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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  
5:00 PM on Saturday

**MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Monday 12:00 Noon  
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

**Adoration:** Monday @ 11:00 AM  
First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 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.

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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.** March 22, 2020  
**Noon** Josephine Patti  
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE.** MARCH 23, 2020  
**8:30** Joseph Marchetti & All Deceased of  
 The Marchetti Family  
 BY: Catherine
- WED** MARCH 24, 2020  
**8:30** Joseph Sgro  
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren
- THURS.** MARCH 25, 2020  
**8:30** Judy Formazano  
 BY: John S.
- FRI.** MARCH 26, 2020  
**8:30** Pasquale Scotto  
 BY: Children
- SAT.** MARCH 27, 2020  
**8:30** John & Raffaella Sisto  
**5:00** Alfonse & Jean Cipaldo  
 BY: Daughters Angela & Debra
- SUN** MARCH 28, 2020  
**8:00** Father Patrick  
**10:00** Theresa Rendeiro  
**Noon** Carmine & Jean Balestrieri  
 BY: The Balestrieri Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/15	\$ 2,805.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,570.00
Total Sunday 3/15	\$ 4,375.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,950.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

## Financial Stewardship

For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.

## Parish Religious Education & Catholic Schools

Regular parish CCD classes held on Sundays and Wednesdays are postponed for the time being. Likewise, all activities related to our children's faith-formation program such as the Sunday 7th grade seminar, Stations of the Cross practices, Confirmation mentoring sessions, and Child Lures training are also postponed for the time being.

The health of all the faithful of the parish is of utmost concern, so let us continue to pray to the Lord who is a healer to protect us and bring about quickly an end to this present crisis through the intercession of His Mother Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

# 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          | Louis D'Angelo      |
| 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 | Kristin Quail       |
| Helene Rolla          |                     |

## REACH OUT

**During this difficult time, please take a moment to check on your neighbor, the elderly and the shut in to see how they are doing. Perhaps they may need an item from the grocery store, or someone to pick up their prescriptions, anything we are able to do for them would be appreciated. Sometimes all they need is conversation and that simply requires a phone call. These are unprecedented times and we are all in this together. Take some of the free time you may have to sit in prayer for all the world.**

## 40 DAYS OF CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:  
As we approach Lent 2020, please reflect on this: *Follow me, I will show you the way.....*  
Once again, the Bishop Thomas V. Daily council #1700 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent. The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the **St. John's Bread & Life Program** food pantry. Donations of canned food will be collected at SHSS (125 Summit St.) beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church. **Please help us help others.** *Follow me I will show you the way.*

## MORE UPDATES ON CHURCH SERVICES

Please be aware of the following as it stands at this moment in time:

Reconciliation Monday, since it normally attracts large numbers who might congregate, has been cancelled, however priests are available for the faithful for confession throughout the Lenten Season and through this crisis.

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Services and Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly in the parishes. Liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter will be celebrated and live streamed to you on our Facebook page and web site.

We will keep you abreast of situations as they are changing on a moment by moment basis.

Please stay safe during these difficult times and pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother to watch over all of us.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. In the Gospel we meet the Man Born Blind. In this text, a man blind from birth comes to see Jesus as the Messiah. The Gospel story tells us about his faith journey. When the Man Born Blind is first asked who healed him, he says the man named Jesus healed him. The second time he is asked about Jesus, the Man Born Blind says that Jesus is a prophet. Finally, the Man Born Blind comes to believe that Jesus is the Son of Man. This faith and insight into the identity of Jesus comes gradually. The faith grew in him through his thinking and reflecting. The questions posed to him and the answers he offered illustrate the development of the faith in the blind man's heart. Notice the development of this passage. The questioning of the Man Born Blind seems to resemble the questions put to Jesus during his passion. The presentation seems also similar to the questioning of Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Beware of the contrast between the leaders of the people and the Man Born Blind. With each question the blind man comes to a deeper insight into the identity of Jesus. While the leaders seem to be blinded to the identity of Jesus due to their hardness of heart, the blind man comes to the faith.

Baptism was called illumination in the ancient church because faith gave us light to see beyond the literal or physical world. Faith enlightened the person. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told that faith is the conviction of things unseen. As we journey on to Easter and the renewal of our baptismal promises, what questions about the faith do you have? Do you struggle with some of the aspects of the faith? Has your faith grown over the years? May there be some blind spots in your thinking and perceptions of Jesus? Are there perception problems we may be having in seeing the truth about ourselves or someone we love? What actually blinded the leaders? Were they really blind? Were they fearful of Jesus? Did they think they would lose their privileged position? Were they afraid of change? The life of the Man Born Blind changed after he was given sight. He could no longer beg, he could no longer claim to be ignorant. He had to take on responsibility for his own life.

We are responsible for what we know. To know and understand is another way of being in the light. Ignorance is another way of being in the dark. Seeing can be a dangerous thing. If we confess Jesus, how does our life change? What attitudes in us need to change? What behaviors in us need to change if we profess our faith in the Lordship of Christ Jesus? What behaviors are not compatible with faith in the Lord? Lent calls us to deeper inner conversion to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus. Professing to believe in Christ carries a giant responsibility. What prevents us from seeing? How do we see? Do we see what actually is, or do we see what our minds wish us to see? God is light. In the prologue of the Gospel of St. John we read that Jesus is the light that the darkness cannot overcome. Do we really want to see?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## **PARISH EVENTS & SERVICES DURING COVID 19 RESPONSE**

**Parish Cleaning:** All parish facilities of SHSS are scheduled for professional cleaning and floor resurfacing on March 21 & March 22. This includes: The Main Church, Chapel, Cabrini Hall, Rectory & Rectory offices/common areas.

**Ways to Stay Connected** If you do not currently receive our monthly parish e-mails, please sign up for our e-newsletter on the parish homepage. This will allow us the ability to communicate with you.

If you are on Facebook, please “Like” the SHSS Catholic Church public page and also join the SHSS Parish Brooklyn group. This will allow you to view Facebook live Masses and Services as well as receive messages and updates.

Msgr. Massie will be posting reflections on the readings of the day on Facebook daily.

**Attending weekday Masses :** All Masses (Weekly & Sunday) will be celebrated for the scheduled intentions starting Monday March 16th privately without the public in the Church.

All weekday Masses (Monday-Saturday) will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and streamed Live for everyone to attend virtually by clicking the streaming link on the homepage of our parish website and on our Facebook pages.

Sunday 10:00 AM Mass will be streamed live for everyone to attend virtually by clicking the streaming link on the homepage of our parish website and on our Facebook page.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday @ 7:00 PM live on Facebook (only) from the Church for all to participate in.

The Rosary will be prayed every Thursday @ 7:00 PM live on Facebook (only) from the Church for all to participate in.

Msgr. Massie will be calling all those who have scheduled Baptisms or Weddings in the coming months to notify them that these celebrations, along with Funerals, will be able to be celebrated in the church but with only a limited number of family in attendance.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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