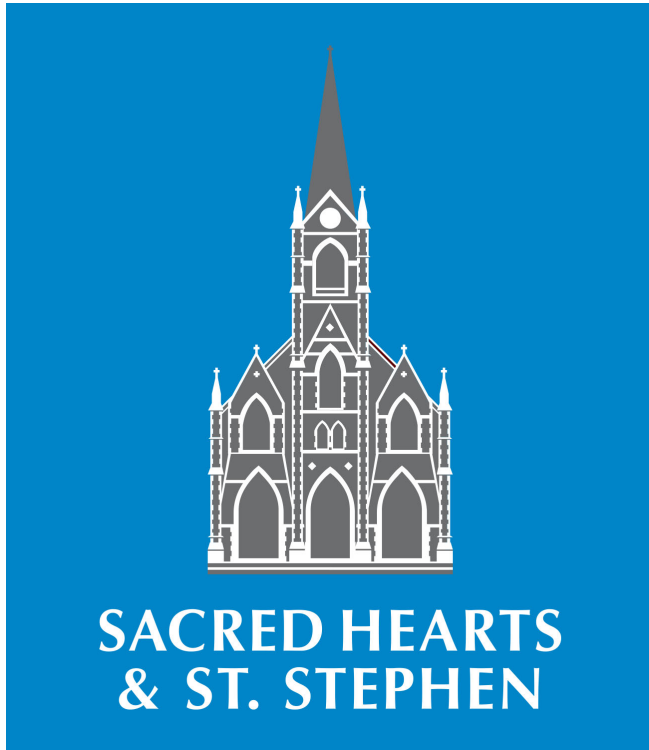

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

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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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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



ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

If you wish to remember a loved one, or have a devotion to a particular Saint, annual memorial candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit for one year and may be placed by the altar of any Saint you may wish. The cost of these candles, are \$100 (\$110. initially to cover the cost of the engraved gold band) and they remain lit for one year The gold band may be engraved with your choice of wording. If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding these candles, please call or stop by the Rectory Monday through Thursday and speak to Rose Marie Foglia.

MON. JULY 17, 2017
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Family

TUE. JULY 18, 2017
8:30 Leona Zagami
BY: Patti & Manus Families

WED JULY 19, 2017
8:30 Rev. Msgr. Celsus O. Collini
BY: A Friend

THURS. JULY 20, 2017
8:30 Catherine Graci
BY: Her Sister Marie

FRI. JULY 21, 2017
8:30 Guy Di Manso
BY: Patti & Manus Families

SAT. JULY 22, 2017
8:30 John Paino
BY: The Reca Family
**5:30 PM Marie & John Marchetti &
All Deceased Members of
The Marchetti Family
BY: Catherine

****ICE CREAM WILL BE GIVEN
TO ALL AFTER THIS MASS****

SUN JULY 23, 2017
8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
For The People of The Parish
10:00 Alexander Ponsiglione
BY: Wife & Family
12:00 Caterina Deserio
BY: Her Sister Anna

UPS AND DOWNS

At their recent meeting, the members of the Diocesan Building Commission and Fiscal Management considered our request for the approval of the ADA Accessibility, ADA Bathroom, Conveyance Systems project to be performed at our church building. After reviewing the recommendations of the Building Commission and Fiscal Management and noting that they have accepted the approximate total projected cost of this project by MLZ Contracting, Inc. (the firm selected by Msgr. Massie, Parish Council and Parish Finance Council) to be \$500,000.00, it is the decision of Bishop DiMarzio to grant the necessary approval for us to proceed with this work. MLZ is currently competing vendor packets and submitting insurance information to the Diocese as part of an interview process all contractors must go through when working on any church buildings in Brooklyn and Queens. Once all forms are submitted, work will begin immediately.

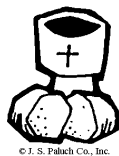
Sick Relatives & Friends

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, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| Salvatore Gianino | Judith Latalladi |
| Rosemary Love | Lisa Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Janet Illiano |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Manrique Galeas | Carol Montelbano |
| Rev. Michael A. Carrano | Elizabeth Foley |



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of July 16th have been donated
In Memory of
JOE CERATO
BY: Carmen Seare



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of July 16th has been donated in memory of
LIA CERATO
BY: Michael & Louann Manus

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Sunday Collection for 7/9/17 | \$2,336.00 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$ 14,325.00 |
| Difference: | \$-11,989.00 |

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SHSS presents Disney's
Beauty and the Beast

On

Saturday, July 29th

In the Church Yard

7:00 PM Kid's

Beauty and the Beast

Sing-a-long with Ms. Evie

8:10 PM Movie Begins

& on

Saturday, August 5th

The Shack @ 8:00 PM

**Admission is Free. No food allowed.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream,
Popcorn and drinks will be available for
purchase.**



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, September 17th, SHSS will hold a Parish Picnic beginning at 1:00 PM in the Church Yard. Come join the fun!



Personal Prayer Intention Mass will be held on Friday, August 18th @ 8:30 AM.

Please fill out a card located in the back of the Church and place it in the prayer intention basket.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

Here we are in the middle of July. Yes, the summer is almost completed. Yet it is still growing season. If you go out to North Folk Long Island, or if you travel upstate, you may see farmers setting up stands where you may purchase fresh produce. Tomatoes, carrots, string beans, potatoes and many other healthy foods are available to you. For us in Brooklyn, seeing the immediate connection between the earth and our table is a treat and a good lesson.

