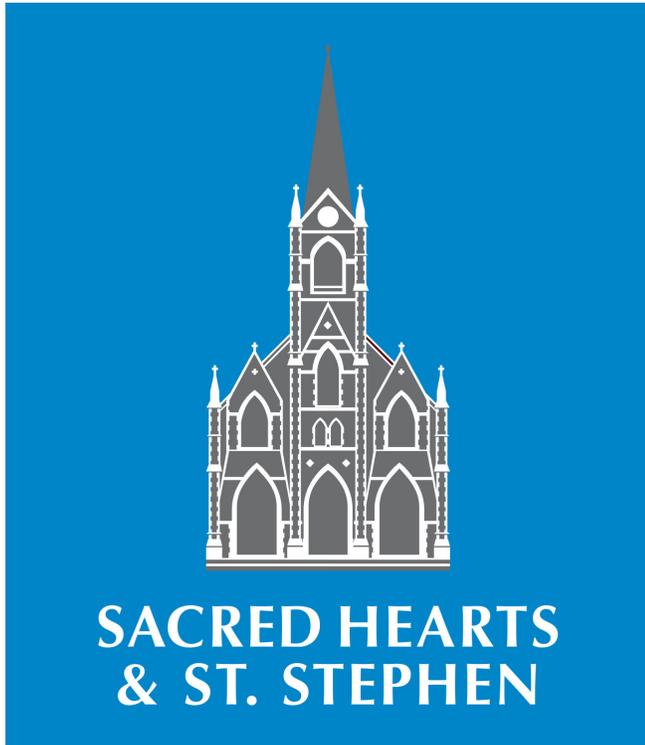

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St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882

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.

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 31, 2020**
 8:30 Gino Masi
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 1 2020**
 8:30 Joseph & Josephine Patti
 BY: Their Loving Family
- WED. SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**
 8:30 Giamboi Family
 BY: Ann Marie & Edward Illiano
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**
 8:30 Elizabeth Lo Porto
 BY: Her Children & Grandchildren
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 5, 2020**
 8:30 John Passantino
 BY: Dennis & Marie Forza
 5:00 PM Ann Barbera
 BY: Anna Guinta
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**
 8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit for
 The People of the Parish
 10:00 Anita Lubrano
 BY: Leonard & Mary Jane Lubrano
 Noon Danny Calcaterra
 BY: Loving Wife

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 8/23	\$1,726.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,800.00
Total Sunday 8/23	\$4,526.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,799.00
***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. 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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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The major symbol of our faith is the Cross. The Cross is made when a horizontal and a vertical beam meet causing a conflict. Crosses come into our lives. Sometimes these crosses are the direct result of striving to do what is just and right. In the first reading, Jeremiah the prophet is praying, pouring out his heart to God whom he blames for all his heartaches. Jeremiah was called to be a prophet. Prophets do not tell the future. Prophets speak the truth to power structures. Prophets ask questions and often challenge the status quo. Prophets seek to help people return to faithfulness and truth. Jeremiah did as God had wanted. Jeremiah suffers for the message he delivers. In the portion of the reading, Jeremiah tells God that he has done what was asked of him. He reminds God of his faithfulness and he asks God why is he suffering for having done all that he was asked to do? In the Gospel, Jesus clearly states that those who wish to follow him will have to bear the cross and suffer for the Gospel message. The instruction of Jesus to his would be disciple is up front, clear and truthful.

Cross and Resurrection

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles that he will suffer and die in Jerusalem. Peter, who in last Sunday's Gospel confesses Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah will not hear such talk. Just the mention of the word Cross is enough to send Peter and the disciples running in the opposite direction. Remember, Peter and the disciples knew exactly what the Cross meant. They saw crucifixions in their lifetime. For us, the symbol of the Cross has become too easy to observe. It has been sterilized. The reality is too horrible to even imagine. The Cross in the ancient Roman world was a sign of suffering, humiliation and defeat. The Cross was a sign of oppression and punishment. The Cross meant nailing flesh to wood. It was cruel punishment. It was a punishment for criminals. The Romans ruled an empire. They as most empires exploited their subjects and ruled their conquered people with a heavy hand. While giving certain gifts to the world, especially in establishing structures of administration, preserving the Hellenic culture and the building of roads, they were an oppressive regime. Jesus in this Gospel tells his apostles and through them all would be disciples that the Cross and death to self is a consequence, if not a requirement, for discipleship. He also tells us that Crosses endured for him will lead to a greater fullness of life.

“ I have done all the right things and I am still suffering”

I cannot tell you how often I have heard the above-mentioned quote. If you were doing the right things and did not meet with opposition, I would be concerned. To be a disciple of Christ means seeking to live the message of the Gospel day in and day out. It means loving enough to speak the truth when all others are reacting too emotionally. Disciples seek to face the deep seated truth about oneself rather than judging the motives of others. Discipleship means asking oneself as well as others questions which lead to truth. Discipleship means seeking the good for all humanity when others are speaking about white supremacy. It means speaking about God's given dignity of each person regardless of race, color, creed and orientation when others are seeking to exercise superiority over others who they deem of less quality. Discipleship is prophetic. It speaks truth to power. In each of these cases, those who love enough to speak out for the truth will face opposition. This is just as Jesus has said. Let us rejoice.

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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