
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. NOVEMBER 11, 2019**
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY Loving Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 12, 2019**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Theresa
- WED NOVEMBER 13, 2019**
 8:30 Enrico Dellaporte
 BY: Wife, Children &
 Grandchildren
- THURS. NOVEMBER 14, 2019**
 8:30 Salvatore & Vincenza Assante
 BY: Grand Daughter, Marie Caria
- FRI. NOVEMBER 15, 2019**
 8:30 Filomena Scotto
 BY: Children
- SAT. NOVEMBER 16, 2019**
 8:30 Dolores Di Visconti
 BY: Dom & Mary
 5:30 PM Dorothy Kenniff
 BY Loving Family
- SUN NOVEMBER 17, 2019**
 8:00 Lisa Puglise
 BY: Loving Family
 10:00 Living & Deceased Members of
 The Pozzallo Society
 BY The Society
 Noon Deceased Members of
 The Musarella Family
 BY: Antoinette Musarella

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/03	\$ 3,515.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Giving 10/28-11/4	\$ 795.00
Total Sunday for 11/3	\$4,310.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,015.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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 |

ELECTRONIC GIVING 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.

For those of you using ParishGiving for your online contributions to the parish, please be aware that our contract with this company will be ending at the end of this year. Please log on to Give Central to switch your donations before the end of this year to ensure your giving is not interrupted. If you have any questions, or require more details, please contact the Parish Office and speak directly with Rose Marie Foglia.

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WANTED!

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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The Sanctuary Lamps for the Week of November 10th have been donated
In Memory of
ARCANGELA ZOCCALI
By: The Reca Family

FOR TENANTS AND FOR LANDLORDS

The Southwest Brooklyn Tenant Union Invites you to a free community forum
"Know Your Rights Training on the New Rent Laws"

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Whether you rent or you are a landlord, this information session will update you about the new changes in the rent laws. Get answers to your questions and find out about helpful resources. Forum is free.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Carroll Gardens Association Office located at 201 Columbia Street (right off Union Street) Brooklyn, NY 11231

Dinner is provided along with childcare upon request. Reserve your place now. Questions or to RSVP, contact Balanda at 718-243-9301 or email balandaj@cganyc.org.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Before we look at this week's scripture readings let us keep in mind that our faith is based on the Paschal Mystery which is the Death and Resurrection of Christ. We as Catholics must look at every life situation in light of this Paschal Mystery. We have all experienced the death of some whom we have loved and who loved us. We have all experienced the disappointment and even tragedy. We have also experienced joy, happiness and days that we wished would last forever. In each and every case we must see these events through the prism of the Resurrection of Christ.

The readings this week are rather difficult to comprehend without our belief in the Resurrection of Christ. The first reading is from the Second Book of Maccabees. The word Maccabbes means hammer. This title was applied to Judas or Judah who was the son of Matththias who was a temple priest. It was Matththias who was the first to lead a revolt against the Seleucides who were persecuting the Jewish people by forcing them to adopt gentile ways and reject their Judaism. In this portion of the text we read about the martyrdom of an entire family. This family died for their faith. They would not betray their God or themselves. It was also at this time that the Pharisees party evolved. They were known as the faithful ones. Knowing that God is all just, they developed the belief that if those persecuted were not vindicated on this side of eternity, than certainly they must be rewarded after death. With this came the growing belief of resurrection. The strength for this family to go through this terrible suffering comes from the conviction that they would survive death and see God and experience resurrection. In Christianity it is this faith in the resurrection which sustained the Christian martyrs and continues to do so in places where Christians are persecuted for their faith. The timeframe between the events of Maccabees ad the Gospel is probably about 150 years.

