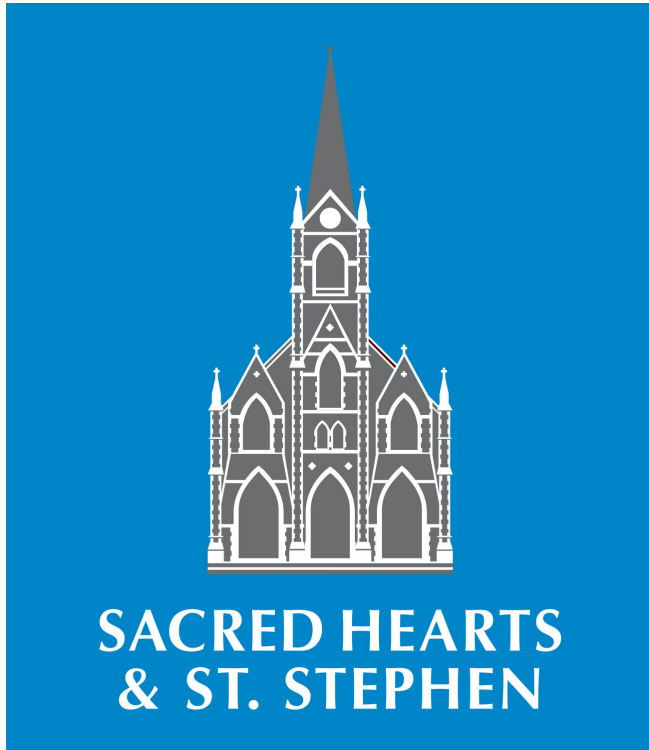

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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.

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.

MASSSES for the WEEK

MON.	SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
Noon	Anniversary Blessings for Constance & Bruce O'Leary BY: Mom & Dad
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
8:30	Anthony Massie
WED	SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
8:30	Joseph & Lia Cerato BY: Louis Pepe
THURS.	SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
8:30	Holy Cross for The People of the Parish
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 15, 2017
8:30	Nicole Vergona BY: Loving Family
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
8:30	Fanny Arroyo BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
5:30 PM	Ciro "Jerry" Geritano Birthday Remembrance (Deceased) BY: Angela, Robert & Rob
SUN	SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
8:00	Joseph Menta BY: Steve Iannone & Annie Schiavone
10:00	Dominic Balzano Birthday Blessings (Deceased) BY: Mom & Loving Family
12:00	St. Candida BY: The Ventotene Foundation

CHOIR NEWS

You're invited to join the Choir this year! Parish Choirs begin Wednesday, Sept. 13th. 5PM Youth, 5:45 PM Children, 6:45 PM Adults. Visit the Choir Loft today to speak with Jim or Evelyn.

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.

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**GHEGK
THIS OUT!**

We have exciting news for you! Sacred Hearts has teamed up with New York City Animal Care Centers as an official partner in helping shelter pets and abused animals. Animal Care & Control of NYC rescues, cares for and finds loving homes for homeless and abandoned arrivals in NYC. Pet Supplies will be collected in the back of the church after all masses from 9/9 to 10/1. Canned Dog or Cat Food, New or Gently used Bath Towels and Gift Cards.

St. Francis



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BLESSING OF ANIMALS

All animals will be blessed on Saturday, September 30th at Noon in our Church Yard. Please bring your pets to receive this blessings.

All are welcome!

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 |
| Carol Montelbano | Elizabeth Foley |

Rev. Michael A. Carrano

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 10th have been donated In Memory of **LEONA ZAGAMI**
BY: Connie, Aggie & Ann

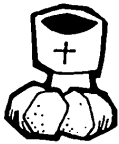


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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 10th has been donated in memory

Of all Those Who Lost Their Lives on 9/11/00 and Those They Left Behind.
We Will Never Forget

BY: Tommy, Valerie & Joseph



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Blood Pressure Training

Blood Pressure training with the Dept. of Health will take place at SHSS on Sat. 9/23 from 9:00 AM -2:30 PM in Rectory Hall. A certificate for BP training will be given upon completion. The training is open to adults 18 years and older who wish to learn how to take blood pressure and those who wish to volunteer with the nurse Sondra A. Rivera.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Please join our next meeting on Sept. 11th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing **A Prayer for Owen** by John Irving. All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/03/17	\$ 2,908.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,417.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on October 20th @ 8:30 AM. Please fill out a prayer intention card and place it in the intention basket located in the back of the church.

I pray for you though I may not know you. The Weakest and the Sick. I pray Dear Lord, comfort them with your great Love and Mercy.



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Through a Program sponsored by NYU Langone Brooklyn, SHSS will be holding Blood Pressure Screening.

Health and Blood Pressure Clinic will begin 9/24. It will run every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with the exception of holidays and in the month of November. November Blood Pressure Screening will take place on 11/5 and 11/12. (For November only!) The Flu Clinic will be held on Sunday, 11/5 from 11AM-1:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age and have your medical card available for Flu Shots only. These activities will take place in the back of the church by the Statue of St. Rocco.

