
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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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.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.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/9	\$ 3,073.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,252.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
Month of August totaled \$2,617.93



Technology Classes with
Deacon Przemek will begin again as
follows: 9/18/25 at 4:30 PM in the
Parish House. All are welcome. Please bring
your tablets, laptops or phones to the sessions.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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 and to help them 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 prepare for your child's religious formation this fall.

◇ For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms will be e-mailed this week. 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 did not receive a form as of June 15th, please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office or e-mail narkin1960@gmail.com.

◇ If you prefer to re-register in person, or **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.



On Sunday, 9/16, following the
noon Mass, we will hold our
annual Parish BBQ. Join our
Parish Family for an afternoon
of community, food and fun.

We hope to see you there!! All are welcome!

- MON. SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**
Noon John & Rose Groccia
BY: Son Richie &
Daughter-in-law Susan
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**
8:30 Vincent J. Favorito
BY: Loving Family
- WED SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**
8:30 Grace Yancone
BY: Dominick & Angela Dellaporte
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**
8:30 Bridget Scannavino
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**
8:30 Maureen Cantone
BY: Dora Zanzonico
- SAT. SEPT. 22, 2018**
8:30 In Thanksgiving to
St. Michael for the
protection & guidance of all
our police
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
5:30 PM Vito & Maria Colella
BY: Children
- SUN SEPT. 23, 2018**
8:00 AM Joe Finochiaro
BY: Grace & Family
10:00 Louise Porter
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
Noon Joseph Chesnicka
BY: Chesnicka & Deliso Families

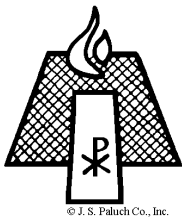
Sick Relatives & Friends

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 |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Palma Caminiti | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | John Scotto |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuro | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Anthony Manfre | Theresa Colantonio |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Celeste Internicola | Diane Barchuk |

GUY M STEWART CANCER FUND GOLF OUTING

Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, Inc. is having a golf outing to raise money for the children at Ronald McDonald House in NYC and the pediatric unit of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. It is at Dyker Heights Golf Course on Friday, 9/21/18. Golfers and sponsors are invited as well as people who might want to join us for our After-Golf Bash. For more information, contact Barbara Schweitzer at 718 745-9403 or Barbara.BS@Verizon.net. This is the group that sells the animated animals before Christmas.



**The Sanctuary Lamps for the
week of
September 16, 2018 have been
donated
In Loving Memory of
LORI CHRISTON
BY; Paul Chepolis & Lori Lupo**

PET ADOPTION

Animal Care Centers of NYC will be at Sacred Hearts with their Mobile Pet Adoption Truck on Sunday, 9/30/18 from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. There will be many loving dogs and cats available for adoption. Take home a furry friend!!!

OPEN HOUSE

Saint Saviour High School 2018 Open Houses, Sunday, September 30th from 1:00 PM to 3 PM and Thursday, Oct. 18th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. RSVP online: stsaviour.org/admissions.

Saint Saviour High School, an all girls school is located at 588 6th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215. Call 718 768 7002 to schedule a Buddy Day! stsaviour.org.

UPS AND DOWNS

Our contractor and the elevator manufacturer began installing the Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen elevator in our church on Monday, September 10th. Both companies will work cooperatively over the next few weeks to finalize the installation and operation of the elevator securing all New York City Department of Buildings approvals. If you have made a pledge to Generations of Faith, please continue to make your payments allowing us to fully fund our parish elevator. Remember that all payments currently being made on Generations of Faith pledges to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen parish come 100% directly back to the parish for the completion of this project. For those who may have made a pledge but are behind in your payments and unable to fulfill your pledge, please consider calling the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens and lowering your pledge to something that works within your budget. Generations of parishioners and visitors alike will benefit from your generosity which will make our church building accessible to all who wish to enter it.

**From the
Pastor**

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings seem to take us back to Lent and Holy Week. The theme of the scriptures today is the Cross. I think it is safe to say that there is no Christian ministry or Christian service without a struggle or without the Cross. The Cross is the quintessential symbol of the Church. Without the Cross, there is no Christ. It is through the Cross that Christ redeems the world. Each follower of Christ, every minister of Christ will share the Cross of Christ.

A Cross comes about when a horizontal beam meets a vertical beam. The cross is formed when we have a conflict. The Gospel is by nature confrontational. The gospel speaks of a value system that is found in power, wealth and influence. The peacemaker, the merciful one, the forgiving one and the searcher for justice does not have a chance. When this happens, those in opposition to the world view have a conflict and it is this conflict that causes a Cross.

The price of the Gospel is death. This death is a death to our preconceived notions about God and people. This dying for the Gospel means dying to our ways of thinking and dealing with life and seeking the way Jesus has taught us. This is not easy. We may find ourselves in conflict with ourselves. We may become our own cross.

Jesus articulated an internal morality in his society which was more legally minded than spiritual. Jesus presented a message of love which is self sacrificing and self giving. Jesus, who we believe is the image of God, presented us with understanding of God who seeks a relationship with us. God, for Jesus is not a legislator of laws but a person with whom we enter a deep relationship. While relationships have expectations and laws which may be written or unwritten, the main point is the personal relationship. This deep relationship with God is based on following Christ. Following Christ means being a person who loves others. Being a person who loves means you will the good of the other regardless of liking or disliking of the other. Imitating Christ means being a person of mercy. Following this Jesus means being a person of forgiveness even when that forgiveness is not mutual. Following Christ means seeking peace based on truth and justice which is always tempered by mercy and kindness. Seeking God's kingdom means seeing everyone as created by God and redeemed by the blood of Christ. God, for Jesus is our Father whose will it is to rid the world of evil, bring about peace among all his children and establish his rule through all people of good will. This message is great but it will be opposed. When it is opposed, it causes conflict for those seeking such a world and those who oppose such a message. This conflict is a cross.

So, if you thought that following Christ, doing all the right things would make your life easy, you will be very surprised. Christianity without the Cross is not Christianity. It is the self creation of feel good preachers who have missed the main message of the Gospel. It is through death that we experience resurrection. This death to ourselves, our ideas and accepting the strange wisdom of the Cross.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE!**

BUILD THE BLOCK
Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

**MEETING TIME: Doors Open at 6:30 PM for refreshments
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

**MEETING SITE: Cobble Hill Nursing Home
380 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231**

**SPONSORED BY: New York State Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon and
Your Neighborhood Coordination Officers
Police Officer John Asanesco
Police Officer Lauren Maragni**

The NYPD Officers serving your community invite you to a discussion of the public safety challenges in your neighborhood.

With neighborhood policing, the Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs), and the Steady Sector Officers who work with them, have been given more time and opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns. The same officers are assigned to our community each day, so these officers learn the neighborhood, its challenges and potential, and the people who call it home.

This is a new way of doing business for the NYPD, and we need your help to make it work. We want to hear from a broad range of voices about what it will take to make all the residents of our neighborhood feel safe and secure. Please join us for what we hope will be a lively and productive discussion.

RECENT EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

You are urged to voice your feelings regarding the recent sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church by writing to the following:

Archbishop Christopher Pierre
Papal Nuncio
33-39 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
United States Conference of Bishops
32-11 4th St. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017

INFORMATION SHEET

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