In the Gospel Jesus is asked by the Sadducees questions regarding the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees are a Jewish group at the time of Christ. They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. They propose a question to Jesus to see how he would respond. This is a normal rabbinical discussion. Jesus answers the question of life after death and the resurrection by discussing the revelation of God to Moses on Mount Sinai. Notice the words used in the text and notice the verb tense used: I quote now the same text which Jesus quotes Exodus 3:6, " God said...I am the God of your father...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." God speaks of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the present not the past. For God, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still living. God is always spoken of in the present. God is. When we speak about the Resurrection of Christ, we say Christ is risen, not Christ has risen. Thus all those who have died are alive for God and therefore they continue in a new way of life.

This Gospel is a great sign of hope for all of us. We believe that our loved ones continue to live in some way. We also believe that we ourselves will continue on and survive death. This is a gospel of great hope which leads us to affirm our faith; "we believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come".

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THE STRANGER AND THE MESSAGE

By: Nina Blaise-Marie

A few years ago on a late Spring day a soft wind, like the softness of a baby's sigh, was blowing through the trees in the park. I went there that day not expecting anything more than just a few moments of solitude. Oh, there were a few people there doing various things and the usual scurrying of the resident squirrels; but overall, it was fairly quiet. I was a little surprised with myself. I didn't usually go to the park alone, but I felt no apprehension going and being there alone that day. I had spent all morning at work and for some reason, I'm not certain of, I decided to take the afternoon off to go to the park.

As I sat there at the picnic table, I watched two squirrels playing on a nearby tree. I wondered what it would be like to live such a seemingly carefree life as they. Those two squirrels appeared to belong together, a bond was there, they belonged with each other. Oh how I wished I had that sense of belonging in my life. As a child, and into adulthood, I didn't feel like I was where I was suppose to be. The parent-child bond was there for me; but I had always felt like there was something missing in my life. I took a deep breath, slowly exhaling and watched the two squirrels run off to play elsewhere.

I was so immersed in my thoughts and feelings that I did not hear my visitor approach my table.

"Excuse me Miss, could I sit here with you?" asked the elderly man, his voice barely above a whisper. Oddly, I wasn't surprised that he approached me and had no problem with granting his request. I smiled and motioned for him to be seated.

He sat across from me, his hands clasped in front of him, resting on the table, he had such a calm expression on his face. I saw a familiarity in that old man's eyes but I couldn't place him, and was certain I had never seen or met him before. It seems like we sat there for the longest time, each looking at the other with a slight smile and an aura of peace about us. Across from me sat a stranger, but not a stranger, or so it seemed.

He broke the silence by saying to me, "We all belong even when we don't feel like we do. We all have a place to go".

I was taken back by his words and said, "I'm sorry, I don't understand what you are trying to say."

"Even as a child, you've felt that way." He replied and explained to me.

I was stunned and could not speak, but still felt no apprehension due to his words or his presence. He extended his hand, so warm and soft, and gently laid it upon my clasped hands. He squeezed my hands with that hand and said, "He wants you to come home."

And with that, he slowly rose to his feet and left. I sat there for hours, stunned. I thought about what he had said the rest of the day, and for days thereafter, but eventually I filed his words away. I never truly listened to the words of that stranger; at least not until the day of my father's funeral four years later.

Daddy was raised Catholic, as were my siblings and was baptized Catholic as a newborn. It seemed only natural to have a priest at his funeral. As I sat before daddy's coffin I saw the priest; but, did not hear his voice or words spoken. Although the priest and the stranger in the park were not the same man, I heard that whisper of a voice of the stranger and remembered his calm expression and the gentleness in his eyes. Those words spoken to me four years prior I heard once again.

This time I "listened" to the words to the message that stranger delivered to me that day in the park.

"He wants you to come home."

About a month or so after daddy's funeral, I inquired and signed for the RCIA program at the parish where I was baptized as a newborn. I had made it to the place where I belonged, in God's loving embrace.

I realized there's a difference between "hearing" and "listening" ..finally....I "listened to the message from the stranger...and now...I'm home.

INFORMATION SHEET

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