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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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**Choir Director Emerita**

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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 30, 2020  
**Noon** John Cloonan & Joseph Cloonan  
 BY: Loving Family  
 Mary Ann, Joe & Amy

**TUE.** MARCH 31, 2020  
**8:30** Personal Prayer Intentions

**WED** APRIL 1, 2020  
**8:30** Anna Massie

**THURS.** APRIL 2, 2020  
**8:30** Salvatore Latino  
 BY: Carmela Di Rosa

**FRI.** APRIL 3, 2020  
**8:30** Holy Cross

**SAT.** APRIL 4, 2020  
**8:30** Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Her Parents Carolyn & John  
**5:00** Angelo Vergona  
 BY: Loving Family

**SUN** APRIL 5, 2020  
**8:00** Anna Ruggiero  
 BY: Loving Family  
**10:00** Deceased Members of  
 The Piro Family  
 BY: Loving Family  
**Noon** Matteo Deliso  
 BY: Daughter Anna

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Sunday Collection 3/22                       | \$ 715.00*   |
| *Envelopes & cash                            |              |
| On Line Donations                            | \$ 2,185.00  |
| Total Sunday 3/22                            | \$ 2,897.00  |
| Annual Weekly Expenses**                     | \$14,325.00  |
| Difference:                                  | \$ 11,338.00 |
| ***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

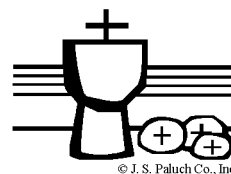
Please be aware of the following as it stands at this moment in time:

### 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.



Bread & Wine for the week of March 29th has been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**JOHN EDWARDS**  
By: Terri Scotto Spinelli

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Lazarus and the theme of new life stand at the center of our readings for this Fifth Sunday in Lent. In the Gospel we meet two sisters, Martha and Mary. They are the sisters of Lazarus who has died. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were friends of Jesus. This gospel like the gospel of the Woman at the Well and the Man Born Blind are catechetical gospels in the sense that they prepare us for the Sacrament of Baptism. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel speaks to us bringing new life from the grave. “I will put my spirit in you that you may live.” In the second reading from St. Paul to the Romans, we read “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will raise your mortal bodies to life also through the Spirit dwelling in you.”

Faith is the requirement for Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus asks Martha if she believes that he is the resurrection and the life. Martha answers, “Yes, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, he who was to come into the world.” Notice for Martha, faith developed. This development and growth in her faith came as a result of her friendship with Jesus. Jesus tells the people to remove the stone from the tomb of Lazarus. With this done, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life. The stone is an important item. Prior to the giving of new life, the stone had to be removed. While Lazarus is returned to life, Jesus is creating new life in the Spirit. Yet, for that new life to be created and recreated in us, we need to remove whatever is blocking or interfering with a new life in Christ. The stones inhibiting our relationship with Christ are anything which distracts us, stops us, prohibits us from growth in the spirit. These stones may be relationships which need to be reconciled or addressed, past guilt which now has caused us to fear approaching God, regrets of behaviors, addictions, etc. Only grace can help us to move the stone blocking us from new life in Christ. Look at the burial bindings that held the body of Lazarus. Jesus says free him and let him go. Well, there are many of us who seem bounded up with issues from which we need to be freed. Once removed, we will hear more clearly the voice of Christ calling us to peace, joy and love in the Spirit. In the end, it comes down to these questions:

Do you believe that Jesus is God among us?

Do you trust that Jesus can create new life in you and change your life for the better?

Do you want a deeper relationship with Jesus in the sacred text, the Eucharist, the sacraments and the community of the church, or are you happy with relationship based on religious obligations which may not reach down to the depths of our being?

Msgr. Guy. A. Massie

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

Parish Cleaning: All parish facilities of SHSS were professionally cleaned 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.

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.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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