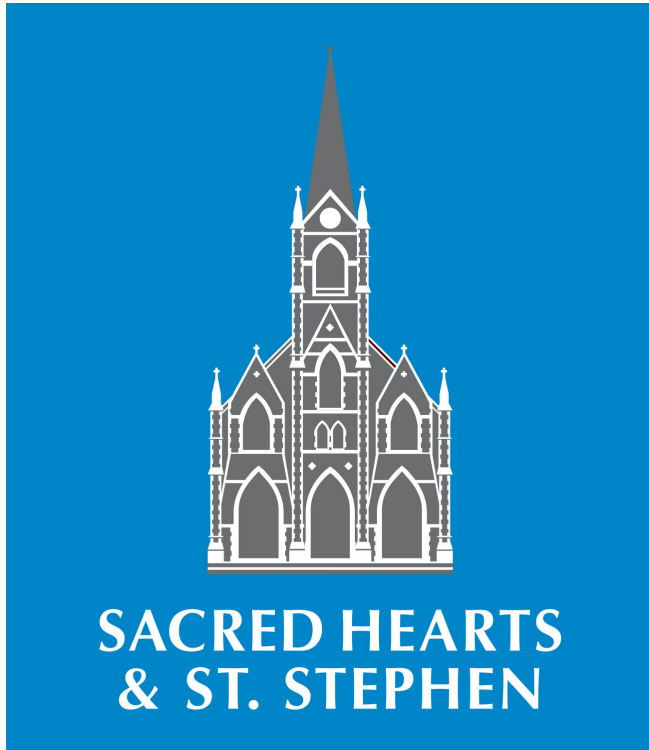


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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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**ANDREW DI MANSO**

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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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MON. OCTOBER 19, 2020  
8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
SPONSORED BY: Lenny & Jo Ann Trovato

TUE. OCTOBER 20, 2020  
8:30 Margaret Ferraro (Scott)  
SPONSORED BY: Sondra & Edwin Rivera

WED OCTOBER 21, 2020  
8:30 Angelo, Mary & Giovanni Vergona  
SPONSORED BY: Loving Family

THURS. OCTOBER 22, 2020  
8:30 Ann Barbera  
SPONSORED BY: Church Friends  
Angie & Marie

FRI. OCTOBER 23, 2020  
8:30 Filomena Falcone  
SPONSORED BY: Lucy Hamacbek

SAT. OCTOBER 24, 2020  
8:30 Parents, Joseph & Connie Galletta  
SPONSORED BY: Daughter Angela  
5:00 PM Dominic, Jennie & Michael Scotto  
SPONSORED BY: M/M Vinny Scotto

SUN OCTOBER 25, 2020  
8:00 Jennifer Menzies-Williams  
SPONSORED BY; The Suan Juan Family  
10:00 Pasquale Lamaestra  
SPONSORED BY; His Niece Rose Marie Foglia  
Noon For The Holy Spirit to  
Enlighten Msgr. Massie  
SPONSOED BY: Lorraine Zanzonico

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Sunday Collection 10/11	\$ 2,970.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,195.00
Total Sunday 10/11	\$ 5,165.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,160.00
**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 Gospel reading is important especially for us in this election year. While the question revolves around paying taxes to Caesar, the implications of the answer of Jesus are very important for us.

## **The situation of Jesus.**

Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? To understand this question and to understand the situation in which Jesus finds himself, it is important to understand the text and context of the question. First let us look at the tax situation of the time of Jesus.

During the time of Jesus, Israel was occupied by the Romans. The Romans imposed taxes on the people. There were three taxes which Romans imposed: there was a ground tax. This tax required a payment on produce. This tax required the payment of one tenth of grain, one fifth of oil produced and one fifth of wine produced. This tax was paid in kind and in a money equivalent. The second tax was a form of an income tax. This tax was one percent of one's income. The third tax was the poll tax. It is this tax which is in question in our reading. The poll tax was probably equal but more than one day's wage. This tax was to be paid by men from the ages of fourteen to sixty five and by women from ages of twelve to sixty five.

## **The response of the Israelites to the taxes.**

Needless to say the people hated the taxes. Now Jesus is in a difficult place. If he says it is unlawful to pay the tax then he will be denounced to the Romans and be arrested as a seditionist. If he says that he is in favor of the tax, he would be discredited in the eyes of his own people. To solve the dilemma, Jesus requests to see a coin. Jesus asks whose image is this and whose inscription? When he is told Caesars, Jesus gives a great answer; "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

How does this answer help us? Does Jesus answer the question? What is implied by this answer? What belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar? Does not everything ultimately belong to God?

Jesus is the wisdom of God. Jesus lays down a principle for us to consider. He does not make a rule or regulation. So how are we to follow this principle? As I see it, we have a civic responsibility to our city, state and country to work for the common good by paying taxes, voting and living according to the law of the land. We also have a citizenship in heaven according to St. Paul. We are Catholic, therefore we have the guidance of our Catholic Tradition, moral instruction of the Church and the faith through which we can form our conscience.

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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