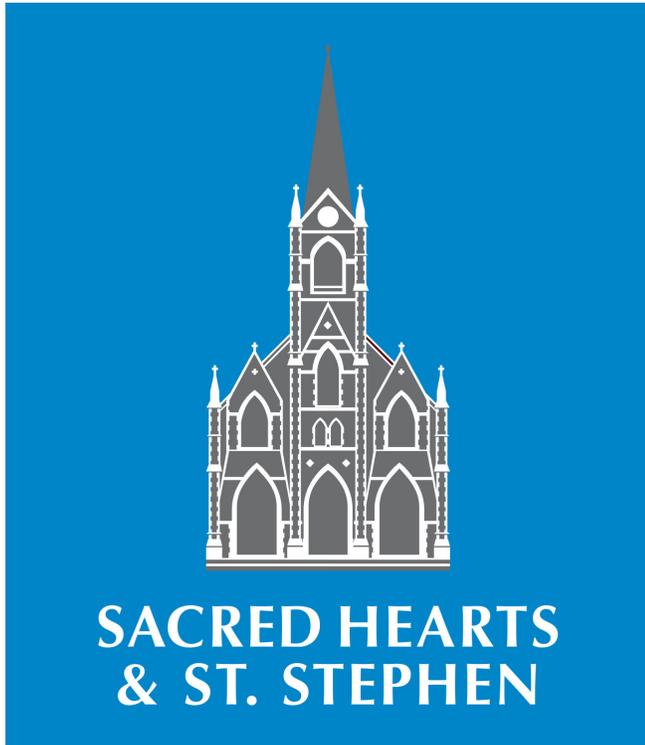

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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.

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. JULY 20, 2020**
 8:30 All Deceased Members of
 The Marchetti Family
 BY: Catherine
- TUE. JULY 21, 2020**
 8:30 Felix Cosenza
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- WED JULY 22, 2020**
 8:30 For the People of The Parish
- THURS. JULY 23, 2020**
 8:30 Anna Colantonio
 Anniversary Remembrance
 BY: Daughter Angie
- FRI. JULY 24, 2020**
 8:30 Steve Vergona
 BY: Loving Family
- SAT. JULY 25, 2020**
 8:30 Rose DiMuro
 BY: Daughter Maria
 5:00 PM For The Safety of All Police Officers
- SUN JULY 26, 2020**
 8:00 Joseph Galletta
 BY: Daughter Angela
 10:00 Peter DeCesare Sr.
 BY: Loving Daughter
 Allison Laffey & Family
 Noon Marie La Rosa
 BY: Angela O'Connor

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 7/12	\$1,462.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,625.00
Total Sunday 7/12	\$4,087.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,238.00
**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, | Helena Rolla |
| 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 | Kristin Quail |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | |

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.

Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On line giving at www.Givecentral.org/SHSS. The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank

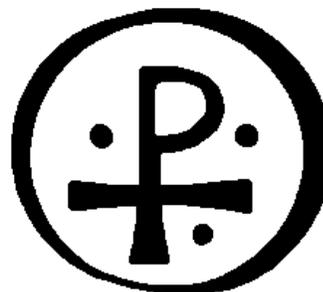


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everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot. We are so very grateful for all you do for our great parish.

A Prayer for Strength

Our Father, sometimes the cares of the day seem to multiply while the blessings fade so quickly. Our bodies grow tired. Jesus help us. Give us the strength you've promised in your word. Give us the power to take the next step. Give us your grace for we know that in our weaknesses your strength is revealed. May we receive it today. Amen.



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to consider three things: the nature of God, the way to pray and growing of the Kingdom of God. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom written sometime between 30-14 BC we learn that God is one. We learn that God is all powerful. God need not have to prove himself. God is. Since he is all in all, God is very merciful and God shows great restraint in his relationship with humanity. In short, God has all the power, he does not misuse his power. All who believe in God should likewise restrain from misusing one's position or power. In the second reading from Romans, we are faced with the question of prayer. How should we pray? How often I hear people say I do not know how I should pray. It is the Holy Spirit in us who can inspire us to pray. We need to be open to the Spirit and realize that all that happens to us is directed to our salvation. Can we accept this belief? Such deep faith comes slowly. It grows slowly in our hearts. The Gospel continues our theme with a parable on the Kingdom of God growing slowly in our midst. We learn through the parables presented today that the Kingdom of God starts out like a mustard seed which is a very small seed that grows into a large bush. We also learn that the Kingdom of God ultimately separates good from evil and that God always wins out.

Lessons from today's readings:

1. The Word of God is planted in the field of our hearts. In our hearts this word must take root and grow. If our heart is open to the Word of God the Word will grow and our behavior will change for the better. If not, the Word will remain silent until the right time when it can grow or the Word of God will never grow.

2 If we are open to the Word of God, then we will slowly recognize all that happens to us is ordered to our salvation including our sufferings, losses and disappointments. We will understand what St. Theresa Lisieux meant by saying "Everything is a grace...Everything is the direct effect of our Father's love, difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, its burdens, its needs, everything, because through them the soul learns humility, realizes its weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events, to the heart that loves, all is well."

3. Be like a mustard seed. Do small acts of kindness and goodness for the glory of God. Kindness grows. Love multiplies and mercy bears much fruit.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

The following has been provided by the Diocese of Brooklyn as requirements for the opening of our parish for public celebration of Mass.

During Mass, all guideline as established for visiting Church must be maintained to ensure social distancing and not exceed the 25% capacity.

At Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen the maximum capacity for the church is now 50 people.

Anyone entering the church must wear a face mask, use the hand sanitizing stations upon entering and wipe down their pew with the provided wipes before leaving.

All ministers for the mass (celebrant, server, lector) must sanitize their hands before mass begins.

What Mass will look like: There will be no entrance procession for all Masses, Sunday and weekday. There will be no missals or worship aids available. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own from home or use their smartphones. There will be no exchange of peace and no holding of hands at the Lord's Prayer. There will be no offertory collection. Parishioners are to be encouraged to use e-giving at GiveCentral.org/shss or leave their donation in the offering box at the entrance of the church in the center with the white cross on it. People should come for communion in the normal way observing 6 feet of distance between them as they approach. **At SHSS the faithful will only be able to receive Holy Communion in the hand. The communicant should come before the Minister of Communion with the mask on for the dialogue (The Body of Christ, Amen) and then, moving to the side, lower the mask and consume the Eucharist and replace the mask.**

Holy Communion will be distributed by the celebrant. The host will be allowed to "fall" (reverently) into the communicant's hand to avoid any physical contact. The hands should be disinfected before distribution of Holy Communion. Hand disinfectant should be available nearby those distributing Holy Communion. The precious blood is not to be distributed to the faithful. There is to be no recessional procession. There should be no stopping to greet parishioners as they depart the church.

Music ministry should be limited to the organist and a cantor using social distancing. The cantor should not sing from the same place from which the lector reads. Choirs should not be used at this time since social distancing will be impossible for them. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should only be used if there are not enough priests in the parish to assist.

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