
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.**

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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 30, 2019
Noon Anthony Polito &
 All Deceased of The Polito &
 DeLosa Family
 BY RoseMary & Family

- TUE. OCTOBER 1, 2019
8:30 Leonard Bik
 BY: Sal

- WED OCTOBER 2, 2019
8:30 Maria, Teresa & Gesualdo Cirrito
 BY: The Reca Family

- THURS. OCTOBER 3, 2019
8:30 Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri
 BY: Andy Di Manso

- FRI. OCTOBER 4, 2019
8:30 All Deceased Neighbors
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia

- SAT. OCTOBER 5, 2019
8:30 Ann Romano
5:30 PM Deceased Memberers of
 The Colella Family
 BY: Loving Family

- SUN OCTOBER 6, 2019
8:00 Dr. Paul Patane
 BY: Gail
10:00 St. Michael Society**
 BY The Society
Noon George Storz
 BY: Mom

**St. Michael Society to use Rectory Hall for a social following the 10:00 AM Mass.

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 9/22	\$ 3,117.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,208.00

**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!

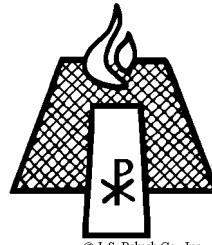
All used clothes must be washed and folded.

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



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Bread & Wine for the week of September 29th has been donated
In Memory of **CAMILLE LIMARDI**
BY: Anne Mortillaro



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 29th have been donated
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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.



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St. Saviour Catholic Academy Middle School Open House on Thursday, October 17th @ 6:30 PM. They are located at 701 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
All are welcome!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

“I confess to Almighty God...that I have greatly sinned in...what I have done and what I have failed to do...” so begins the penitential rite as we begin the celebration of the Eucharist. How many of us confess sins of omission? How many of us reflect on the good I could have done and failed to do?

Today, the twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with our theme of discipleship. Not all believers are disciples. While all disciples are believers, not all disciples are apostles. Yet all are called to follow the Gospel. Discipleship calls us to constant conversion of heart. Discipleship calls us to continuous spiritual self reflection and growth in the Lord.

In the Gospel today we meet two people who are characters in a parable told by Jesus. We meet Lazarus, a beggar, and we meet an unnamed Rich Man. Time is an element in the reading. We are told that while God may be always merciful, the time for us to choose our behavior is limited. The plight of Lazarus is a painful and lonely one. His pitiful state could move us to compassion for him. Yet, while we may be moved to compassion, the Rich Man was not condemned because he committed a wrong but rather because he failed to do the good he could have done. His sins are sins of omission, not commission.

What may have prevented him from seeing the opportunity to do the good? From the text we are told that Lazarus was outside the Rich Man's door. How could the Rich Man have missed Lazarus? A clue to answering this question may be found in the first reading from Amos. Amos is a prophet who we met in last week's first reading. Prophets are people who seek to speak the truth to people in power. Prophets question the status quo and the taking for granted of human experience. Amos in this text for today is critical of his wealthy countrymen who are ignoring the sufferings of their fellow countrymen. They seem wrapped in their own self needs and luxury. The suffering of the people to the north was too far away for them to be concerned. They were lulled into self satisfaction and self centeredness.

In the Gospel, the Rich Man even after death, fails to see why he is not the bosom of Abraham as is Lazarus. He fails to recognize his sins of omission. He only sees Lazarus as one who was to serve his needs. Where does this leave us? The Rich Man is blind to the presence of Lazarus. How could the Rich Man not have seen Lazarus? He stepped over him every day. What had blinded the Rich Man? There are many answers to these questions. Among those answers are: The Rich Man is blinded by his self centeredness. The Rich Man's world is only about him and he sees others as serving his needs not as other people. The Rich Man may be a religious man, we have no idea, yet he is blind to the command of the Torah which couples love for God with love of neighbor. The Rich Man had material wealth which could have been shared and used to relieve the suffering of Lazarus, however, he could not see further than his own needs.

We all suffer some form of blindness. Who do we not see? Who do we see, yet choose to ignore? How often could we have said the right words, defended the integrity of another or advocated for another person and did not? How often do we remain blind to our own behavioral flaws? In our day, we have our eyes glued to our telephones, we are blind to people in front of us, to traffic and the world around us. Is technological blindness a symptom of our inner blindness as well? Do our talents blind us to the not so talented around us who need help? Does our possession of a comfortable lifestyle blind us to the needs of those around us?

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 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 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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