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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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**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. SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**  
 8:30 In Honor of The Holy Cross
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**  
 8:30 Nicole Vergona  
 BY: Loving Family
- WED. SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**  
 8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
 BY: Lenny & Jo-Ann Travato
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**  
 8:30 For The Personal Intentions of  
 The First Friday Breakfast Group
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**  
 8:30 Mary Spano  
 BY: M/ M Michael Eng & Family
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**  
 8:30 Fortunata Messina  
 BY: Lucia & Brigada Piro
- 5:00 PM Nancy Iardi  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 BY: Children & Grandchildren
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**  
 8:00 Robine Philippe  
 For Sacred Heart to  
 Guide her to the Truth  
 BY: Claudette Charles
- 10:00 Raul Vasquez  
 BY: Phyllis Edwards
- Noon St. Candida Society  
 BY: The Society

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/6	\$ 2,360.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,780.00
Total Sunday 9/6	\$ 5,140.00.
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,185.00

\*\*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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# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings are challenging. They continue the theme of reconciliation which we began last Sunday. Perhaps we can sum up the lesson for today in the following points. **First**, Do not pray for something from God which you deny to others. **Second**, Let go of wrath, anger, hurt and resentments. Instead, seek healing and forgiveness and mercy. **Thirdly**, Learn to forgive yourself. If you cannot forgive yourself, you cannot forgive anyone else. The **fourth** point, Contrary to the American and New York way of thinking, your life does not belong to you alone. Your life is in relationship with many other lives. You are not alone, you are part of a wide network of relationships.

In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, the text is part of the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Text. (The Book of Sirach does not appear in the Jewish Canon of scriptures, but does appear in the Catholic Bible.) The text studies ordinary life situations and asks the question: "How do I live wisely?" the author in this portion recommends letting go of anger, resentment and hurt. Once a hurt is addressed, let it go. If one holds on to these feelings, it can lead to violence and revenge. Such a situation would not make life easy or wise.

From my pastoral experience, I have found that while people complain of how hurt they are or have been, they refuse to let go of the feelings and they keep it always uppermost in their memory. Thus, they allow the past hurt to control their present and it never disappears. Consequently, they never experience peace, however it seems that we like our hurts and our anger. Yes, many of us love to keep telling the story over and over again so we get sympathy and attention. When we tell the story, we are always seeing ourselves as right and the other as wrong. If this is your habit, pray for grace to let it go. Then you may have peace. Also pray to see your part in the hurt inflicted. Forgive yourself and move on.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we are not simply individuals. A common expression in our language, particularly among young is "This is my life and I can do whatever I want." This is not true. Our lives belong first to God. This gift from God is networked with many other lives. We are people of relationships. We are people in relationships. What one does with his/her life does affect many others for good, or ill. So, being people of relationships means that we will have many opportunities to disagree with others, to be in conflict with others and to reconcile with others. Being in relationship with others, we grow and learn for our mutual benefit. Reconciliation is part of the relationship, it is not extraneous to relationships.

In the Gospel, the message is clear as day. Do not ask for forgiveness or mercy or kindness from God if you refuse mercy, kindness and forgiveness to others. So, if you seek patience from God, then show patience to one another. If you seek a particular healing or care of your family, then be a sign of healing for someone else. The graces you seek from God, try to be that grace for someone else. In this way, you are not the center of your prayer rather the Lord and his commandments are the center of prayer.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen  
Children's Faith Formation Program 2020-21  
"Share the Light of Faith"**

**REGISTER NOW!**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Faith Formation for Grades 1 through 8 2020-21 Program Theme; Salvation History Grades Level 1 through 7 with focus on the Bible narrative, journeying together through the events in human history that reveal God's saving plan for us. Blended learning model includes online/home activities component as well as once a month on site small group attendance, following all social distancing/safety protocols. (We're offering flexible scheduling for monthly small group attendance, including virtual sessions if on site is not possible/permitted according to Diocesan/NYC Board of Ed requirements). Sacramental formation will be incorporated into the program for children preparing for First Communion (1st and 2nd year and Confirmation (1st year) Final Confirmation Preparation (2nd year/Grade 8) will consist primarily of small mentoring groups that meet periodically virtually or in person, depending on circumstances/need. These groups will focus on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, and how to live our discipleship in the world today.

Email Nancy Arkin in the Faith Formation Office at [narkin1960@gmail.com](mailto:narkin1960@gmail.com) or  
call

718-596-7750 for more information.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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