In today's Gospel and first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the reference to seeds producing is evident. Jesus uses this farming reference to explain the coming of the Kingdom of God. What is meant by the Kingdom of God? What do we mean when we say: "Thy Kingdom come."? Jesus comes to redeem us. In so doing, redemption means returning creation to God. It means Jesus wants what the Father wants for the world. What does God want for the world? The father wants peace, mercy, forgiveness, healing of his children. God wants a loving relationship with us so we can in turn have loving relationships with each other. In short, wanting the Kingdom of God wants God to reign over you. The Kingdom of God is when nature and humanity will be reconciled. There will be no more sickness. The Kingdom of God is when Humanity is reconciled with each other. There will be no more war. The Kingdom of God is when we are reconciled with God, sin will vanish. The Kingdom will see the resurrection of the dead and death will be ended. These are hopes expressed in the Book of Revelation as well as in the Creed. How does this happen? Does God make it happen? Do we make it happen? Is a combination of humanity with God making it happen?

In the Gospel, we are told that the Kingdom of God comes about slowly. It comes about by small acts of kindness done for the Glory of God. So, it is us who plant the seed of the kingdom in the various worlds in which we live. Some of our good deeds and good examples will be imitated, sometimes not. When I see efforts to bring different people of different backgrounds and cultures together because we recognize that we are all children of God, I see this as a sign of working for the kingdom. When children, who see themselves as God's children, recognize other children from different cultures and religious backgrounds as their brothers and sisters in God, this is a sign of the kingdom. When diverse Christian Communities come together to pray and study the Gospel together, this is a sign of the Kingdom of God. When strangers risk their lives for people they do not know save that they are people in need, this is a sign of the kingdom of God. When reconciliation happens among people who have had a falling out, this is a sign of the Kingdom of God. When we look beyond race, color and creed and recognize a common humanity created in the image of God, this is a sign of the Kingdom of God. When goodness perseveres persecution and misunderstanding, this too is the sign of the Kingdom of God.

Bringing about the kingdom is a day to day effort. We plant seeds with the hope that the next generation will continue to reap the good we have planted. So, yes, the Kingdom of God is like a seed planted in the ground watered and cared for in the hope it will grow and continue to grow and be brought its fulfillment by God. In the end, God wins, the Kingdom will come either with us or without us. It is better to cooperate with the Goodness God offers one day at a time.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THE BOY IN THE VESTIBULE

An unhappy little boy was walking along a street when he heard a bell ringing and looked up to see many people walking up a wide sidewalk into a beautiful building. He was curious, so he stayed until the last of the people had entered and the door was shut. Then he walked to the door and opened it just enough to slip into the vestibule where he peeked around the corner and listened to all that went on.

Within moments he heard a great swell of beautiful notes from a large organ and then the voices of the many people who had entered the building sang together with one voice. The little boy was amazed at the beautiful sound that washed over him. He stayed motionless so that he could remain undetected in the vestibule and hear everything that happened in the building.

Following the singing of several songs, the little boy heard a man begin to speak. His voice was loud enough to be heard and was also gentle and melodious. His message bespoke a kind nature. The little boy listened and he heard about another meeting to be there in the same building that evening.

All too soon the people began to stir and to rise from their seats to depart. The little boy slipped out...almost without being seen...but not quite. A man in a simple black robe had walked up the aisle ahead of all the other people in order to be there to shake their hands as they departed. He caught a glimpse of the little boy.

That evening when all the people gathered once again, the same gentlemen was climbing to the tall platform at the front of the large room when something made him look toward the vestibule. He caught a flash of a small head as it peeked into the great room. The kind man did not make any indication of the sighting, but when he began to speak, his first words were, "This is the house of God. All God's children are welcome. Thank you to all who are with us today."

The little boy in the vestibule heard this message but he thought of the clothes worn by all the people within and about those on his own skinny body. He remained in the vestibule.

Later, before the final hymn was sung, the minister left his seat and slipped out the back door. When the little boy opened the front door and squeezed out ahead of all the other people, he walked straight into this kind man. Of course, he did not recognize him for he had not dared to look closely into the church for fear of being seen. How surprised he was when he was spoken to by the same voice he had heard only moments before filling the air of the church.

Taken aback, the little boy began to apologize, "I'm sorry, sir. I didn't mean no wrong. The bells and the organ and singing and your talking were just too wonderful. I had to listen, but I promise I'll never do it again."

"Oh, but you must," said the minister. "I've been needing a boy like you to keep the pews polished and the floors swept and to light candles for the service. Can't we arrange for you to do that?"

So it was arranged and out of the minister's own pocket the boy was paid a small wage. His family was very poor and he used the money to help his mother and she was very grateful to the minister.

Soon the boy's mother started attending the church wearing her best clothing, which wasn't very good at all, and bringing her other son, a small frail child.

The mother was afraid she would not be welcome but she was and before you knew it an elderly, widowed parishioner hired her to be his cook; and the little family began to pull itself up and became better off than they had ever been before, which was a very good thing, but perhaps you are wondering why that small boy was walking along the road that day when church bells called him into the house of the Lord. Well, that was the day the little boy had made up his mind to break the glass at the local grocer and grab some food and perhaps some money to take home to his mother who was sobbing because she could not feed his little brother.

The boy had purposed an evil intention, but the Lord had seen a boy who needed a little help and prevented him from ruining his life by committing a crime.

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