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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*

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*Choir Director*

ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

MICHAEL J. ENG

DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.

*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. NOVEMBER 25, 2019**  
 Noon Anna & Joseph Esposito  
 BY Angela & Louis Napoli

**TUE. NOVEMBER 26, 2019**  
 8:30 Catherine Deserio  
 BY: Her Sister Catherine

**WED NOVEMBER 27, 2019**  
 8:30 Patricia McKee  
 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Family Mass

**THURS. NOVEMBER 28, 2019**  
 8:30 Larry Merkle  
 BY: The Heyer Family

**FRI. NOVEMBER 29, 2019**  
 8:30 Lelitia Scotto  
 BY: Her Sisters

**SAT. NOVEMBER 30, 2019**  
 8:30 Lee & Joseph Sgro  
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren  
 5:30 PM Giuseppina DiNieri  
 BY Catherine Dellaporte

**SUN DECEMBER 1, 2019**  
 8:00 Antonino & Giuseppina DiNieri  
 BY: The Chrigo Family  
 10:00 Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia  
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/17	\$ 3,206.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 795.00
Total Sunday 11/17	\$ 4,001.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,324.00

\*\*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     |
| Evan Pontz            |                     |

## ANNUAL COAT DRIVE DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH WEEKEND DROP OFF

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church, in cooperation with our local 76th Precinct, will be collecting winter clothing articles for NY CARES to distribute to the needy. On the weekend of December 7th and 8th, bring your new or slightly used coats to mass and drop them off at the back of the church.

76th Precinct will help us get these articles to NY CARES. Please remember to bring coats that are either new or in good condition. PLEASE DO NOT BRING BLANKETS! We do not have the capacity at this time to handle blankets. Thank you.!

Remember if you are out of town and miss this weekend opportunity, you can drop off winter coats directly to the 76th Precinct throughout most of November and December. Check with the 76th Precinct for exact dates.

**KINDLY NOTE: COATS ONLY!  
NO HATS, GLOVES OR SCARVES!**

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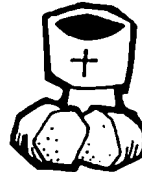
St. Mary Star of the Sea is in need of a Part Time Cleaner. They are located at 467 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. The need is for two days a week for three hours a day. Days are flexible-Monday-Thursday only. Pick your days. It involves dusting, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning 1/2 bathroom. Reference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



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the Week of November 24th have been donated

In Memory of  
**JEAN & JOSEPH BIVONA**  
By: Fran & Destiny



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Bread & Wine for the week of November 24th has been donated

In Memory of  
**RALPH & THERESA COLANTONIO**

By: Loving Family

## ANNUAL NOVELTY ANIMATED ANIMAL SALE

Once again this year, we welcome members of The Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, Inc. who will be selling unique Novelty Animated Singing Animals to raise money for the children at the Ronald McDonald House after Masses on November 23rd and November 24th. Each animal moves and sings its own song. Most cost \$35.00. If you don't need an animated animal, please consider making a monetary donation to help the children of Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you and on behalf of Loretta and the Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

This is the last Sunday in the Liturgical Year 2019. We close the Liturgical Year by proclaiming Christ as King. The Liturgical Year refers to the times and the seasons of our celebrations of the life of Christ through Word and Sacrament. The readings for today define for us the title of : “Christ the King.” In the first reading from the Second Book of Samuel, we read about King David. In making David their king, the Israelites say to David; “Here we are, your bone and your flesh.” In short, David was one of them. They were David’s people. The people identified with him. We can say the same about Jesus. Jesus is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. In Jesus, The Incarnate Word, God takes on our bone and our flesh. He is one of us and one with us. We are his people. Just as David was to shepherd Israel, so does Jesus shepherd the baptized.

The second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians we have a great Christological hymn. In this hymn we read: Christ is the image of the invisible God. This means: to see Jesus is to see God. The God of the Hebrew Text has become visible in Christ. So, if Jesus is merciful, God is merciful. If Jesus seeks out the lost and those on the margins of society, God seeks out the lost and those on the margins of society. If Jesus teaches us to forgive, to seek peace and to recognize the dignity of all people, God is teaching us. The King we worship is God.

Finally, in the Gospel we are presented with a jarring image of the scene of Christ on the Cross. How can this be a king? Notice the sign at the top of the cross; Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. While this sign was meant to be a mocking of Jesus and the Jewish people it does state the truth, Christ is the King. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the people who understand Jesus or who benefit from his miracles, are usually not the self righteous, those who are more socially acceptable but rather those you least expect. So it was the Samaritan leper who came back to thank Jesus not the Israelite lepers who you may have expected to give thanks to Jesus. It is the Samaritan who has compassion on the man who fell in with the robbers, not the priest or the Levite whom you may have expected to be compassionate. In this Gospel it is the thief who recognizes that Jesus is God. Ultimately the death of Christ is total rejection of God by those in power, the religious self righteous and secularly wealthy. Yet, even in rejection Jesus remains faithful to his mission to call all back to God especially those who are on the margins of society. Even on the cross, Jesus reaches out to a condemned thief. God never gives up on us.

So what type of a King do we have in Jesus? We have a King who has power to win our hearts, our minds and our inner being. We have a king whose reign is seen in acts of mercy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, patience, chastity, gentleness, generosity and self control. Our King rules a kingdom that is eternal and universal. It is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace and a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

This King demand our all and in serving this King, we are truly free.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**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](http://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.

**SEVEN THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY**

**By the Late Grover Stevens**

1. **Live and Work** to reach others each day as if you knew the world were going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! *Read 2Peter3:1-12*
2. **Be As Enthusiastic** about the church and its services as you would be if there were an overflowing crowd each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflowing crowd!
3. **Count Your Blessings** Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one as you pray. This will help you to be grateful (*Philippians 4:6*). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (*Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5*).
4. **Make & Maintain a List of Your Faults** and pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for our Savior, It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (*James 5:16; Galatians 6:1*).
5. **Keep A Quiet Time** Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study and meditation. If you really love someone you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. *Psalms 1:2; 1Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1* First century Christians kept an hour of prayer (*Acts 13:1*)
6. **Visit Someone for Christ Each Week** Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who wants to become a Christian.
7. **Reach Another Person (RAP)** Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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