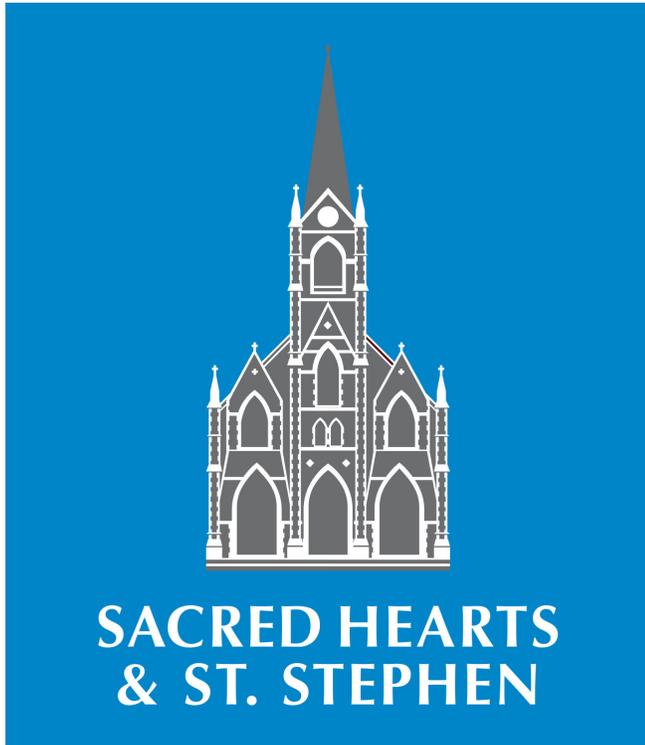

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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. SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**
 8:30 Francesca Forte
 BY: A Friend
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**
 8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte
 & Jenny & Ciro Oliviero
- WED. SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**
 8:30 James Bamundo
 BY: Madeline Poldrugovaz
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**
 8:30 Rita & George Heyer
 BY: Loving Family
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**
 8:30 John Marquez
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**
 8:30 Anthony Massie
 5:00 PM Parents Vito & Marie Colella
 BY: Family
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**
 8:00 Concetta Mattioli
 BY: Loving Family
 10:00 Janet Caccioppoli
 BY: Michael & Evan Caccioppoli
 Noon Domenico Ruggiero
 BY: Teresa Ruggiero & Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 8/30	\$1,378.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,230.00
Total Sunday 8/30	\$3,608.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,717..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 |
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| 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



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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.

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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the themes of the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel and the Gospel are: forgiveness, reconciliation, unity and united prayer. For the sake of our discussion, I shall like to address the theme of reconciliation and unity for the greater good of the community or the church.

In the first reading we meet the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel has been appointed watchman for the house of Israel. The task of watchman was to warn the people of approaching danger. In this case, the prophet is not warning the people of physical danger but of moral danger. The moral danger is sin. He is a messenger of hope. The warning was to give people a time to change their lives for the better according to the Law of God.

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, we read how the community was to address community scandal or community sin. The gospel lists the categories of how to work towards reconciliation and unity. The unity of the community was and still is important. This section of the Gospel of Matthew seems to reflect not the time of Jesus, but rather a later development in the evolution of the early Christian Community. The directives are good practice of opening up dialogue as a vehicle of reconciliation. The steps described are:

1. If a person feels wronged by the community, that person should speak directly to the person or to a responsible member or leader of the community. The person should not fester in anger and share the wrong with others as to gossip but try to seek to repair the hurt or misunderstanding.
2. The person should meet face-to-face with the person or the representative of the community and speak. Writing a letter, e-mails and texts are not the way. These methods can be misunderstood and are often used to avoid the issue.
3. If the personal one-on-one fails, then maybe take a third or fourth party and meet again so as to get to the truth of the matter with others listening and perhaps acting as facilitators.
4. If the meeting with others has failed then the case should be referred to the community. A disagreement between Christians was to be settled in the community. Bringing cases to the court may settle the legal issues but personal relationships can be lost and never repaired.
5. If all else fails, then separate from them with the hope and an open mind that the issue may be settled at a future date at another time which may be more conducive to reconciliation of the issue.

So, who has not had a disagreement, who has not been hurt by another, who has not stopped talking to someone? We are all in this boat. Do we want the anger and hurt to last forever? Do we want to try to reconcile? Do we enjoy our disagreement? Do we still revel in our hurt so we can tell everyone how hurt we are, making ourselves the center of the story? Do we want to be a disciple and follow the direction of Jesus or do we want to hold on to the anger?

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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