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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

<b>MON.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 4, 2017</b>
Noon	For the People of the Parish
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5, 2017</b>
8:30	Personal Prayer Intentions For The People of the Parish
<b>WED</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6, 2017</b>
8:30	Francesca Forte BY: Rose Marie Foglia
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7, 2017</b>
8:30	Biaggio, Rosanna, Enrichetta & Antonio Colandrea BY: Melania Lubrano
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 8, 2017</b>
8:30	Vincenza & Vincent Pepe BY: Son Louis
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9, 2017</b>
8:30	In Honor of the Blessed Mother and For the Birthday Intentions of Dora Zanzonico (Living) BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
5:30 PM	Jody Tepedino BY: Loving Family
<b>SUN</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2017</b>
8:00	Anthony Mungro BY: Kevin, Maryanne & Theresa Byrne
10:00	Rose Meglio BY: Anna Hamilton
12:00	Nancy Ilardi BY: Loving Children and Grandchildren

## 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.

## UPS AND DOWNS

Construction continues to move forward with the removal of the pre-existing staircases and preparation for the installation of new floor support beams which will allow for the creation of the elevator shaft. While removing wood from the choir loft, two segments of original plaster work which pre-dated the post fire renovation of the church were discovered. Although they are small and insignificant, these parts of the church have not been seen since the 1870's when the church was constructed. If you were unable to contribute to the Generations of Faith Campaign, which is paying for the installation of the elevator, and would like to contribute to this project now, please see Msgr. Massie or John Heyer for ways you can be included. We thank those who have been fulfilling their pledges and ask that you continue to do so. Without your donations, this project would not be possible.

## 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](mailto: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. More details will follow in next week's bulletin

# 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           | Alicia 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    |
| Elizabeth Lo Porto      | Carol Montalbano     |
| Rev. Michael A. Carrano | Elizabeth Foley      |



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 3rd have been donated In Memory of **FRANK AGUGGIA**  
BY: Francesca Reca



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 3rd has been donated in memory of **NINETTA GIORDANELLA**  
BY: The Conti Family

## 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 Meany* by *John Irving*. All are welcome!

## 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 8/27/17	\$ 2,797.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,528.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

## PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on September 9th @ 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.*



Back to School

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help a student who can't afford school supplies start the school year equipped to succeed! You can drop off new school supplies or make a donation in the back of the church at any Mass between August 5th and September 3rd to benefit local families in need and the children of Ghana. Most needed supplies: spiral notebooks, folders, No. 2 pencils, pencil sharpener, washable markers, crayons, pens, erasers, scissors, rulers, box of tissues, construction paper, composition books, glue stick and back packs.



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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.

# From the Pastor

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**Dear Parish Family:**

The major symbol of our faith is the Cross. The Cross is made when a horizontal beam and a vertical beam meet causing a conflict. Crosses come into our lives. Sometimes these crosses are the direct result of striving to do what is just and right. In the first reading, Jeremiah the prophet is praying, pouring out his heart to God whom he blames for all his heartaches. Jeremiah was called to be a prophet. Prophets do not tell the future. Prophets speak the truth to power structures. Prophets ask questions and often challenge the status quo. Prophets seek to help people return to faithfulness and truth. Jeremiah did as God had wanted. Jeremiah suffers for the message he delivers. In this portion of the reading, Jeremiah tells God that he has done what was asked of him. He reminds God of his faithfulness and he asks God why is he suffering for having done all that he was asked to do. In the Gospel, Jesus clearly states that those who wish to follow him will have to bear the cross and suffer for the Gospel message. The instruction of Jesus to his would be disciples is up front, clear and truthful.

## **Cross and Resurrection**

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the apostles that he will suffer and die in Jerusalem. Peter, who in last Sunday's Gospel, confesses Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, will not hear such talk. Just the mention of the word Cross is enough to send Peter and the disciples running in the opposite direction. Remember, Peter and the disciples knew exactly what the Cross meant. They saw crucifixions in their lifetime. For us, the symbol of the Cross has become too easy to observe. It has been sterilized. The reality is too much to even imagine. The Cross in the ancient Roman world was a sign of suffering, humiliation and defeat. The Cross was a sign of oppression and punishment. The Cross meant nailing flesh to wood. It was cruel punishment. It was a punishment for criminals. The Romans ruled an empire. They, as most empires, exploited their subjects and ruled their conquered people with a heavy hand. While giving certain gifts to the world especially structures of administration, preserving the Hellenic culture and the building of roads, they were an oppressive regime. Jesus in this Gospel tells the Apostles that through them, all would be disciples and that the Cross and death to self is a consequence, if not a requirement for discipleship. He also tells us that for our Crosses endured for Him, they will lead to a greater fullness of life.

**"I have done all the right things and I am still suffering."**

I cannot tell you how often I have heard the above-mentioned quote. If you were doing the right things and did not meet with opposition, I would be concerned. To be a disciple of Christ means seeking to live the message of the Gospel day in and day out. It means loving enough to speak the truth when all others are reacting too emotionally. Disciples seek to face the deep-seated truth about oneself rather than judging the motives of others. Discipleship means asking oneself as well as others, questions which lead to truth. Discipleship means seeking human supremacy out of love for all humanity when others are speaking about white supremacy. It means speaking about the God given dignity of each person regardless of race, color creed and orientation when others are seeking to exercise superiority over others who they deem of less quality. Discipleship is prophetic, it speaks to power. In each of these cases, those who love enough to speak out for the truth will face opposition. This is just as Jesus has said. Let us rejoice.

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

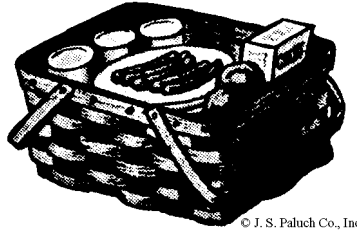
**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**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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**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROW**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

*Participate in the Feast by:*

- *Helping carry the flags and banners for the procession from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Children and Adults needed) Please e-mail [info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com](mailto:info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com)*
- *Helping carry Our Lady during the procession from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Men 17 years and older)-Please e-mail [info@Sacredhearts-ststephen.com](mailto:info@Sacredhearts-ststephen.com)*
- *Bring the family to see the fireworks at 8:00 PM on the front steps of Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen.*
- *Attend Mass in honor of Our Lady at 8:15 PM in the church.*
- *Seeing if your house or business is on the procession route at [www.Mariaaddolorata.com](http://www.Mariaaddolorata.com)*
- *Decorating the outside of your home if it is on the route and being there when it passes by.*
- *Walk with your family and friends behind Our Lady starting at 4:00 PM.*

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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