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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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## **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN**

*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.**

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*

*Brooklyn, N.Y 11231*

*718-596-7750 tel*

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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE

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*Choir Director*

LAURA RAMIREZ-GALEAS

*Youth Minister*

ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

MICHAEL J. ENG

DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.

*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.

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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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 8/26	\$ 2,460.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,865.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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

- MON. SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**  
Noon For the People of The Parish
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**  
8:30 Personal Prayer Intention Mass
- WED SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**  
8:30 Caterina Deserio  
BY: Her Sister Anna
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**  
8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**  
8:30 All Deceased Members of  
The Caria Family  
BY: Marie Caria
- SAT. SEPT. 8, 2018**  
8:30 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe  
BY: Son Louis  
5:30 PM Elizabeth Lo Porto  
BY: Loving Family
- SUN SEPT. 9, 2018**  
8:00 AM Flora Opoku  
BY: The Byrne Family  
10:00 Concetta Napoli  
BY: Louis & Angela Napoli  
Noon Nancy Ilardi  
BY: Children & Grandchildren



Technology Classes with  
Deacon Przemek will begin again as  
follows: 9/11, 18, 25 at 4:30 PM in  
the Parish House. All are welcome. Please  
bring your tablets, lap taps 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](mailto: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.

## BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, September 10th at 700 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing

**WOMAN ON THE OTHER SHORE**  
**BY MITSUYO KAKUTA.**

All are welcome!

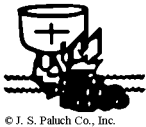
# Sick Relatives & Friends

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 Laqueria    | 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.



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 2, 2018 has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**MARIA SANTAERA**  
BY: Maria Di Rosa



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 2, 2018 have been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**ROSEMARIE DELLAPORTE**  
BY; Carolyn & John Zodda

## CATECHISTS NEEDED Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Be a Catechist

10. The best way to learn is to teach.
- 9 Catechists “echo” the teachings of Christ.
8. Sharing the faith is an honor.
- 7 Your own faith will come alive.
6. You become active in the lively part of our Parish.
5. A Catechist is a role model.
4. You will be practicing stewardship.
3. You show your own family that you value religious education.
2. It is fun. Really!
1. It is what we are called to do!

If interested or if you have any questions, please call Nancy Arkin, Director of Faith Formation, 718 596-7750.



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## FLU VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Be prepared for the Flu Season! Flu Vaccines will be available on Sunday, September 9th from 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM in our Church. Please bring your insurance card. If you do not have an insurance card, you can still receive the shot. All are welcome

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings are held together by the responsorial psalm; "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." The accent is on the word "does" in the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy which is found in the Hebrew text. This reading is important because it is one of the first five books of the bible which is called the Torah. The Torah holds great teaching authority in the Jewish Community. The Torah is the rock foundation of Jewish faith. The Torah is described as the way to walk in Hebrew: Hallah. The Torah may be described as the truth or Emet. The Torah may also be described as the life or Hyim. So, the Torah is for the Jewish people what Jesus, The Incarnate Word of God is for us. If the Torah is God's word, then listening to the Word of God and learning the Word and knowing how to live this Word becomes the call of all those who seek to be children of God. The Israelites were called to live the Word in their actions.

In the second reading from the Letter of James, we are told that the word came down to us. "All good giving and every perfect gift are from above coming down from the Father of lights, He willed to give us birth by the Word of Truth." The writer tells us: "be doers of the Word and not hearers only." We are called to live the Word and to act upon it. In short, practice what we believe and what we preach.

In the Gospel today, again we are told to practice the faith not just the religion. Jesus uses the Pharisees to give an example. The Pharisees get bad press in the New Testament, however, we have come to know that there were really five types of pharisaical groups. We have come to learn this from the Talmud. The Talmud is a Jewish text which was written over a period of centuries to help Jews live Judaism without the Temple. In this text we learn about the Pharisees. Not all Pharisees were hypocritical, not all were hostile to Jesus. In many ways, the teachings of Jesus and the Pharisees are similar. Jesus and the Pharisees believed in God as Father, the coming of the Kingdom of God, the belief in the written and the oral tradition of revelation, the gathering of disciples at a sacred meal, etc. The Pharisees, while doing good things, thought that God owed them for being faithful. This behavior is in opposition to the teaching of Jesus. One cannot put God in one's debt. God owes no one. God does give all in graciousness, so even the desire to pray comes from God's grace. There is nothing we can do without God.

Today, the important lesson from the Liturgy of the Word is to live the faith you profess. Avoid evil, do good for the Glory of God. Today you will receive the Eucharist. How will you be the Eucharist tomorrow at work? Today you hear the Word of God. How will that Word affect your behavior today and tomorrow? Today we sing hymns to God in worship and praise. How will we live that praise of God when we leave here and face the pressures of the world? People of faith can make their respective worlds places of hope, joy, welcome and friendliness by how they behave. The reason we have this present scandal is that some leadership did not live what they believed. Do not do the same. Follow instead Christ's instructions to the apostles at the Last Supper, "as I have done, so must you do."

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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.

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**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**

**CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS**

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen #875400

**PHONE**

718-596-7750

**CONTACT PERSON**

Rose Marie Foglia

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