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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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***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](http://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. AUGUST 10, 2020**  
 8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph  
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- TUE. AUGUST 11, 2020**  
 8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
 BY: Lenny & Jo-Ann Trovato
- WED. AUGUST 12, 2020**  
 8:30 In Honor of The Holy Spirit  
 For the People of the Parish
- THURS. AUGUST 13, 2020**  
 8:30 In Honor of The Blessed Mother
- FRI. AUGUST 14, 2020**  
 8:30 Vincent Porcelli  
 BY: Mom,  
 Guido, Rose Ann & Families
- SAT. AUGUST 15, 2020**  
 8:30 Pasquale & Theresa Bruno  
 BY: Loving Family  
 Noon: In Honor of Our Blessed Mother  
 BY: Figlia di Monte De Procida  
 5:00 PM Raul Vasquez  
 BY: Carmela Agosta
- SUN. AUGUST 16, 2020**  
 8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit for  
 The People of the Parish  
 10:00 Richard Strayer  
 BY: Tina Maresco  
 Noon \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 8/2	\$1,754.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$4,115.00 **
	**Includes \$2,000 1 Time
Total Sunday 8/2	\$5,869.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,456.00
**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.**

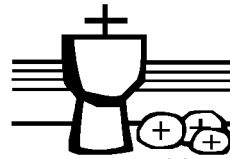
Please continue to support our parish during this difficult time. Enroll in On line giving at [www.Givecentral.org/SHSS](http://www.Givecentral.org/SHSS). The site is user friendly and very easy to navigate. We thank



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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.



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Bread & Wine for the week of

August 9th has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**CATHERINE ROMANELLI**  
BY: Dr. Nick & Michelle Alexandrou



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
August 9th have been donated  
In Loving Memory of:  
**CK ENG**  
&  
**FRANK LO PORTO**  
BY: Their Children & Grandchildren

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are presented both in the Gospel and the first reading with people who are facing storms. In each reading we see, the characters are told not to be afraid. Both Elijah and the Apostles are told that God is in the storm. Storms are part of nature and storms can be weather related or they can happen inside our hearts and minds and psyche. Storms are upsetting because we have no control of them and they have the possibility of changing our lives forever.

In the first reading from 1Kings, Elijah has been involved in a big political storm. He is running to save his life from Queen Jezebel who has vowed to kill him. His crime was that he defeated and killed four hundred Prophets of Baal who was a pagan god. Elijah had spoken the truth and now he is running for his life. He is exhausted not only from his travels but also from all the work he has done as a prophet. He requests that God take his life. He is told that God will speak with him and he recognizes the voice of God not in the fire or the storm or the wind where one might expect, but in a small whisper.

God does speak with us not always in words or in places we would expect, but sometimes in the most unexpected ways at the most unexpected times and from the most unexpected people. Graced moments do happen but one must listen for them. Sometimes a homily speaks directly to you. Sometimes a child will say something quite innocently and you can relate the simple words to what you are presently experiencing. Sometimes silence itself can speak to our hearts. Yet, we must be ready to hear.

In the Gospel reading we are presented with a great portion. This text is important not only for the lesson it teaches us, but also for its Christological meaning. This event tells us a great deal about Christ. The story has the apostles in the midst of a storm while they are in their boat. The sea is unpredictable. While the sea can be pleasant, it can also be very threatening. In this case, the sea is threatening the lives of the Apostles. They are frightened. Jesus calls out to them saying: “take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” Notice what Jesus says. Jesus uses language which appears in the Hebrew text which is used to describe God. In Isaiah 43:10, we read; “ To know and believe in me and to understand it is I.” In Isaiah 43:13, we read “I am God, yes from all eternity I am He.” In Isaiah 46:4 we read; “It is I who have done this.” In Isaiah 49:12, “I it is, I who am the first and also the last am I.” Jesus comes to the Apostles walking on water. Look at Job 9:8, we read, “He alone stretches out the heavens and walks upon the crest of the waves.” In Psalm 77:20 we read, “Though the sea was your way and your path through the deep waters though your footsteps were not seen.” In each of these quotes, the message is only God can control the sea. Jesus by walking on the waves and calming the sea, is clearly God. The language used by the writer carries the message that Jesus is God incarnate.

Storms come in our lives. Things happen that we cannot control and which may even be unfair. Fear grips us and we do not know what to do. Well, keep your eyes on Christ. Do not sink as did Peter and know that God is in your storm and fear not. God will bring you to a safe shore even if that shore be a surprise. God is forming us always anew. We as the Church and we as individuals must focus on Christ and take courage especially in times of uncertainty.

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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