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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](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. OCTOBER 26, 2020  
8:30 Jennifer & John Passantino  
SPONSORED BY: Alexander  
& Louise Passantino

TUE. OCTOBER 27, 2020  
8:30 Enrico Dellaporte  
SPONSORED BY: Catherine

WED OCTOBER 28, 2020  
8:30 Michael Bombolino  
SPONSORED BY: Mom & Dad

THURS. OCTOBER 29, 2020  
8:30 Johana Motto  
SPONSORED BY: Daughter Lorraine Motto

FRI. OCTOBER 30, 2020  
8:30 Jennifer Menzies-Williams  
SPONSORED BY: The San Juan Family

SAT. OCTOBER 31, 2020  
8:30 Guido Porcelli  
SPONSORED BY: Wife, Children &  
Grandchildren  
5:00 PM Helen Iaria  
SPONSORED BY: Antoniette Sardo-Palladino

SUN NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
8:00 Elizabeth DeMeglio  
Birthday Remembrance  
SPONSORED BY; Loving Family  
10:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
SPONSORED BY; Lenny & Jo-Ann Trovato  
Noon Pietro Rea  
SPONSOED BY: Wife, Children &  
Grandchildren

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 10/18	\$ 2,264.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,375.00
Total Sunday 10/1	\$ 4,639.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,686.00
**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 Community:

“ You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

What does the word love mean in today’s reading? The definition of love is effectively willing the good for another of one’s self. This love need not be emotional, having attachments or even liking a person. The disciple of Christ is called to will the good of the other without distinction.

The Gospel today is familiar to us. So familiar is this Gospel text that we risk the danger of not hearing it or listening to it, thinking incorrectly to ourselves that we know this text. The Matthew 22: 34-40 is the summation of Exodus 22: 20-26 which is today’s first reading. The second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Thessalonians speaks to us about the conversion of the Thessalonians and how they became models of faith for all those living in Macedonia and Achaia. The reason for the conversion of the Thessalonians was not just Paul’s preaching but also Paul’s example.

We cannot claim to love God if we hate our brothers and sisters. In Christianity, God is mediated to us through the humanity of Christ Jesus. It is in the image of Christ Jesus that we are all created. Therefore, we love God through service to people as well as our prayer and sacramental life. Our prayer life, our sacramental life, our meditations must move us to be people of charity. It is on our faith, our acts of charity and mercy that we will be judged. St Vincent De Paul tells us that every rule must have Charity as its goal. In Matthew 25: 11f it is on mercy and charity that the last judgment is based. Christianity is a faith of relationships. Our belief in God as a Trinity of persons indicates to us that God is a community of persons in relationship to each other. If we are created in the image of God, we are created as people called into relationships with God, others and oneself.

How does one love oneself? We will the effective good for ourselves when we see ourselves created in the image of God and redeemed by Christ. We love ourselves by caring for our health, our spiritual wellbeing and by having good wholesome friendships. We love ourselves by respecting ourselves. By loving ourselves, we can grow in loving others by willing for others the good we ourselves will for ourselves. Self esteem and self loving must come with a dose of humility. We must see ourselves as loved by God. If God could love us with all our faults, who am I not to will the good for myself? Loving yourself does not meant that you are perfect or special. In fact, the more we know ourselves, the greater we grow to appreciate the love of God for us. If God loves us we return that love to another. If you do not love yourself, you will find it difficult to love another. Love of one’s self means knowing one’s faults, one’s gifts and one’s rough spots and trusting in God’s mercy.

Love is of God and is the foundation of all relationships. What is the meaning of love as it is seen in the sacred text? Love means the effective willing the good for the other even if this means sacrifice. Love does not mean a feeling, an emotional attachment or even liking. The disciple of Christ is called to will the good for the other without distinction. Therefore, one wills the good of the other because of the love of Christ which impels us to do so. The closer to Christ, the closer to humanity we draw. The more human we are, the closer to God we are. To be truly human is to recognize our total dependence on God. To sin is to not be human, it is inhuman.

To love one’s neighbor governs how we relate to the other, whether the other be one’s spouse, child, co-worker or one’s neighbor in the neighborhood. Acts of mercy, kindness, charity, justice are directed to the good of the other or the community. They are not directed to one’s own agenda. Living for Christ means to have the love we see in Christ impel us to love for his sake.

How does your participation at Eucharist today affect for the better the worlds in which you live? Does your prayer life inspire you to be more forgiving, more merciful, more charitable? Are you motivated to speak out and work for justice for those who are unable to speak out for themselves? How does your faith make you and your life in the community better?

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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