
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.

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. AUGUST 3, 2020
8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte & Jenny & Ciro Oliviero

TUE. AUGUST 4, 2020
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa

WED. AUGUST 5, 2020
8:30 Nicole Vergona
BY: Loving Family

THURS. AUGUST 6, 2020
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
For the People of the Parish

FRI. AUGUST 7, 2020
8:30 Emily Anzalone
BY: Diane & Laura

SAT. AUGUST 8, 2020
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY: Son Joseph
5:00 PM Emily Anzalone
BY: Anna Giunta

SUN AUGUST 9, 2020
8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
For the People of the Parish
10:00 Frank Spinelli
BY: Wife Terry
Noon Ann Barbera
BY: Jo Badolato

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 7/26	\$1,236..00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,095.00
Total Sunday 7/26	\$3,331.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,994..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



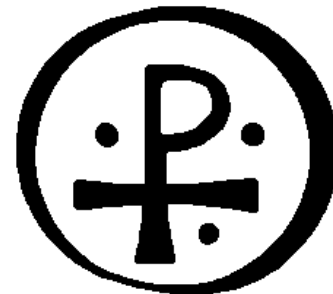
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everyone for continuing to support our parish either through On line Giving or by dropping their respective donations in the Rectory mail slot.

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings present us with the generosity God has towards us. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we read the invitation of God to all who are thirsty to come to the water. Water is a symbol of life. Water in the sacred text is also a sign of the life of God. Water spoken in a desert climate is seen as a precious commodity. In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul addresses God's love for us as shown in Christ Jesus. Do you believe that God loves you and wills the best for you? Do you believe that God wills our salvation and your eternal life? The Gospel speaks to us about the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish again illustrating God's love and generosity towards us.

I shall like to address the second reading today. In this reading, Paul states that nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. I have some questions. Do you believe that God loves you? Do you believe that God loves you because you have done everything right? Do you believe that you must earn God's love? How many believe that because many things have gone wrong in your life that God is punishing you? How many believe that God wills our good not our destruction? Paul addresses persecuted Christians, I, all Christians who may be suffering. Notice how he breaks up his writing. His first list of things impacts on our personal existence. The second list tells us that unseen forces in the cosmos can separate us from the love of Christ. In this list Paul lists opposites such as life or death, angels nor principalities, the present or the future, etc. In short, for Paul nothing can separate us from the love of God which comes to us in Christ.

Does Christ love us only when we are good? Do our sins stop the love of Christ for us? Do we need to convince God to love us? When we truly realize the love that God has for us, then we will improve our behavior because we do not want to offend the Lord. When we truly realize the love that Christ has for us we will be impelled to live the life that brings about the kingdom of God where we are. Suffering, disappointment, sickness, difficulties which we may be enduring are not signs that God's love is wanting. So, what is your greatest worry right now? Not even that worry or that sin can separate you from Christ. However, what is the difference between love and approval? God loves us and God loves you. God may not approve of some of our actions. Parents love us but parents do not always approve of our behavior. Do you believe God wills our good? Remember, sometimes we do not accept what is for our good. In fact, sometimes we reject it. So, where have we rejected the good? God is most generous. He gives his very self even when we say no.

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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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