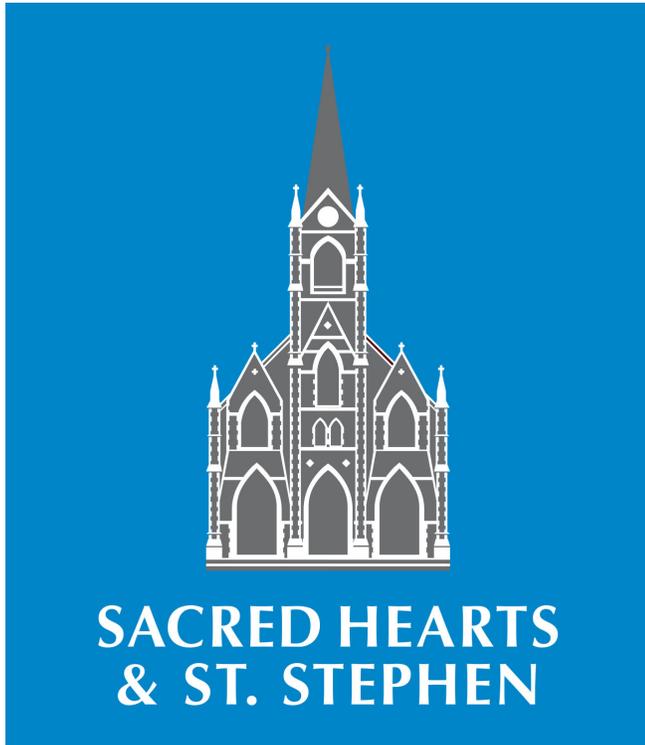


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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 5, 2020  
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family
  
- TUE. OCTOBER 6, 2020  
8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte  
& Jenny & Ciro Oliviero
  
- WED. OCTOBER 7, 2020  
8:30 In Honor of Queen of the Rosary
  
- THURS. OCTOBER 8, 2020  
8:30 The Wendler Family  
BY: The Lang Family
  
- FRI. OCTOBER 9, 2020  
8:30 Catherine Romanelli  
BY: RoseMary Polito
  
- SAT. OCTOBER 10, 2020  
8:30 Consuelo Hernandez  
5:00 PM Robert Mackey  
BY: Linda & Timonc Holcman
  
- SUN OCTOBER 11, 2020  
8:00 Helen Iaria  
BY: Antoinette Surdo-Palladino  
10:00 Anthony Mugno  
BY: Debra Mugno  
Noon George Storz  
BY: His Mother

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 9/27	\$ 1,742..00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,475.00
Total Sunday 9/27	\$ 4,217.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,108.00

\*\*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,

“Lord teach us to number our days that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Ps 90-12

Does God’s patience come to an end or is our time to cooperate with God limited?

Today’s Gospel reading continues the challenging parables addressed to the leadership of the people. Last week the question was “Why are those who are the most prepared to hear God’s word deaf to his word and do those who are least prepared get the message? The prior week we discussed the question “Does God owe us anything for being faithful?”

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we read about the Vineyard of the Lord. For the Prophet Isaiah, the Vineyard of the Lord was his own people. God cared for his people. God sent his word to his people and even though God is most faithful to his people, the people do not produce a yield. God intends to destroy the vineyard, yet the gardener intercedes and begs that the vineyard be spared. The gardener promises to care for the vineyard for a limited time in the hope that it will yield. If the vineyard does not produce a crop, the owner can destroy the vineyard. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about tenet farmers who were to care for the vineyard. When the owner tried to obtain his yield of the crop, his messengers are killed.

Parables speak to us in many ways. Some parables employ metaphors, that is one word stands for something else. Some parables are allegorical in which every aspect of the parable represents something else. All this is done to ultimately teach us a lesson. In today’s readings, the vineyard stands for the Israelites at the time of Jesus. The vineyard could also stand for the Christian People of the Church. God has appointed leadership over his people and the leaders have failed to cultivate the people to insure a good crop. The crops are symbolic of the people, who together with their leaders, have failed. The messengers are the prophets who time and time again have addressed the leadership. The leadership and the people ultimately refuse to hear the Prophets. In fact, the messengers were killed. In the end not only are the messengers rejected, but God himself is rejected by the leadership. Finally, God will give his vineyard to those who will produce a crop. This is referred to by the quote from Psalm 118: “The Stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone” of another people who will yield a good crop.

Most prophets are rejected by those to whom they are sent because they tell the truth. The truth is not welcomed by many because the truth can be painful. The truth can demand a change in lives of those who hear the truth. This can be said for individuals and for institutions. The leadership who heard this parable when Jesus spoke this parable was upset with him. They recognized his message and knew he was right.

What is God trying to tell you through those who love you? Why do we often reject the difficult truth someone who loves us is trying to tell us? What is the Lord trying to tell the Church of our day? Who are the prophetic voices of our day? What truths are we not ready to hear? God may be eternal, we are not. We have a limited time to respond to God’s word and invitation. In the end, we decide our own eternal life.

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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