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# **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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*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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

- MON. OCTOBER 21, 2019**  
 Noon Salvatore & Theresa Tilocca  
 & Camille Tilocca Limardi  
 BY The Troiano Family
- TUE. OCTOBER 22, 2019**  
 8:30 Louis & Paul Pensabene  
 BY: Angela & Louis Napoli
- WED OCTOBER 23, 2019**  
 8:30 John Cloonan & Joseph Cloonan  
 BY: Loving Family  
 Mary Ann, Joe & Amy
- THURS. OCTOBER 24, 2019**  
 8:30 Sr. Anna Desiderio, CSJ  
 BY: A Friend
- FRI. OCTOBER 25, 2019**  
 8:30 Lelitia Scotto  
 BY: Her Sisters
- SAT. OCTOBER 26, 2019**  
 8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
 BY: Mom & Dad  
 5:30 PM Dominick & Jenny Scotto
- SUN OCTOBER 20, 2019**  
 8:00 Colomba Capotorto  
 BY: Anthony & Camille Trani  
 10:00 Antonino & Giuseppina DiNieri  
 BY Rose Marie Foglia  
 Noon Enrico Dellaporte  
 BY: Wife Catherine, Children &  
 Grandchildren

**BOOK CLUB**

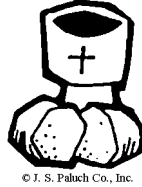
Please join us on Monday 11/4 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **SONG OF SOLOMON** by Toni Morrison.  
 All are welcome!

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 10/13	\$ 3,448.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,877.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
 Month of September totaled \$ 3,291.07



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of  
 October 20th has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
**MARIE SCOTTO**  
 BY:M/M Andrew S. Moriello

**POLICY ON MEMORIAL MASSES**

**Memorial Masses are Masses offered for deceased people with music and a singer.**

**Memorial Masses may be requested for those who die out of state or in another country. In these cases, the Memorial Mass is acting as the Funeral Mass for the deceased for the benefit of family and friends here.**

**Memorial Masses may be requested for those who are cremated. It is preferred that cremation should happen after the Funeral Mass, however, if this is not possible, a Memorial Mass will be said at a later date.**

**Memorial Masses may be requested 30 days after the Funeral Mass as is the custom for some people.**

**Memorial Masses may be requested on the first, fifth and tenth anniversary of death. All other commemorations should happen at a regularly scheduled mass either during the week or on Sundays.**

**If a family wishes to bring a priest to celebrate a Memorial Mass, they are welcome.**

**On any occasion when a Memorial Mass is requested, the stipend (fee) to the Church must be paid at least two weeks before the Mass is to take place.**

**All Memorial Masses will be said after 11:00 AM.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

# 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 Janicke      |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr.  | Mark Carles         |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Lucille Gaudino     |

## 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**

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St. Mary Star of the Sea is in need of a Part

Time Cleaner. They are located at 467 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. The need is for two days a week for three hours a day. Days are flexible-Monday-Thursday only. Pick your days. It involves dusting, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning 1/2 bathroom. Reference needed. Please call 718 625-2270 to set up an interview.

## MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2020, January to June will open on Wednesday, November 6th in the Parish House from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. You must come in person for masses, telephone requests unfortunately cannot be taken. Masses are limited to 3 per person for the first week the book is open. You may have one weekend mass (Saturday evening or Sunday) and two weekday masses. If you are requesting masses for someone other than yourself, these masses will count as your masses. Kindly remember that the dates and times you request may not be available, so please have alternate dates in mind as to allow the process to move smoothly. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and allow others to have the chance to request the dates you take each time the book is open.

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**We ask that you note the following:**  
There will be a change in our time schedule for one of our Masses. Beginning in January, 2020, the 5:30 PM Mass will be moved to 5:00 PM.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today the Gospel and the first reading from the Book of Exodus address the need for praying always. The second reading from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy instructs us to know the faith and to keep the faith. What is faith? What is prayer? How do we learn to pray? What is the difference between saying a prayer and praying? Catholics, it is said, do not know the foundations of their faith nor do they have knowledge of the scripture. Is this true? What is the difference between cultural religion and faith? How do we address these questions?

The answers to the questions are found deep within, in ourselves. Let us start with the question: What is prayer? Prayer we were taught is the lifting up of our hearts to God. We uplift our hearts in joyful thanksgiving. Prayer is praising God. Prayer is a lament to God when we are in pain or distress. Prayer is a petition for what we need. Prayer is done in many ways. Prayer is a radical and honest communication with God. Prayer finds its beginning in the deepest recesses of our hearts. According to Catechism of the Catholic church, humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that we do not know how to pray as we ought, are we ready to receive the gift of prayer. Man is a beggar before God. Even to pray, we need God's grace. Prayer is not the words. Prayer is the sentiments which the words express. Prayer is found before the words are in the minds. Prayer is of the heart. Prayer at times is a sigh, a tear, an inner silence in the presence of the Lord. Look at the Psalms in the bible. Jesus, in his human heart, prayed these psalms. Notice that the Psalm really leads you to your inner self as you stand before God. Prayer is a state of the soul. A prayerful disposition is when our spirit is open to the movements of the Holy Spirit deep within us. Prayer can be liturgical for example when we all pray together at Mass or at the Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer can be private. Prayer need not have words. Prayer can be sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in silence. Prayer is a journey to God and with God it is a journey into the deepest parts of ourselves. In the end, prayer changes our hearts. It leads us to a deeper faith. Prayer moves us to a deeper conversion to the mind and heart of Christ.

In the second reading Paul tells Timothy "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it..." What is faith? In the Letter to the Hebrews 11:1, we read "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." It seems to me that there exists different levels of faith. There is faith which leads us to believe in the Creed. There is also faith that is a more personal relationship with the Trinity through Christ and in union with the community of faith. Thus, it is faith which resides in your heart. It is this faith which assures you that the Divine Presence is with you when things in your life are dissolving. It is this faith that pushes you to search for God in life. It is the faith that assures you that in the Eucharist you have welcomed Christ into the deepest recesses of your life. How do we remain faithful? We remain faithful through prayer and following the command of Jesus to celebrate the Eucharist. Remaining faithful means knowing the foundations and the reasons for your faith. We remain faithful by knowing our sacred texts, our sacred stories in the bible and by knowing the Gospel in the context of our faith community, the Catholic Church.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**ELECTRONIC GIVING IS HERE**  
**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?**

It benefits you and our parish! Enrollment is friendly, safe and trouble free. Never worry about forgetting to bring money to church again. Please visit our website at [www.givecentral.org/shss](http://www.givecentral.org/shss) to learn how using Give Central will provide you with an efficient and secure way to support the parish.

**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](mailto:narkin1960@gmail.com) for more information or to make an appointment to register.

For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms were mailed in June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form with the registration fee as soon as possible. If you haven't received the forms, please let us know and we will re-send them. Thanks!

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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