We are excited to be bringing these services to our Parish and look forward to a successful program.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS SEPTEMBER 10TH

Participate in the Feast by:

- Walking with your family and friends during the procession behind Our Lady starting at 4:00 PM from Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen
- Attend Mass in honor of Our Lady at 8:15 PM
- Bring the family to see the fireworks at 8:00 PM on the front steps of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen.

THANK YOU

The Men's Fellowship of SHSS extends sincere gratitude to everyone for the overwhelming support of the School Supply drive. Because of your generosity, over 1200 items were collected!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

The readings today have a theme of reconciliation. The readings are concerned with forgiveness and reconciliation between members of the community. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a three step process of reconciliation. When a member has sinned against the community or against a member of the community, the following steps should be taken. These steps are based on the Book of Leviticus 19:17-18. The first step is fraternal correction. Fraternal correction is done privately. The point of this conversation is to highlight the problem and to seek to correct the issue. It means also addressing the faults of the parties involved. The privacy of the issue must be respected. This fraternal correction is done lovingly for the good to individuals, as well as for the good of the community. If this step fails, then the issue should be heard before one or two witnesses still keeping the matter private and protecting the parties involved. If this step fails, then the person or persons who refuse to reconcile should be separated from the community for a time. This would be the last recourse.

The Liturgy of the Word presents us with a number of questions regarding human relationships. The fact of the matter is that we are human. Being human means we have many talents and we have faults. No one is perfect. All of us periodically make mistakes. This is a given. How we deal with these infractions, these hurts and these misunderstandings is the heart of the issue. The get even, the do unto others what they do to you thinking is clearly NOT the way of the Gospel. The two wrongs do not make a right thinking is more in line with the Gospel. When a relationship goes awry, what does one do? Is reconciliation possible? What are the social consequences involved in this issue? Can I speak with the person with whom I am having a problem? (Notice that the Gospel makes it clear to keep the matter between the two of you.) Do I react more emotionally rather than reasonably? If so, I need to calm down and cool off. Do I really want to reconcile the issue or do I want to prove my own rightness? Can I see that I may have been at some fault in the situation? Perhaps a conversation, not a shouting match, will clear the air but reconciliation will take a while depending on the hurt or the misunderstanding. What is important to keep in mind is we need to be moving towards reconciliation even if it takes a lifetime. Lastly, we may reconcile and forgive, but the social consequences of the hurt may be such that the relationship will not be the same as it previously may have been. We must reconcile ourselves to this fact.

To forgive and to reconcile, we need the Grace of God. Look to the Cross. If Jesus forgave his persecutors, could we do any less? Granted that for us, it may take some time to forgive, we need to cooperate with the grace that is always available to us. Read Ps 103. This psalm is one of praise and thanksgiving. In it we read that God forgives and holds not our sins against us because he remembers we are made of dust. So, let go of the hurt, reconcile the best you are able, move on and be free. Some will accept your reconciliation and some will not. Be at peace in the fact that you have tried to do the right thing. Forgiveness brings peace of mind and body.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

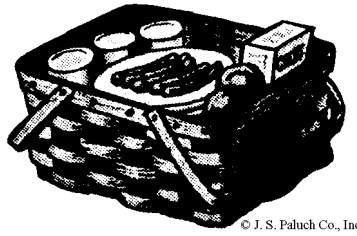
WE NEED YOUR HELP

PARISH BACKYARD PICNIC

With Live Band

Sunday, September 17th

From 1 - 5 in the Church Yard



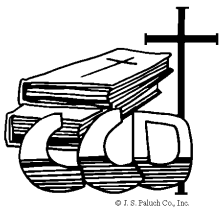
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Please check off how you can help and return it in the collection by September 10th.

- I will bring a covered dish to share with everyone
- I will supply _____ to be grilled (hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, etc.)
- I will bring Water/ Soda/ Juice
- I will donate \$_____ for Ice
- I will bring dessert
- I will donate \$_____ to help pay for the Entertainment and Music
- I will donate \$_____ to help pay for the children's Bounce House
- I will help organize Children's Activities and Games
- I will organize a parish stickball (or other) game
- I would like to _____ (add your suggestion)

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME A CATECHIST

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in the ministry of Childhood Faith Formation (CCD) here at SHSS. We have the blessing of a growing program—more and more families are bringing their children to SHSS to prepare for the sacraments and to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Right now we don't have enough teachers to meet the demand, and might have to turn some families away. If God is sending these children to us, he's calling some of us to provide the needed instruction for them. You may be one of them! Prior experience is not required and "on the job" training is available. The time commitment is about a week, and our **primary need at present is Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 to 5:00 PM.** Even if teaching isn't appropriate for you, there's also a need for classroom aides, as well as non-classroom assistance. Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our parish community. Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718 596-7750, for further information or to schedule an interview, to see if this ministry is right for you.

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