

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:

8:30 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON

5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM

Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

Adoration: First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 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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REV. NGOZI

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Choir Director Emerita

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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Parish Trustees and Advisors

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.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. NOVEMBER 22, 2021**
8:30 Frank Agosta
BY: His Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 23, 2021**
8:30 Dolly Peret
BY: Blaise & Jena Latriano
- WED NOVEMBER 24, 2021**
8:30 For a Personal Intention
- THURS. NOVEMBER 25, 2021**
8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
BY: RoseAnn Illiano & Family
- FRI. NOVEMBER 26, 2021**
8:30 Lee & Joseph Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- SAT. NOVEMBER 27, 2021**
8:30 Jennie Maresca
BY Ralph & Linda Venezia
5:00 PM Joseph & Jean Bivona
BY: Fran & Destiny Bivona
- SUN NOVEMBER 28, 2021**
8:30 Buddy Scotto
BY: Terry
10:00 Ambrose Browne
BY: Karen Browne
Noon Theresa Colandreo
BY: Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 11/14	\$ 1,808.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,250.50
Total Sunday 11/14	\$ 4,058.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,266..50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn

and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
- Catholic Charities
- Hospital, College & Prison Chaplains
- Diocesan Vocations Office
- Catholic Migration Services
- Office of Faith Formation
- Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy
- Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our Parish Goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of November 21st have been donated
In Loving Memory of
LUCILLE ABRAMO
BY: JoAnne & David



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Bread & Wine for the week of November 21st has been donated
In Memory of
DOMINICK ROTONDO
BY: The Muino Family



Pray For

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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, | Helena Rolla |
| Brad Hatry | Gertrude Zagarella |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Agnes Scolaro |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Louis D'Angelo |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Kristin Quail |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | Nina Carulli |



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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

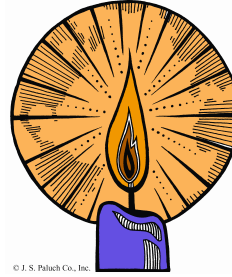
We hope to see you there!



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2021
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE
SUN, 11/28-SUN. 12/19
The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000
Knights of Columbus is

coordinating a food drive for Advent. The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the food pantry at St. John's Bread & Life. Donations of canned food will be collected at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church during weekends in Advent. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.



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If you wish to remember a loved one or have a devotion to a particular saint, annual memorial candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit

for one year at a cost of \$100.00 per year (first time cost is \$110.00 to cover the expense of the plaque) They can be placed by any Saint in our Church and a personalized plaque with the inscription of your choice may be affixed to the candle. If you are interested or have any questions regarding these candles, please call the Rectory and speak to Rose Marie Foglia, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be happy to help you.

COME HOME FOR ADVENT

HOLY HOUR-EVENING PRAYER

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TUESDAYS @ 7:00 PM

11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

HOPE, LOVE, JOY, PEACE

Let us Deck the Halls of Our Hearts
in Preparation of the Birth of Christ
and His Expectant Return

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Christ is the beginning and the end. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega of our existence.

Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. All time and all seasons are his.

To Christ be the glory forever.

Today the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday in the Liturgical year 2021. The year ends as it began by proclaiming Christ as our King. Acknowledging Christ as our King means that we acknowledge his reign over every aspect of our lives. We acknowledge our very existence as dependent on Christ. We as disciples of Christ are to invite the Lord Jesus into every part of our lives. Being baptized and being admitted to the Eucharist means that we not only acknowledge the Kingship of Christ, but that we are willing to accept and rejoice over his reign in and over our lives. “The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of one who writes straight with crooked lines.” John Paul II

The readings today tell us of the nature of the Kingship of Christ. The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Daniel. The Book of Daniel is a piece of apocalyptic literature. This is a particular genre of biblical writing which speaks about the final victory of God over evil. Apocalyptic literature uses symbolism which can be difficult to understand. All we need to know is that the world we know will end and in the end, God will be victorious. We are also reminded that all of us will be held accountable for our lives. In the Book of Daniel, we are presented with the term “Son of Man.” It is this person who will come and establish the reign of God among us. The Son of Man will be both divine and human. In Christian writings the Son of Man is identified as Jesus.

