Lord. She believes in him. Jesus has crossed outside of Jewish territory and he is in present day Lebanon. He comes to this place to seek rest. He is recognized by this woman. What is Jesus to do?

There are many understandings of this story. Jesus himself perhaps as a man is startled that his message is being accepted by the non-Jewish world. He also may be coming to realize that his message will have a universal appeal earlier than expected. The non-Jewish world comes to know Christ through the preaching of Paul and others. Jesus is compassionate, yet this woman is a pagan. Did she understand that he was more than a miracle worker? Did she understand that faith in him was necessary? Did she understand that his mission was one of service? Why did Jesus delay in his response to her?

The lesson of the day rests with the nameless woman. She teaches us several aspects of prayer. She seems to have faith. Notice her faith grew during the conversation with Jesus. She calls him at first Jesus, Son of David, have mercy. This title is a messianic title which recognized Jesus as a leader and a wonder worker. At the end of the Gospel she addresses him as Lord. Her faith grew. She had hope even when he would not speak with her. She loved. She was asking for a healing for a daughter. She even braved his rebuke for the sake of her daughter. She loved much. She was persistent. She had courage and she received her miracle.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen  
Children's Faith Formation Program 2020-21  
"Share the Light of Faith"**

**REGISTER NOW!**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Faith Formation for Grades 1 through 8 2020-21 Program Theme; Salvation History Grades Level 1 through 7 with focus on the Bible narrative, journeying together through the events in human history that reveal God's saving plan for us. Blended learning model includes online/home activities component as well as once a month on site small group attendance, following all social distancing/safety protocols. (We're offering flexible scheduling for monthly small group attendance, including virtual sessions if on site is not possible/permitted according to Diocesan/NYC Board of Ed requirements). Sacramental formation will be incorporated into the program for children preparing for First Communion (1st and 2nd year and Confirmation (1st year) Final Confirmation Preparation (2nd year/Grade 8) will consist primarily of small mentoring groups that meet periodically virtually or in person, depending on circumstances/need. These groups will focus on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and how to live our discipleship in the world today.

Email Nancy Arkin in the Faith Formation Office at [narkin1960@gmail.com](mailto:narkin1960@gmail.com) or  
call

718-596-7750 for more information.

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