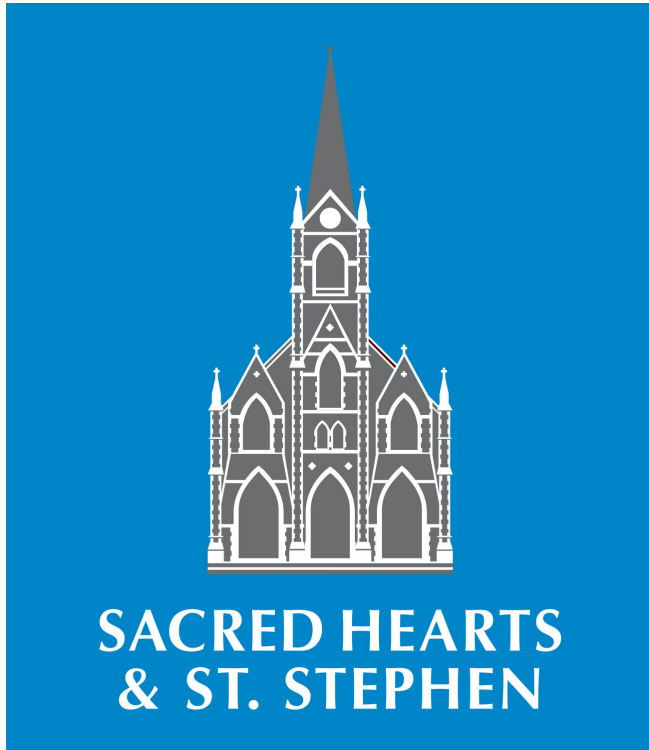


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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 8:30 AM  
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

**Adoration:** 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**

**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. OCTOBER 12, 2020**  
 8:30 Carmine Graziani  
 BY: Daughter Teresa
- TUE. OCTOBER 13, 2020**  
 8:30 Janet Caccioppoli  
 BY: Michael & Evan Caccioppoli
- WED. OCTOBER 14, 2020**  
 8:30 Sylvia Bello  
 BY: A Friend
- THURS. OCTOBER 15, 2020**  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for the Intercession  
 of St. John Paul II  
 BY: Clara
- FRI. OCTOBER 16, 2020**  
 8:30 James Zagarella  
 BY: Daughter Gertrude Zagarella
- SAT. OCTOBER 17, 2020**  
 8:30 Robert Mackey  
 5:00 PM Pasquale Bruno  
 BY: RoseMary Polito
- SUN OCTOBER 18, 2020**  
 8:00 Lucia Love  
 BY: Lucy Hamachek  
 10:00 Peggy & Thomas McInerney  
 BY: Their Son Tom  
 Noon Living & Deceased of  
 The Zanzonico & Vega Families  
 BY: Lorraine Zanzonico

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 10/4	\$ 2,560.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,145.00
Total Sunday 10/4	\$ 4,705.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,620.00
**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,

What will you wear to the Wedding? Do you have a wedding garment? Whose wedding is it? Our parables on the Kingdom of God continue. This week the metaphor of a banquet found in the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah invites us to reflect on God's generosity, God's power to destroy evil, God's light to remove the veil of misunderstanding and lack of knowledge. In the Gospel reading, the Kingdom is symbolized by a Wedding Feast which a King makes for his Son's Wedding. Since the invited guests do not come, the King extends the invitation to all people from all places.

The first reading situates us in Jerusalem. This is the mountain of the Lord. This hope filled reading is given to all who have suffered want. In a land where food is not plentiful, water is scarce and wine is the result of hard work, this reading gives encouragement to all who look forward to the day when peace and prosperity will come. In this reading, death which is alluded to with the mentioning of the veil which veils all people, will be destroyed and our tears will be wiped away. Death is no more.

This is a great passage of hope for all of us who are weeping either literally or in our hearts. This is a great reading for all who lift their hearts to God and ask how long will I have to endure this suffering or this situation. This reading is a great message of hope for all who ask why this pain? Why this suffering? Why loss? We all labor under a veil. Our eyes do not always see the whole picture of life. We search for answers only found in the mind of God.

The Gospel is the parable about the Wedding Feast. As I said last Sunday, parables are stories used to teach a lesson. Parables make use of metaphors, allegory and symbols. Similar to the parables which we read on the past few Sundays, the theme is the same: those who are called second accept the invitation and reap the benefits of the Kingdom of God. This is true in the Kingdom parables we have read. Those you expect to be at the Wedding are not, those you expect to do the right thing, do not, those who were called first get the same reward as those called last.

This parable is rich in symbolism. The King is God who gives a banquet for his Son's wedding. The groom is Jesus. The marriage is the wedding between Humanity and Divinity found in the Incarnation. The Wedding Feast means that the Kingdom of God brings humanity and divinity together in a way that only nuptial language could express. The garment is one's baptismal garment. In baptism, we put on Christ. We are clothed in Jesus. This garment is kept ready by living out the faith. This garment is kept clean by living the gospel. If we have a garment and it is not ready, we are not accepted into the party when the Lord comes. The point: many are called but few accept the invitation. Many are baptized, few accept the invitation to discipleship. Many are invited into the relationship with Christ, few really accept the relationship. So, where are you? It is we who excluded ourselves from the wedding feast, not God.

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.

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