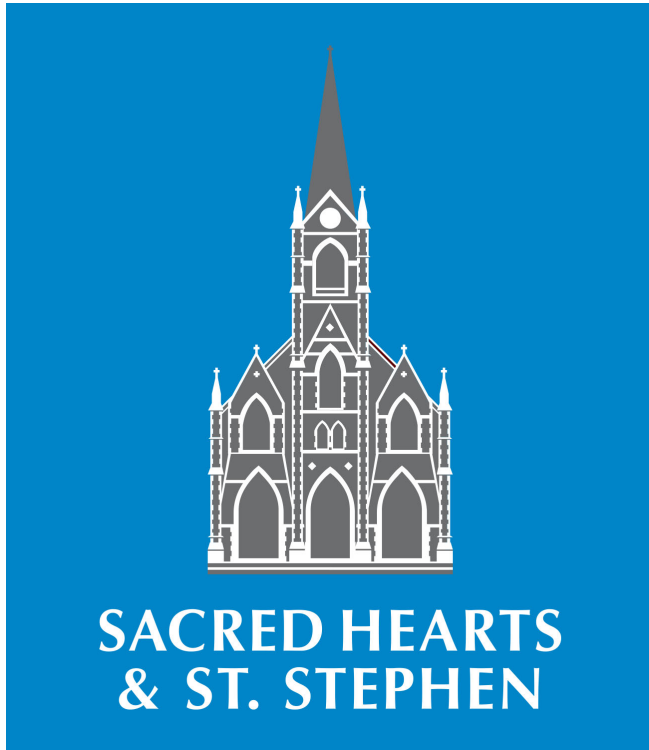

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:30 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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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. NOVEMBER 30, 2020**
 8:30 Enrico Dellaporte
 BY: Catherine
- TUE. DECEMBER 1, 2020**
 8:30 Josephine Walker
 BY: A Friend
- WED. DECEMBER 2, 2020**
 8:30 Roger Pagano
 BY: Son, Roger Pagano
- THURS. DECEMBER 3, 2020**
 8:30 Peter DeCesare, Sr.
 BY: Allison Laffey
- FRI. DECEMBER 4, 2020**
 8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
 BY: RoseMary Polito & Family
- SAT. DECEMBER 5, 2020**
 8:30 Brother In Law
 Louis Tabeek
 BY: Gertrude Zagarella
 5:00 PM Henry Stella
 BY: Wife Clara
- SUN. DECEMBER 6, 2020**
 8:30 Julie & Edward Cuevas
 BY: Daughter
 10:00 Deceased of The Oliviei Family
 BY: Marlene Olivieri
 Noon Anthony Polito
 BY: RoseMary & Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 11/15	\$ 1,668.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,270.00
Total Sunday 11/15	\$ 5,726.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,387.00

***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 |
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| 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 | Darren Munio |

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.

CHANGE IN MASS TIME

KINDLY NOTE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 27TH, THE 8:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY WILL NOW BE CELEBRATED AT 8:30 AM. THIS WILL CONTINUE INTO THE NEW YEAR AS WELL.



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HEARTSHARE TOY DRIVE

Due to Covid 19, HeartShare has announced they will be doing the collection of items differently this year. If you wish to write a check and mail it in, please do so by writing a check out to HeartShare Human Services and send it to HeartShare Human Services of New York, Attention Mario Principato, 12 Metrotech Center, 29th Floor, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 or go to the www.heartshare.org/ and in the upper right corner, you will find a donate button. Once on the donate page, choose the tab indicating Donation Destination where there will be an option for Holiday 2020. Should you have any questions regarding this process, kindly direct them to Mario Principato at 718 422-3213. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those in need, especially this year. God Bless You!!

ADVENT 2021-A BLESSED NEW LITURGICAL YEAR TO YOU. IT IS ADVENT AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Today we begin Advent. The word advent means to come, thus the Liturgical season of Advent invites us to focus our attention on the two comings of Christ. From now until December 17th, the sacred text of the season focus on the coming of Christ at the end of time. These first two weeks have as their goal the focus on the Kingdom of God. This time period accents the line from the Creed which says “we believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come” as well as the statement at the acclamation of faith after the consecration which professes belief in the return of Jesus. The readings refer to this second coming as a time of judgment and the final victory of good over evil.