In the second reading from the Book of Revelation, we read a great Christological text. This text tells us that Jesus is our conquering and victorious King. Christ has defeated death, destroyed evil and made the final victory of good over all forms of evil. All this is accomplished in the Great Paschal Mystery of Easter. It is in the Death and Resurrection of Christ that we are redeemed and truth is triumphant. Thus, the final victory is won in Christ. While there may seem to be the growth of evil, in the end, Christ will have the last word.

In The Gospel from St. John, we are brought back to Good Friday. In this portion of the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus “are you the King.” Jesus answered that he is and that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate recognizes Jesus as a threat to Roman rule. The Jews recognized the messiah as one having religious and secular power to establish the rule of God. Jesus transcends both concepts. The Kingdom of Jesus is one of Truth, Love, Mercy and Justice. These are eternal values which neither Pilate nor the Jewish leadership understood. Christ reigns in our hearts. The mark of the Kingdom is that of love, mercy, justice, peace, truth, life, holiness and grace. It is a kingdom where those who seek peace find it, where those who work for justice are rewarded, where those who showed mercy are given mercy. The kingdom of God is the victory of the Beatitudes, (Matthew 5:1-12) it is the crowning of those who actualized the spiritual and temporal acts of mercy as we see in the final judgment scene. (Matthew 25:11f) Notice in this final judgment parable that mercy is the criteria for attaining heaven. Notice that the prayer, liturgy and sacraments are never mentioned. Perhaps this is so because the goal of our prayer life must lead us to charity and mercy. We must hold our Prayer, Mercy and Charity together and never separate them. Christ is King of those who follow his commands. Do we want a Christ who reigns from a cross? Do we want a Christ whose gospel challenges our very hearts and notions of God? Do we not prefer a nice Jesus who we have created in our own minds to the Jesus who asks us to accept the humanity of people including those who are different, challenging, poor, uneducated and who come in a variety of colors?

“As King, Christ claims dominion over all creation that he may present to you, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life. A kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Communion, Participation and Mission

1. The Church of God is convoked in Synod. The path entitled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission solemnly opened on the 9th –10th of October in Rome and on the following 17th of October in each particular Church. One fundamental stage will be the celebration of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod or Bishops in October 2023 which will be followed by the implementation phase that will again involve the particular Churches (cf. EC. Arts. 19-21) With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission. “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our “journeying together” is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.
2. A basic question prompts and guides us: How does this “journeying together,” which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? Addressing this question together requires listening to the Holy Spirit, who like the wind “blows where it will; you can hear the sound it makes; but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes” (Jm 3:8), remaining open to the surprises that the Spirit will certainly prepare for us along the way. Thus, a dynamism is activated that allows us to begin to reap some of the fruits of a synodal conversion, which will progressively mature. These objectives of great importance for the quality of ecclesial life and for accomplishing the mission of evangelization, in which we all participate by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation. Here, we will indicate the main objectives, which decline synodality as the form, the style and the structure of the Church
 - Recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church’s journey through history and, today, calls us to be, together, witnesses of God’s love;
 - Living a participative and inclusive ecclesial process that offers everyone—especially those for various reasons find themselves on the margins—the opportunity to express themselves and to be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the People of God;
 - Recognizing and appreciating the wealth and the variety of the gifts and charisms that the Spirit liberally bestows for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family.
 - Exploring participatory ways of exercising responsibility in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the effort to build a more beautiful and habitable world.
 - Examining how responsibility and power are lived in the Church as well as the structures by which they are managed, bringing to light and trying to convert prejudices and distorted practices that are not rooted in the Gospel.
 - Accrediting the Christian community as a credible subject and reliable partner in paths of social dialogue, healing, reconciliation, inclusion and participation, the reconstruction of democracy, the promotion of fraternity and social friendship;
 - Regenerating relationships among members of Christian communities as well as between communities and social groups, e.g. communities of believers of other denominations and religions, civil society organizations, popular movements, etc.
 - Fostering the appreciation and appropriation of the fruits of recent synodal experiences on the universal, regional, national and local levels.