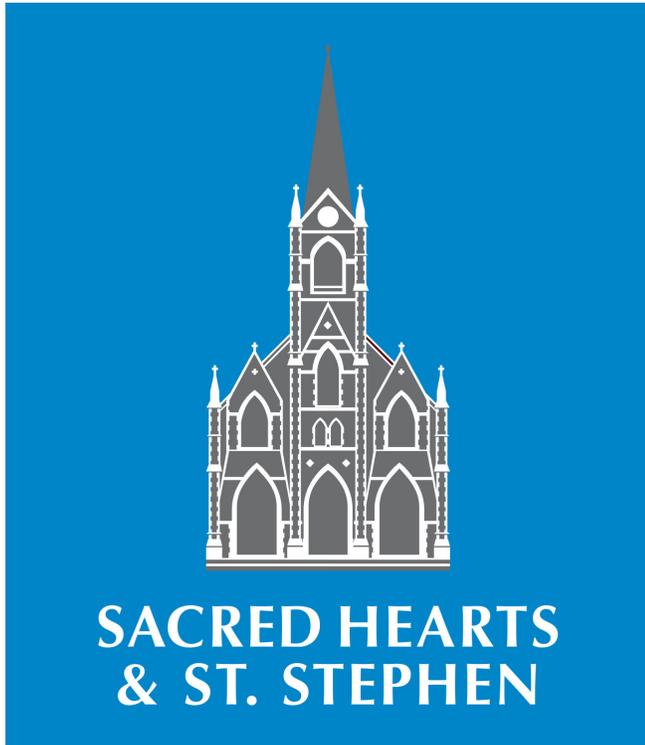

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882

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.

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. AUGUST 24, 2020**
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Their Family
- TUE. AUGUST 25, 2020**
 8:30 Concetta Foglia
- WED. AUGUST 26, 2020**
 8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesorio
 BY: The Reca Family
- THURS. AUGUST 27, 2020**
 8:30 Judy Formasano &
 Dominick Formasano
- FRI. AUGUST 28, 2020**
 8:30 Joseph Scotto
 BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
- SAT. AUGUST 29, 2020**
 8:30 St. John the Baptist
 5:00 PM Luigi Barrera
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Loving Family
- SUN. AUGUST 30, 2020**
 8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit for
 The People of the Parish
 10:00 Louis Trani
 BY: Loving Wife, Children &
 Grandchildren
- Noon _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 8/16	\$2,350.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$1,950.00
Total Sunday 8/16	\$4,300.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,025.00
***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 |
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| 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. 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.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Who do you confess Jesus to be?

Today is the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading and the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah use the same symbolic language. In both readings we find the symbol of keys. Keys given to a person represents authority. The person holding the keys has the authority. Peter, in the Gospel, is given the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first reading, Eliakim is the bearer of the keys of the House of David. The holder of keys must be a father to those whom he serves. He must not be a tyrant. The holder of keys will prohibit or give access to people. The holder of keys must provide safeguard for those he serves.

The image of the keys has been applied to the Papacy of the Catholic Church. Catholics believed that Peter's position was succeeded by others through the years so as to preserve the Apostolic Succession. Catholics believe that the Bishop of Rome is the successor to St. Peter, therefore Catholics trace their roots back to Jesus and the apostles. Similar to Eliakim, the authority of the Pope is one of service to the people. The Pope is to be a father to us. Through the power of the keys, the pope as the chief shepherd can give access or prohibit some of our behaviors for own spiritual welfare. The Pope as the holder of the keys is to strengthen and secure our faith. Among us the Pope is the first confessor to the Resurrection of the Lord. At the end of the day, the conviction of faith in Christ is the key.

Who do you confess Jesus to be?

In the second reading from Romans, Paul marvels at the wisdom and knowledge of God. He states: "Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" Perhaps the inspiration for this statement of Paul is the incarnation. Who could have ever thought that God would enter creation? The normal expectation is that God would be clearly supernatural and totally other. God was to omnipotent and all powerful and totally above creation.

In the Incarnation, God in Jesus, we see God in the midst of the human experience. Jesus is one of us in all things. Jesus gets tired, Jesus becomes annoyed, he suffers and he dies. Jesus is all too human. Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God comes about not only on Peter's insight, but is revealed to Peter to be able to see beyond the humanity of Jesus to something far greater.

Peter confessed that he believed that Jesus is the Christ. His faith had consequences. Peter confession his belief in Christ and was made head of the apostles. He confessed that he loved Jesus and because of his love and faith in Christ, he died for the faith. Faith has consequences. Each of us must answer for him or herself who Jesus is.

If you confess that Jesus is the Christ, then you must live accordingly. The title Christ means the anointed one. It is not the family name of Jesus. Yet, this confession of the identity of Jesus is not a once in a lifetime event. Peter has to answer this question many times. When Peter does not understand what Jesus is trying to teach by example in John 6, Peter will have to ask himself does he still believe that Jesus is the Christ. When he sees Jesus defeated in death on the cross, Peter would have to answer again who Jesus really is. The Christ or the Messiah was expected to be an advocate of the people. The Messiah was expected to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. In the time of the Messiah there would come the great Peace or the great Shalom. The Messiah was to free the people from tyranny in all its forms. There was no separation between spiritual and worldly effects of the Messiah. The work of the messiah was to bring the world back to God. In short, the messiah would accomplish redemption on all levels. Confessing Jesus as the Christ was a great insight for Peter. Jesus was to carry out his messianic mission in a way no one expected. It was not conceivable that the messiah (the Christ) would suffer and die and in the eyes of the world be defeated. Therefore, to confess Jesus as the messiah had consequences. Could Peter see beyond the Cross to the Resurrection? Could the apostles accept the cost of suffering for the message of the Gospel?

The same is true for us. Many are Catholic by culture and not by deep faith. Culture, family background, teaching and environment does act as agents of helping us to believe, but in the end each of us must answer for oneself who Jesus is. One may know about the faith, this does not make a believer. One may be a priest or bishop or a pope or a lay minister and not faced the question of personal belief. Each of us must accept faith individually and in the community of the Church. The faith must be owned by you personally. It cannot be the faith of your parents or grandparents or the priest or your teacher.

To accept this faith you must be willing to suffer for it and even die for it. You must be willing to share it and pass it on. So, who is Jesus for you? If Jesus is the Messiah, why is he the Messiah for you? If he is not the Messiah then why is he not? If he is the Messiah, how do you live your life as a result of that belief? If you do believe what behaviors are compatible with your belief and what behaviors are not compatible with your messianic belief? The more we live the faith, the more we proclaim the Christ. When our behavior contradicts the faith, the more we betray the mission of Christ.

Who do you say Jesus is?

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 or
call

718-596-7750 for more information.

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