The second part of Advent beginning on December 17th moves our focus to the Incarnation of God among us in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the Kingdom of God. It is during this time period the readings move us to familiar Christmas themes.

The Advent atmosphere in Church has a theme of waiting in joyful expectation. We have an Advent Wreath which is a way of marking our time while waiting. There are four candles which are placed in a pine or evergreen wreath. There are four candles corresponding to the four Sundays of Advent. There are three violet colored candles and one rose colored candle. The color violet is worn for advent. Violet represents a number of liturgical themes. Violet is the color of preparation through penance. Violet represents hope that what is expected will be fulfilled. The vestments of the priest and wall banners in the sanctuary will be violet. The three violet candles represent the first, second and fourth Sunday of Advent. The Rose colored candle represents the third Sunday of Advent which is called Gaudate Sunday or Sunday of Joy because the time of fulfillment is at hand.

Light is a symbol of both Advent, Christmas and Easter. During Advent, the daylight is short. It gets dark early in the day. The sun rises later in the morning, therefore there is a longing for light. Light breaks the darkness of the long nights. If you are awake between 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM you will notice how the first signs of light slowly appear in the east while the western sky is still dark. The light gradually fills the sky moving west until day is fully arrived. So, too, with the coming of the Lord, the world lay in darkness and the light who is Christ breaks in upon us. This light breaking in is similar to the gradual coming of the Kingdom of God. While God’s kingdom is here in Jesus and the Church, it is still coming to its fullness. While the Kingdom of God still struggles to overcome evil and is not completely here yet, in the end, day fully arrives, Christ did arrive and he will arrive again. The Kingdom of God will be successful even if we do not yet see its fullness.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THE SCRIPTURES OF ADVENT

We believe that Jesus the Christ has come. We believe that Jesus is God's Word made flesh and we believe that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. We believe that Jesus has not only begun the Kingdom of God on earth, but that Jesus is the Kingdom of God. While we believe this we also continue to pray for the Kingdom of God to come every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. Thus, while the Kingdom is here, it is not complete. We want Jesus to come again and bring the Kingdom to fulfillment. What do we mean by the Kingdom of God? We mean when God may rule the earth. We mean when all hatred stops, when there is harmony among humanity, the cosmos and total reconciliation with God for all people of good will. We wait even to this day for this Kingdom to come.

HOW TO HEAR THE ADVENT READINGS

Listen to the readings again for the first time. Listen to the readings in our time. Listen to the readings with our recent experience of the Covid and with our longing to have this virus gone. Listen to the readings in light of the many financial problems faced by many. Hear these readings in light of our hopes for health and well being. Listen to them in light of the social discontent in our city. Listen to the readings in light of your own yearnings for better times to come.

The readings reflect this waiting. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah we can almost hear and feel the frustration, longing and even anger of the writer as he pours out his heart. Longing, waiting, expecting, looking forward to, making up a dream sheet can be ways to understand the meaning of Advent. Many of us experience a need for fulfillment. Many have a need for inner peace and contentment. Many of us want our problems to cease. Some long just to be. Many are longing for an end to ambiguity in their lives. Health issues, job issues and sudden changes seem to highlight many of human dreams and needs at this time. Some of us are just unhappy longing for a life that used to be when we were in a different place. Instead of masking all these issues in the jingle bells and parties and pretending happiness, why not take these feelings to prayer in this Advent Season. Why not make your discontent and longing prayer.

THE PEOPLE OF ADVENT

The people we will meet in the Advent texts are well known to us. We will meet Isaiah who is the major prophet of the season, although not the only prophet. Isaiah will speak to us about our longings and our absence of fulfillment but also about hope. St. Paul will speak to us of the last things and point us to the coming of Jesus again at the end of time. John the Baptist will articulate our need for salvation from sin and from ourselves, our narcissism and point out Jesus who is the answer to life's questions and struggles. Mary is the major person whose life is turned upside down and waits for God again in her life. Not only does this great mother wait for the birth of Jesus, she waits also to understand God's great plan of salvation. This is the Mother who is our Advent companion. She will point us to Christ. She will pray for us and we will go to Jesus through her.

I wish you a great Advent Season and Blessed New Liturgical Year 2021.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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