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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  
5:30 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.

**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.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK



- MON. JULY 24, 2017**  
 Noon Rose Di Muro  
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
 BY: Daughter Marie
- TUE. JULY 25, 2017**  
 8:30 Stephen Vergona  
 BY: Loving Family
- WED JULY 26, 2017**  
 8:30 Anna Liguori  
 BY: Beloved Son John &  
 The Liguori Family
- THURS. JULY 27, 2017**  
 8:30 Maria Patti  
 BY: Andy Di Manso
- FRI. JULY 28, 2017**  
 8:30 Maria Todaro  
 BY: Family
- SAT. JULY 29, 2017**  
 8:30 The Poor Soul of My Husband  
 BY: Wife Florentina  
 5:30 PM Joseph Cerato  
 BY: Annette & Rich Hanners
- SUN JULY 30, 2017**  
 8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit  
 For The People of The Parish  
 10:00 Anthony Coppola  
 BY: Mom & Dad  
 12:00 James Bamundo  
 BY: Children & Family

## 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.

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them to help them to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to provide for your child's religious formation this fall.

- For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms were mailed in June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you haven't received a form, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or email narkin1960@gmail.com.
- If you prefer to re-register in person, if you have a child who will be attending for the first time, or have any questions or concerns, please call 718 596-7750 for assistance or to make an appointment.

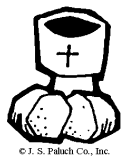
# Sick Relatives & Friends

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 Laqueria       | 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 23rd have been donated  
In Memory of  
**JOE CERATO**  
BY: Louise Orsino

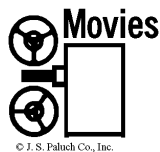


Altar Bread & Wine for the week of July 23rd has been donated in memory of  
**CARMELA NOTO**  
BY: Michael & Louann Manus

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 7/16/17	\$3,782.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$-10,543.00

\*\* 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:**

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings today are filled with wisdom. We are taught an ancient axiom, “the way we pray is the way we believe.” We learn that God who is all powerful, is also all compassionate. We learn that the God who is all merciful is also all just. We learn that the God who is all compassionate is capable of condemning. Only in God can all these apparent contradictions be balanced. In the Second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Paul gives us wise advice on the topic of prayer. There are times when we do not know how to pray. These are situations when prayer comes with great difficulty. There are times of crisis when it is difficult even to desire to pray. It is at times like these that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. Remember, prayer need not be words. Prayer can be an interior silence in the presence of the Lord. Prayer may be a sigh. Prayer may be finding our place in the scriptures. In any case, it is the Holy Spirit who helps in prayer. Finally, the Gospel is filled with the wisdom of the parables addressing the topic of the Kingdom of God.

Parables are stories used to illustrate a particular lesson. The parables in today’s Gospel are used by Jesus to explain the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God theme continues from last week. The Kingdom of God means God will reign. The way God wishes for us will come about. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom every time we pray the Lord’s prayer. The parables are explained by Jesus at the end of the reading. The meaning of parables was meant to be discussed and studied. Therefore, there are many approaches that one may take to understanding the parables. Since parables are meant for debate and discussion, there are many different ways to appropriate the parables in our lives.

The parable given today about the weeds and the wheat is one of my favorites. The parable tells me that the Kingdom of God will have weeds and wheat. For me, the wheat represents the many good, wholesome and holy people who are faithful, filled with the Holy Spirit, who are faith-filled, give themselves to the building up of the Kingdom or, as we say, the Body of Christ, the Church. These good people do good deeds and avoid evil. Sometimes they do good things, yet they endure evil and avoid it.

Now, for me, the evil is represented by the weeds. Weeds seek to kill off the good plants. Weeds also can look like wheat. Evil challenges good. Now, let us look at the Catholic Church today and throughout its history. The Catholic Church had known its saints and sinners. The weeds and wheat live side by side according to the parable. Only God really knows which is which. Is this not true? We have priests and religious, sisters and deacons, bishops, popes and lay people who were dedicated, prayerful and self giving. We have had other priests, religious, deacons, bishops, popes and lay people who appeared to be good, but we later learned of their scheming not so good plots. We learned of their scandalous lives and of their all encompassing hypocritical behavior done in the name of God. Such a parable gives me hope that in the end, the perseverance to be faithful is worth it. In the end, God wins. Truth is vindicated. The Kingdom of God will come.

**What is your favorite parable and why?**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

**ENCOURAGING WORDS**  
**BY: SUSAN MAYCINIK**

**“Could I speak to the manager?”**

**My friend’s sudden query to our waitress startled me. Our dinner at a popular pizza restaurant had seemed uneventful, and I wondered what Eileen was up to.**

**The manager appeared at our table a few minutes later. “What can I do for you?” she asked hesitantly, as if she were expecting yet another reprimand from an angry customer.**

**“I just want you to know that our waitress tonight has been really exceptional,” Eileen began. Then she described several things our server had done that impressed her.**

**The manager was obviously relieved—and delighted. So was the waitress, who was standing nearby. The four of us laughed and chatted for a few minutes. Eileen had made the day of two hard-working women and left an indelible impression on me of the power of positive words.**

**When we think about our words, it’s easy to focus on the ones we’d like to retrieve. Fortunately, however, there are certain phrases that are almost always the right thing to say—words that communicate love and encouragement. Here are a few:**

- “You do that really well.”**
- “May I pray for you right now?”**
- “How are you, really?”**
- “What you said helped me.”**
- “I was wrong”**
- “Thanks for leading/serving.”**
- “Have I offended you?”**
- “I appreciate the way\_\_\_\_\_.”**
- “What can I do to help?”**
- “Tell me about your day, job, kids...”**
- “Please forgive me.”**
- “I still love you.”**
- “God is big enough to\_\_\_\_\_.”**
- “I’m proud of you.”**
- “You’re really growing.”**
- “Please come over for dinner.”**
- “I missed you.”**
- “I’m so happy for you.”**
- “I prayed for you today.”**
- “That must have been very difficult”**
- “I’ll be glad to!”**

**If these are words you’d like to hear, it’s a good bet they would encourage others too!**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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