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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>OCTOBER 2, 2017</b>
Noon	For the People of the Parish
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 3, 2017</b>
8:30	George Tabeek BY: Gertrude
<b>WED</b>	<b>OCTOBER 4, 2017</b>
8:30	Christine & Guiseppe Buonpane BY: Son, Frank J. Buonpane
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5, 2017</b>
8:30	Bruce La Marca BY: Andy Di Manso
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 6, 2017</b>
8:30	Elizabeth Lo Porto BY: The Delgado Family
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7, 2017</b>
8:30	In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary and For Archie's Son Nick Zanzonico BY: Dora Zanzonico & Family
5:30 PM	Vito & Maria Colella BY: Children
<b>SUN</b>	<b>OCTOBER 8, 2017</b>
8:00	Paul Patane BY: Gail
10:00	St. Michael's Society Mass BY: Devotees
12:00	Anna Sergi BY: Susie & Richie

## THANK YOU



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The members of O L of Loretto #585 Knights of Columbus held a clothing drive to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We collected over FIFTY bags of clothing and many bags of diapers and children's clothing. All the clothing was collected and was picked up and delivered to the Red Cross who handed it out to Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas. We would like to thank the members who helped collect the clothing. They are Past Grand Knight Jimmy Geritano, Brother Knight SK Anthony Troiano and also Ann Marie Ilardi, Peter Ilardi and Nancy Geritano. We thank you for supporting us and our programs to help those in need.

### 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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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      |

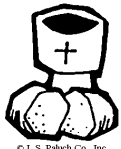
Rev. Michael A. Carrano



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of October 1st have been donated In Memory of **JOSEPH "RED" LA GUARDIA**  
BY: Andrew & Carolyn S. Moriello

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 24th has been donated in Memory of **RALPH COLANTONIO**  
BY: Loving Family



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 1st has been donated In Memory of **GUY DI MANSO**  
BY: Lucy, Brigida & Dominick



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We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, October 8th at the Noon Mass, Bishop Antonio Stagliano, Bishop of Noto, Sicily will be celebrating Mass in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Stagliano .

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/24/17	\$ 3,015.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$-11,310.00

\*\* 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 a Health and Blood Pressure Clinic. 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.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRESENTATION

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Fatima Apparitions on Saturday, October 7th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM here at SHSS. All are invited to be inspired by the message of O.L. of Fatima. The messages of O. L. of Fatima are unfolding now. Come and listen to what Our Lady's peace plan is for humanity. The presentation will include video clips of the "Miracle of the Sun" and other apparitions will be shown.

All are welcome to this beautiful event.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

**“your attitude must be that of Christ Jesus....”**

**In the Gospel, Jesus tells the chief priests and leaders that those they least expect are entering the Kingdom of Heaven while those who would expect and who were most prepared, were not entering the Kingdom. Why is this the case one may ask? What lesson is there in this passage from the Gospel of St. Matthew 21-21-32 for us?**

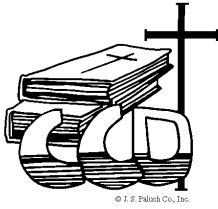
**In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, we learn that we have a responsibility for our moral behavior. Living in union with God helps us to live in union with God and others. The second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians, tells us the followers of Jesus, that we must have in us the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus. This attitude is one of faithfulness to love, peace, mercy, goodness, humility, kindness, chastity, generosity, patience, gentleness, self control even when all things are not going well. Look at the behavior of Christ in the Gospel. He is faithful to the Way of God in every situation.**

**Why is it that those least expected to gain entrance into the Kingdom of God are gaining entrance while those most prepared are not? Those who are gaining entrance to the Kingdom are those who have encountered Christ Jesus. The Gospel text presents us with a parable about two sons. The first son refuses his father’s request and then repents and obeys. The second son says yes but does not honor his commitment. The Pharisees and the elders were most prepared to recognize the Word of God and do not. Those regarded by the self proclaimed religious as sinners, recognize the Word of God, they repent and accept Jesus. They saw in Jesus the fulfillment of all their needs, wants and longings. They were open to having their lives changed by Christ for the better. Living in union with God is more than following rules and regulations. God is not just a legislator of directives and laws. Living in union with God means having a deep and ongoing relationship with the Lord and living out that relationship among people.**

**Once we begin to realize the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus, then we can appreciate that God in Christ becomes one with us in all things but sin. God in Jesus takes on our sufferings and redeems us out of love for us. Realizing this in our hearts, we can begin to see that morality becomes a guide to a relationship with God not an imposition of law or regulations. Our lives are changed from within. Our hearts are moved to deeper relationship with the Lord and with others. Our moral behavior changes because of Jesus.**

**What lessons can we learn from this? We can learn that we are called to have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus in the contexts of the Community (church) the Eucharist, and the sacred Scriptures. In this way, Christ is seen as Lord of one’s personal life as well as Lord of the world. Believing this helps us to be responsible for our moral actions. We can live out the faith in good deeds, prayer, acts of justice, kindness and mercy.**

**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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### **GHOSTLIGHT**

**Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraf, Artistic Director**

**Presents**

*MARTIN*

*With the Swiss Choral Ensemble*

*Vioz 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*

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### UPS AND DOWNS

Our Elevator project is moving quickly during this phase of construction. Our contractor has already replaced the old wooden floor beams under the entrance of the church with steel, the foundation for the new elevator shaft was poured and the cement block walls of the elevator shaft have been completed up to the choir loft. The Hicks Street entrance for the elevator has been lowered to meet the level of the sidewalk inside the building and an opening was created for the elevator door, at the Cabrini Hall level. The storage rooms around the elevator have been created for storing tables and chairs and the family restroom has been framed out and dry-walled. While our construction continues to progress, we remind everyone that this project can only continue to move forward thanks to your donations to Generations of Faith. **It is most especially important at this time that those paying off their pledges do so on a regular basis to meet the costs of the initial construction. For those who are able, paying one additional payment on your pledge this month would help the parish meet our construction schedule with greater ease. Thank you for all your collective support!**

### BOOK CLUB

Please join our next meeting on October 16th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House where we will be discussing The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks. All are welcome!

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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