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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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# MASSes for the WEEK

- MON. SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**  
 Noon Restituta Marchetti and all Deceased of The Marchetti Family  
 BY: Catherine
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**  
 8:30 Caterine Deserio  
 BY: Her Sister Anna
- WED. SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**  
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Family
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**  
 8:30 Tara Nicole Costagliola  
 BY: Mom
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**  
 8:30 Deceased Family & Friends  
 BY: Marie Caria
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**  
 8:30 Ralph Colantonio  
 BY: Loving Family  
 5:30 PM Anthony & Domenica Pellicano  
 BY: Daughter Rita
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**  
 8:00 For The Victims and Families of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma  
 10:00 Anthony Polito  
 BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren  
 12:00 Henry Stella  
 BY: Clara Stella

## CHOIR NEWS

You're invited to join the Choir this year!  
 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 from Petco, Petsmart, Chewy or Amazon.

**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      |

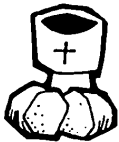
Rev. Michael A. Carrano

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 17th have been donated In Memory of **JOSEPH "RED" LAGUADIA**  
BY: Connie, Dottie & Joann



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 17th has been donated in Fond and Loving Memory Of **MY DAUGHTER, TARA NICOLE COSTAGLIOLA**  
BY: Loving Mom



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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.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/10/17	\$ 4,369.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$- 9,956.00

\*\* 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.



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All are welcome to join us for the Annual Parish Picnic this Sunday, September 17th from 1-5 PM in the Church Yard!

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family:**

**Today's reading is challenging. They continue the theme of reconciliation which we began last Sunday. Perhaps we can sum up the lesson for today in the following points. First: Do not pray for something from God which you deny to others. Second: let go of wrath, anger hurt and resentments, instead seek healing and forgiveness and mercy. Thirdly: learn to forgive yourself. If you cannot forgive yourself, you cannot forgive anyone else. The fourth point: contrary to the American and New York way of thinking, your life does not belong to you alone. Your life is in relationship with many other lives. You are not alone. You are part of a wide network of relationships.**

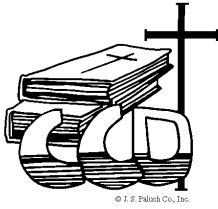
**The first reading is from the Book of Sirach. This text is part of the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Text. ( The Book of Sirach does not appear in the Jewish Canon of scripture but does appear in the Catholic Bible.) The text studies ordinary life situations and asks the question; "How do I live wisely?" The author in this portion recommends letting go of anger, resentment and hurt. Once a hurt is addressed, let it go. If one holds on to these feelings, it can lead to violence and revenge. Such a situation would not make life easy or wise.**

**From my pastoral experience, I have found that while people complain of how hurt they are or have been, they refuse to let go of the feelings and they keep it always uppermost in their memory. Thus, they allow the past hurt to control their present and it never disappears. Consequently, they never experience peace. However, it seems like we like our hurts and anger. Yes, many of us love to keep telling the story over and over again so we get sympathy and attention. When we tell the story, we are always seeing ourselves as right and the other as wrong. If this is your habit, pray for grace to let it go then you may have peace. Also pray to see your part in the hurt inflicted. Forgive yourself and move on.**

**In the Second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are reminded we are not simply individuals. A common expression in our language, particularly among the young, is " This is my life and I can do whatever I want." This is not true. Our lives belong first to God. This gift from God is networked with many other lives. We are people of relationships. We are people in relationships. What one does with his/her life affects many others for good or ill. So, being people of relationships means that we will have many opportunities to disagree with others, to be in conflict with others and to reconcile with others. Being in relationship with others, we grow and learn for our mutual benefit. Reconciliation is part of the relationships. It is not extraneous to relationships.**

**In the Gospel, the message is clear as day. Do not ask for forgiveness, or mercy, or kindness from God if you refuse mercy, kindness and forgiveness to others. So, if you seek patience from God, then show patience to another. If you seek a particular healing or care of your family, then be a sign of healing for someone else. The graces you seek from God, try to be that grace for someone else. In this way you are not the center of your prayer rather the Lord and his commandments are the center of your prayer.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**



## 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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## APOSTOLATO ITALIANO DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN PROCESSION IN HONOR OF ST. THERESA

OCTOBER 1, 2017

**Procession begins at 3:00 PM at  
Most Precious Blood Church  
32-23 36th St. Astoria, N.Y. 11103  
Mass at 4:00 PM at  
St. Joseph Church  
4319 30th Ave. Astoria, N.Y. 11103**

**Celebrated by  
Bishop Nicholas Di Marzio  
The Participation of Children is highly encouraged.**

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## GHOS TLIGHT

**Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraft, Artistic Director  
Presents**

*MARTIN*

*With the Swiss Choral Ensemble*

*Vioxx De Lausanne*

*Under the direction of*

*Dominique Tille*

*Saturday, October 14th, @8:00 PM, Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church*

*Sunday, October 15th @ 7:30 PM Church of Notre Dame, 405 W. 114th St. NYC*

*Tickets: \$20.00 online at [ghostlightchorus.com/concerts](http://ghostlightchorus.com/concerts)*

*\$25.00 At the Door*

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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