
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.

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 3:00 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.

MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
 Noon Nancy Marchionne
 BY Loving Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
 8:30 Ralph & Theresa Colantonio
 BY: Loving Family
- WED SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
 8:30 Lee Andrew Hirsch
 Birthday Remembrance (Dec'd)
 BY: His Mom Giustina
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
 8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &
 Ciro & Jenny Olivero
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
 8:30 Pasquale Scotto
 BY: Children
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
 8:30 In Honor of St. Michael
 5:30 PM John Cloonan & Joseph Cloonan
 BY: Loving Family
 Mary Ann, Joe & Amy
- SUN SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
 8:00 Giuseppina & Antonino Di Nieri
 BY: Camille & Anthony
 10:00 Michael Bombolino
 BY Mom & Dad
 Noon Caterina Deserio
 BY: Her Sister Anna

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday 10/7 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** by Delia Owens. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 11/4. We will be discussing **SONG OF SOLOMON** by Toni Morrison.

All are welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/15	\$ 3,357.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,968.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the
 Month of August totaled \$ 2,998.95

SAVE THE DATE

March to honor the contributions which Mother Cabrini made to help build New York City.

On Sunday, October 6, 2019 please join us as we process at 3:00 PM from Cabrini Park, 41 President St. Brooklyn, N.Y. to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church for a 4:00 PM Mass.

The City of New York recently held a competition with the goal of recognizing notable New York women who contributed to the development of the city. Although St. Francis X. Cabrini received the most votes in the competition, she was denied the recognition of a public statue in her honor. Many in our parishes are upset by the city's dismissal of the great contributions of St. Francis X. Cabrini. In order to publicly honor and acknowledge this great women of faith and social service who ministered in our own diocese, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will lead a procession in honor of St. Francis X. Cabrini through the streets she walked on in Brooklyn and celebrate Mass for the intention of all immigrants. Light refreshments & entertainment following mass with special guest Alfio

This event is sponsored by Italian Ministry of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

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 | Louis Pepe |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert |
| JanickeDominick Aiello | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | |

SACRED HEARTS HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH TO GHANA

Continuing our Parish Humanitarian Outreach to the Churches of Holy Rosary and St. Theresa, Fr Cletus' and Fr. Victor's churches in Ghana, we are now collecting School Supplies and Children's clothing for shipment.

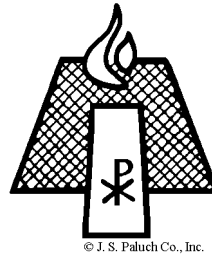
New and Gently Used Clothes for Children up to 13 years of age. Summer Clothing only!

All used clothes must be washed and folded.

Clothes can be dropped off in the back of Church during any Mass. If you have any questions, please see Anthony Troiano or Andy Di Manso in Church



Bread & Wine for the week of September 22nd has been donated
In Memory of **SAMANTHA ESPOSITO**
BY: Phyllis & John Edwards



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 22nd have been donated
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MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 28th at noon for Rev. Michael A. Carrano. Father Carrano served in our Parish for many years and is remembered by many for the wonderful work he did while assigned to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen.

Please save this date and mark your calendar to attend this mass in his memory.

All are welcome!



Thank you to all who participated in last week's Yard Party. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Balsamo for their dedication to selling raffle tickets and for donating the television. Thank you to our cook Anthony Troiano. Thank you to John Heyer and the crew who organized and set up for the afternoon. Thank you to all who helped clean up. It was a good day and a good afternoon.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Imagine if our energy was directed to doing good, to finding solutions to problems to addressing issues which can improve our quality of life.

Imagine if we used our energy to create a positive environment where relationships could grow, productivity increase and respect for the person is enhanced. In today's first reading and Gospel we are invited to direct our energies and resources towards the continued building up of the Kingdom of God.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos, we are told that one's relationship with God must be lived out in just and right relationships with others. Amos is addressing those who are wealthy. He is critical of their selfish greed. He is also critical of their worship. He accuses these greedy people of wanting to cut short their holy days so they could return to their daily business and continue to ignore the poor and destitute in their midst. Notice that Amos does not criticize their wealth but rather their greed. They ignored doing good for others. Rather they used their wealth for themselves. Had they used their resources for the building up of the people, they would have been greatly blessed.

In the Gospel we are presented with a rather interesting parable of the wicked servant. The servant proved to be most creative and resourceful with his master's money. While the servant was dishonest, he saved himself. Jesus does not praise the servant's dishonestly but rather his resourcefulness. Jesus remarks that those who are worldly and unscrupulous are more energetic in pursuing their plans than those who are working for the Kingdom of God. If energies and the resources of the unscrupulous were redirected to doing good, the world would be a better place.

How can we understand this parable? Resources can be seen as money, time or talents. During Lent I suggested that it would be a good idea if people went to mass every day. While many did come, some said "Oh, Mass is too early to get to during the week." I suggested the possibility of voluntary fasting which would be a personal commitment with a donation to a soup kitchen at the end of the fast. The response was, that is too difficult, however I met those same people running early in the day and others going to the gym in the morning. I learned that those who said that the fasting was too much, to be dieting. I discovered that those who could not come to the Stations of the Cross did find time to go to Atlantic City. When asked to increase a weekly donation to five, ten or twenty dollars, it was seen as too much, but the same people were betting on numbers and playing lotto.

This is the point of the parable. We are more likely to be more energetic and more likely to give of ourselves to worldly pursuits than to building up the Kingdom of God. Imagine if all our energies were redirected to doing what God has asked of us what a world this would be? If this is true, why is it true? What is it about our human psyche that allows for this behavior which seeks first what we want and then maybe what God may want?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ELECTRONIC GIVING
PREDICTABLE GIVING

Most of our parishioners are blessed with consistent and predictable income. But have you ever thought about how you would manage your bills and schedule your payments if you were never sure how much money you were going to have in your bank account? This is a problem that our parish faces every month. Weekly income can fluctuate by thousands of dollars—often dependent on good (or bad) weather and holiday weekends.

While we are most grateful for each and every gift that our parishioners give, to help us maintain a more consistent cash flow, we offer online giving. The parishioners currently using this method of giving will tell you that it is a great help to them too. It allows them to clearly budget the amount they want to give back to God and helps them feel assured that their parish is receiving their support even when they are out of town or unable to attend Mass. In fact, many of you will find that the parish is one of the few places you still use cash or checks anymore. We invite you to join the online giving program, which allows you complete control over your own information and giving and is provided at no cost to you.

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please visit our online giving platform at www.givecentral.org/shss or contact the parish office at 718-596-7750.

R.C.I.A, EASTER 2020

**If you are searching for God in your life, if you are desiring baptism into the faith, if you are sixteen years of age and never were baptized, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory
718-596-7750.**

If you were baptized and never were admitted to the Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to receive these sacraments, please contact Msgr. Massie at the Rectory 718 596-7750.

We are starting our preparation for Easter 2020.

SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work, as we focus this year on how the light of faith guides us to...."*Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2019-20 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10AM Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-4 on Wednesday afternoons. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718-596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register.

INFORMATION SHEET

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