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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> Noon	<b>OCTOBER 23, 2017</b> Guido Porcelli & Jimmy & Sophie Pennisi BY: Loving Family
<b>TUE.</b> 8:30	<b>OCTOBER 24, 2017</b> Sr. Anna Desiderio, CSJ
<b>WED</b> 8:30	<b>OCTOBER 25, 2017</b> Elizabeth Lo Porto BY: Andy Di Manso
<b>THURS.</b> 8:30	<b>OCTOBER 26, 2017</b> Filomena Scotto BY: Children
<b>FRI.</b> 8:30	<b>OCTOBER 27, 2017</b> Enrico Dellaporte Anniversary Blessings BY: Wife Catherine
<b>SAT.</b> 8:30	<b>OCTOBER 28, 2017</b> Mary Todaro BY: Family
<b>5:30 PM</b>	Giuseppina Borrometi BY Rose Mary Polito & Family
<b>SUN</b> 8:00	<b>OCTOBER 29, 2017</b> Theresa Dewhurst BY: Joan Mc Grath
<b>10:00</b>	Antonio & Enrichetta Colandrea BY: Daughter Melania Lubrano
<b>12:00</b>	Ann Sergi BY: Rose Marie Foglia

**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.



**NOVELTY**  
**ANIMATED ANIMAL SALE**

Once again this year, we welcome members of the Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, Inc. who will be selling unique Novelty Animated Singing Animals to raise money for the children at the Ronald McDonald House in NYC and the pediatric unit of Memorial Sloan Kettering Center after Masses on October 21st and October 22nd. Each bear moves and sings its own song. Most cost \$35.00. If you don't need a bear, please consider making a monetary donation to help the children.

You are invited to an All Hallows Eve Feast on Saturday, October 28th here at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen's Church following the 5:30 PM Evening Mass. Come dressed as a Saint and be ready to celebrate. Event to take place in Rectory Hall, entrance on Carroll St. For additional information, please call Laura Ramierz, our Youth Minister at 718 596-7750.

# 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      |

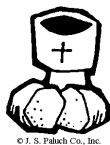
Rev. Michael A. Carrano



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of October 22nd have been donated  
In Memory of

**ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS**

By: Clara Stella



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 22nd has been donated  
In Memory of

**CONCETTA ZOCCO**

BY: Carmela & Maria Di Rosa

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 10/15	\$ 4,544.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$ -14,325.00
Difference:	\$-9,781.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

### PRAYER INTENTION MASS

A Mass for your personal intentions will be said on November 29th @ 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.

### CHURCH BEHAVIOR-RECTORY BUSINESS

Dear Everyone:

Just a reminder, Rectory business should be conducted at the Rectory during the week from 9AM-5PM. The members of the staff are also members of the parish. They have a need to pray at Mass, be part of the Liturgy and visit the Blessed Sacrament just as anyone else. Kindly allow our staff to pray in church and do not try to conduct Rectory concerns in church. Requesting Mass intentions, renewing memorial candles, donations, envelope concerns and questions are to be conducted either at the Rectory or by calling the Rectory, not in Church. Kindly respect the privacy and the prayer time of the staff members.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

# From the Pastor

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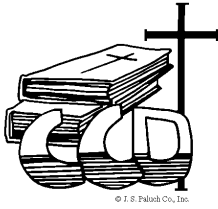
**Dear Parish Family:**

The Gospel today gives us reason to pause and ponder the answer that Jesus gives to those who question him regarding paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus says: “Then repay Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” How are we to understand that answer? Does not everything belong to God? Is there anything that does not belong to God? Life is from God. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, even Cyrus the pagan King of Persia seems to belong to God. Isaiah believed that Cyrus was an instrument through whom God worked to end the exile thus affecting the return of the people of Israel back to their land. Even if Cyrus did not know he was an instrument of God, God is recognized as the God of history. All times and all seasons belong to God. So how do we return to God what already belongs to God? If Caesar’s power extends only over the Roman Empire and God is unlimited and universal, does paying the tax limit one’s loyalty to God?

“Is it lawful according to the Law of Israel to pay taxes to Caesar? This was a perplexing and complicated question for all Jewish groups at the time of Jesus. The Tax was a constant and clear reminder to the Jews that they were held in subjugation to Rome. Therefore, the Tax itself was oppressive. There existed and still exists many Jewish sects at the time of Jesus as well as in our own day. Therefore one must be careful not to generalize the Jews or Jewish opinions on issues. With regard to the Poll Tax levied by the Roman Empire, there are different opinions. The Pharisees paid the tax under protest because they saw the tax as supporting paganism and oppression. The Pharisees charge of paganism is because the emperor saw himself as a god. The Sadducees paid the tax without question because they favored a cooperative relationship with the Roman Empire. The Herodians who supported King Herod, did not question the tax because it helped keep Herod, a Jewish King in power although he was a puppet of the Roman Empire. The Zealot Party members saw the tax as a cause for revolution against the Roman Empire. These questions can be found in the Talmud. (While not scripture, the Talmud is a text which seeks to assist the believing Jew how to live out the law of God in every aspect of one’s life.) Thus the problem with the payment of the Tax had to do with paganism and oppression of the people.

The question places Jesus in a difficult position. He was being set up by his opponents. Jesus is placed between the Roman Empire and Religious law. Jesus is being placed in the midst of the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians all of whom had their respective interpretations of the Law. Jesus realizes he had to avoid support of one over the others and still remain true to his faith and morality. If Jesus endorsed the Tax, he would be seen as siding with the Romans against his own people. If Jesus opposed the Tax, he would be seen as an enemy of the state. Thus, the answer Jesus gives is the best and to the point. If God is the God of History, does even Caesar belong to God? Does paying the Tax violate one’s faithfulness to God? Jesus leaves it up to the payer of the tax. One must also remember that national refusal of payment of this Tax could have caused the Romans to destroy the city of Jerusalem. Thus, with the payment, the Jews could survive and worship with little or no interference from Rome. In times of controversy, we must use wisdom. Jesus is most wise in his answer. For us we may ask is everything legal moral? If we must follow and support the law of the land, how do we live our morality? Whose task is it to uphold the moral law at times over and above the civil Law?

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**



### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME A CATECHIST**

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in the ministry of Childhood Faith Formation (CCF) 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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### **UPS AND DOWNS**

As work progresses on the installation of our elevator, we as a parish family are happy to know that soon we will be able to be whole as a community when our brothers and sisters in wheelchairs or who have difficulty with steps will once again be able to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist. While we thank all those who have made a donation to Generations of Faith in order to fund this project, we would like to let you know that some who made pledges are no longer able to fulfill those pledges due to death, financial challenges or relocation. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to ensure the best success of this project, please see **Msg. Massie** and discuss the options.

**Thank you for all your support!**

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If you cannot make mass on Sunday during the regular mass schedule, please be aware of the following evening masses available in our community:

**The Oratory Church of St. Boniface  
190 Duffield Place  
Brooklyn, New York  
Sunday Evening @ 6:00 PM**

**St. Charles Borromeo  
19 Sydney Place  
Brooklyn, New York  
Sunday Evening @ 7:00 PM**

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**INFORMATION SHEET**

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