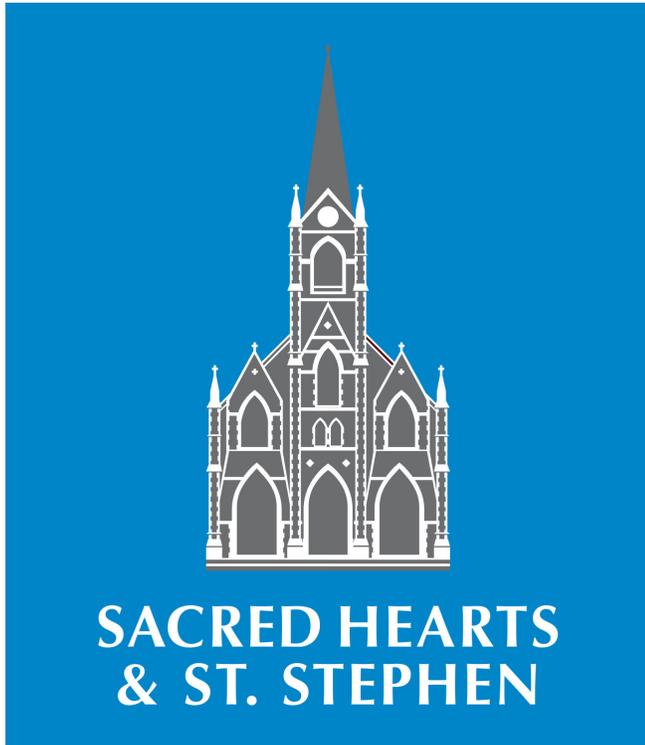

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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. SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**
 8:30 Anthony Polito
 BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**
 8:30 Michael Bombolino
 BY: Mom & Dad
- WED. SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**
 8:30 Jennifer & John Passantino
 BY: Alexander & Louise Passantino
- THURS. OCTOBER 1, 2020**
 8:30 Mary Shannon
- FRI. OCTOBER 2, 2020**
 8:30 Mary Tarsio
 BY: Loving Family
- SAT. OCTOBER 3, 2020**
 8:30 Daniel Caria, Jr.
 BY: Aunt Marie
 5:00 PM Jon Michael Caminiti & Michael Mallon
 BY: Charles Caminiti & Danny Durante
- SUN. OCTOBER 4, 2020**
 8:00 Salvatore "Buddy" Scotto
 BY: The Heyer Family
 10:00 St. Michael Society
 BY: Figlie di Monte di Procidia
 Noon Rita & Pietro Scarso
 BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/20	\$ 2,348.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,875.00
Total Sunday 9/20	\$ 5,223.00.
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,102.00
***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 |
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| 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.

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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“your attitude must be that of Christ Jesus”

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the chief priests and leaders that those they least expect are entering the Kingdom of Heaven while those who one would expect and who were most prepared, were not entering the Kingdom. Why is this the case one may ask? What lesson is there in this passage from the Gospel of St. Matthew 21-21-32 for us?

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, we learn that we have a responsibility for our moral behavior. Living in union with God helps us to live in union with God and others. The second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians tells us the followers of Jesus, that we must have in us the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus. This attitude is one of faithfulness to love, peace, mercy, goodness, humility, kindness, chastity, generosity, patience, gentleness, self control even when all things are not going well. Look at the behavior of Christ in the Gospel. He is faithful to the Way of God in every situation.

Why is it that those least expected to gain entrance into the Kingdom of God are gaining entrance, while those most prepared are not? Those who are gaining entrance to the Kingdom are those who have encountered Christ Jesus. The Gospel text presents us with a parable about two sons. The first son refuses his father's request and then repents and obeys. The second son says yes but does not honor his commitment. Hearing the Word of God means not just hearing, it means listening to it in our hearts and then acting upon it. The Pharisees and the elders were most prepared to recognize the Word of God and do not. Those regarded by the self—proclaimed religious as sinners, recognize the Word of God, they repent and accept Jesus. They saw in Jesus the fulfillment of all their needs, wants and longings. They were open to having their lives changed by Christ for the better. Living in union with God is more than following rules and regulations. God is not just a legislator of directives and laws. Living in union with God means having a deep and ongoing relationship with the Lord and living out that relationship among people.

Once we begin to realize the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus, then we can appreciate that God in Christ becomes one with us in all things but sin. God in Jesus takes on our sufferings and redeems us out of love for us. Realizing this in our hearts, we can begin to see that morality becomes a guide to a relationship with God not an imposition of law and regulations. Our lives are changed from within. Our hearts are moved to deeper relationships. Our moral behavior changes because of Jesus.

What lesson can we learn from this? We can learn that we are called to have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus in the contexts of the Community (church), the Eucharist and the sacred Scriptures. In this way Christ is seen as Lord of one's personal life as well as Lord of the world. Believing this helps us to be responsible for our moral actions. We can live out the faith in good deeds, prayer, acts of justice, kindness and mercy.

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 or
call

718-596-7750 for more information.

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