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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*

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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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 9/2	\$ 2,485.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,840.00

\*\* 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](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 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing

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

All are welcome!

- MON. SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**  
Noon Restituta Marchetti &  
All Deceased of  
The Marchetti Family  
BY: Catherine
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**  
8:30 All Deceased of 9/11 Attack
- WED SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**  
8:30 Anthony Massie
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**  
8:30 Joseph & Lia Cerato  
BY: Son Joseph Cerato
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**  
8:30 Holy Cross for the Parish
- SAT. SEPT. 15, 2018**  
8:30 Nicole Vergona  
BY: Loving Family  
5:30 PM Louis Trani  
BY: Loving Wife & Family
- SUN SEPT. 16, 2018**  
8:00 AM Lori Christon  
BY: Paul Chepolis & Lori Lupo  
10:00 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon St. Candida  
BY: Society \*  
St. Candida to use Rectory Hall after  
Mass for Social

# 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:

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.



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**Altar Bread & Wine for the week of  
September 9, 2018 has been donated**

**In Loving Memory of**

**All who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 and for the loved  
ones they left behind.**

**We will never forget!**

**BY: Tommy, Valerie & Joseph**



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**The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
September 9, 2018 have been donated**

**In Loving Memory of**

**ANGIE PATE**

**BY; Carolyn & John Zodda**

Dear Parish Family,

We are members of the Body of Christ known as the Church. The person uniting us to each other is Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist and the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us family. Thus, every Catholic is united with all Catholics throughout the world. Being part of this Body of Christ called the Church unites us with the saints of the past and the saints of the future. We all share a common history. We can rejoice at the accomplishments of the Church throughout the centuries. In a similar way, we can lament the sins of the past and the unfaithfulness of some of our members. Every century will know its saints and its sinners. Today the Church needs her children. The Church needs you and me to pray for it. We need to pray in reparation for brothers and we need to pray for healing of our members.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN A DAY OF FASTING  
AND PRAYER ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 14TH,  
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS FROM  
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM FOR EXPOSITION  
AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT, THE PRAYING OF THE  
ROSARY AND READING OF SCRIPTURE  
FOLLOWED BY VESPERS AND  
BENEDICTION. I ASK ALL TO  
VOLUNTARILY FAST FROM MEAT AND  
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE FROM EATING ALL  
DAY IN REPARATION FOR THE SINS OF  
OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND FOR  
GUIDANCE NEEDED TO PREVENT THIS  
TERRIBLE BEHAVIOR IN THE FUTURE.**

Please, if you love the Church, be with us, participate, Friday, September 14th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church.

We especially ask all Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers, Choir Members, Knights of Columbus and Members of the Parish Council and Parish Staff to attend.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**From the  
Pastor**

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Dear Parish Family,

**Ephphatha-Be Open!**

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel are held together by the responsorial psalm. The psalm tells us: “The God of Jacob keep faith forever...The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down...” We are invited to be open to the works of God around us and in us.

The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah sounds like an Advent reading. This text is filled with hope. This text is addressed to the people who have suffered loss, disappointment and defeat. The readers of this text may even feel abandoned by God. In our present day there are many of us who feel challenged. There are also many who feel disappointed in God. There are many who feel disappointed by those in whom they placed their trust. In this first reading we find words and phrases such as: “the eyes of the blind will be opened...the ears of the deaf will be cleared...the lame leap like a stag...the tongue of the mute will sing.” These terms are both literal and metaphorical. There are many ways to be blind, many ways to be deaf and many ways to be lame. When the Messiah comes, all will be healed.

In the Gospel, Jesus cures a deaf man and in doing so Jesus utters the Aramic word: “Ephphata”, meaning; be open! Yes, Jesus is referring to the opening of the man’s ears but in a symbolic way, Jesus is inviting us to be open to his word. There are many ways to be deaf. There are many ways to be closed.

As we listen to these readings today, I ask you to consider where in your life are you choosing to be blind? What is it that you will not recognize about yourself? Where are you choosing to be deaf? What can you not hear? Where are we lame or unable to walk or move? Perhaps there are attitudes, angers and past hurts which have kept us emotionally and spiritually lame? What fears paralyze you? To what are we closed?

Looking around I see that some of us are deaf to certain realities. A reality to which some of us are blind and deaf is change. Change is difficult to accept whether the change be positive or negative. We are aging and we need help in areas we never previously needed help. Sometimes our pride forbids us to ask for help. Some of us are blind to personal behaviors which may be annoying to others and may even degrade ourselves. Some of us are lame and unable to move due to anger, disappointments and past hurts we choose to remember forever. All these things close our hearts and minds to the words of Christ which can heal us and give us hope.

Today in the Catholic Church we are facing the need for healing. Some of our leaders have chosen to be blind, deaf and mute in the face of unspeakable sin and crime. Their behavior has caused the community to be unable to move. We pray and work for healing with the Truth which can be somewhat painful. For all Catholics, we must be open to the constant presence of Christ in the Eucharist and realize our faith is not in bishops, popes or priests, but in Christ who can heal us. Can we be open to Christ who keeps faith forever, gives sight to the blind and raises up those who are bowed down?

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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.

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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**

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