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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***

**ANDREW DI MANSO**

***Sacristan***

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***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. JULY 6, 2020**  
 8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
 BY: The Illiano Family
- TUE. JULY 7, 2020**  
 8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda  
 BY: His Children, Carolyn & John
- WED JULY 8, 2020**  
 8:30 Msgr. Anthony S. Danna &  
 Sr. Barbara Leonardo  
 BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
- THURS. JULY 9, 2020**  
 8:30 Joseph & Lee Sgro  
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren
- FRI. JULY 10, 2020**  
 8:30 All Deceased Ancestors, Family  
 & Friends  
 BY: Mary & Tom McInerney
- SAT. JULY 11, 2020**  
 8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &  
 Jenny &Ciro Oliviero  
 5:00 Michael Mallon  
 BY The Delgado Family
- SUN JULY 12, 2020**  
 8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Ralph Lubrano  
 BY: Leonard & Mary Jane Lubrano  
 Noon For the Health of Evan Marra  
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 6/28	\$ 557.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,225.00
Total Sunday 6/28	\$2,782.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 11,543.00

\*\*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](http://www.Givecentral.org/SHSS). The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank



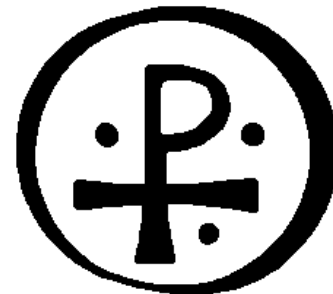
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everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot.

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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear a well known Gospel passage: “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, we learn that the Savior comes to us riding on a donkey. He will come as a humble leader not one who conquers by force. In the second reading from Romans, we are reminded by Paul that we are people of the spirit not of the flesh. In this text, flesh means human weakness. It does not only refer to things sexual. To get a better understanding of this text let us refer to Galatians 5:19 which reads: “Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outburst of fury, acts of selfishness, dissension factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies and the like.” If the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, we are called to live in the Spirit. Therefore our lives should be marked by “love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (cf Galatians 5:22) We should avoid jealousy, bickering, hatred and the like and live according to the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Let us look at the Gospel, truly a most comforting reading. Jesus’ attitude to religious rules and laws stands in sharp contrast to some of the leaders of his time. The burden that Jesus may be referring to in the text may be the 613 mitzvot or commands of the Mosaic Law which were meant to help people grow in the faith. Sometimes, however, the religious leaders emphasized details of the law at the expense of the laws greater good. What was meant as a guide became an end in itself. This behavior worked against the internal conversion of a person because of the emphasis of fulfilling the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law. Jesus emphasized the internal morality. He sought a conversion of heart. Jesus knew the difficulties of good meaning people who desired to follow the Mosaic Law. Jesus as a teacher is humble and merciful and is able to understand the difficulties of life. Jesus is not pompous or self righteous. Jesus is approachable. Jesus, therefore, can bring the individual in a deeper internal relationship with God.

In the Gospel we read and hear some of the most comforting words of Jesus. Jesus is addressing all those of good will who are burdened by the struggle to live the Gospel. Their struggle comes from the resistance they receive from the very people they are striving to serve. For example, look at the father and mother of a child who simply refuses to live the faith and value system which was passed on to him or her. Think of the person who is striving to live the Catholic faith surrounded by people who are hostile to faith. Think of the frustration of the Sunday School teacher who receives little or no support from the parents of the children. To all of these, Christ says “Come to me and I will refresh you.” Jesus tells them to take his yoke upon them. A yoke is a harness in which two animals or burden were placed and they would follow the dictate of the farmer and would pull the plow. Now imagine that our burdens to which we are yolk were pulled by ourselves and Jesus. We would be helped and refreshed. Helping each other with life’s burdens is the way Christ helps us.

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](http://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.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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