

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:

8:30 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

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE
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REV. CLETUS FORSON
Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI
Prison Chaplain (In Residence)

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Director of Faith Formation

JOHN HEYER, II

Pastoral Associate

ROSE MARIE FOGLIA

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Parish Organist

JENNIFER WU

Choir Director

EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF

Choir Director Emerita

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.

Parish Trustees and Advisors

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.

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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/16	\$ 1,674.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,848.00
Total Sunday 5/16	\$ 4,522.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,803.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
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- MON. MAY 24, 2021**
8:30 Adam Rapino
BY: His Mother, Paula Magdalena
- TUE. MAY 25, 2021**
8:30 Anne (Babe) Iacono
BY: Anthony Ringston
- WED MAY 26, 2021**
8:30 Alfonso Russo
BY: Laura & Michael Eng
- THURS. MAY 27, 2021**
8:30 In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Intercession of The Blessed Mother
BY: Marie Caria
- FRI. MAY 28, 2021**
8:30 Hoban Family
BY: Bernie Hoban
- SAT. MAY 29, 2021**
8:30 Deceased Members of The Piro Family
BY: Piro Children
5:00 PM In Honor of St. Joan of Arc
For all our Soldiers in War (Living and Deceased)
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
- SUN MAY 30, 2021**
8:30 Anna & Michael Ruggiero
BY: Loving Family
10:00 Lee Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grand Children
Noon Dominic, Jennie & Michael Scotto
BY: Vinny & Anna



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
- Catholic Charities
- Hospital, College & Prison Chaplains
- Diocesan Vocations Office
- Catholic Migration Services
- Office of Faith Formation
- Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy
- Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our Parish Goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



HOLY SPIRIT



Pray For

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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 | RoseMary Lamaestra |
| 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 | Darren Munio |
| John Esposito | Abigail Memmesheimer |
| Philip Saraceno | |



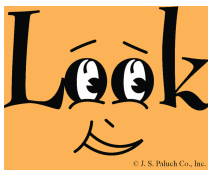
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Bread & Wine for the week of May 23rd has been donated

In Memory of

SALVATORE DE STEFANO, JR.

BY: The Troaino Family



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MOTHER & FATHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are having a Mother & Father's Day baby shower with donations going to the Sisters of Life. Mother's Day is May 9th and Father's Day is June 20th so you can make a donation between now and June 20th. As we did last year, if you wish to make a donation, please send it directly to St. Andrew's Church, Sisters of Life, 20 Cardinal Hayes Place, NYC 10007. This year the Sisters are in need of diapers, wipes, onesies, booties, baby lotion, shampoo, children's bibles. Other suggestions are other baby clothing such as sleepers, hats and outfits, bottles and blankets. All baby items must be new. Maternity clothing is also very helpful as are Uber gift cards for medical appointments, especially in light of the pandemic. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**MAY FOR MARY!
LET US PRAY TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER
FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS TO ALL
GOD'S CHILDREN!**

As May is the month of Mary our Mother, we celebrate all Mothers who have healed our bumps and bruises and gave us comfort beyond measure with infinite love and joy (and an occasional stern arm).

May enters with many joyful celebrations and health awareness events. Let us focus on our health so we can continue to welcome Spring and enjoy all May's celebrations!

In the month of May we celebrate Florence Nightingale's birthday (May 12th 1820) and all nurses.

Let us continue our physical and mental focus by going for a walk with "Mom" or have a nice long talk with "Mom" or even get up and dance with "Mom" and maybe even a karaoke challenge with "Mom" and her favorite tunes.

Build a bird house, plant flowers, tell some corny Mom jokes and ask about your birth story again.

For me, I am going to celebrating "Ma" in many of these ways with my daughters born of my heart and soul and continue to honor all the mothers who cannot be here on earth but are forever close in my heart.

Let us remember that May is the month of awareness for:

- **High Blood Pressure Education:** <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov.health-topics/education-and-awareness/high-blood-pressure>
- **Arthritis:** <https://www.arthritis.org/>
- **Asthma and Allergy:** <https://www.aafa.org/asthma-and-allergy-awareness-month>
- **ALS awareness:** <http://www.alsa.org/>
- **Better Hearing and Speech:** <https://www.asha.org/> & <https://www.asha.org/bhsm/>
- **Better Sleep Month:** <https://bettersleep.org/>
- **Bike Month and Bike to Work Day:** <https://bikleague.org/bikemonth>
- **National Institute On Minority Health and Health Disparities** www.healthandfitnessmonth.org.
- **Food Allergy Awareness** <https://www.foodallergyawareness.org/>
- **Health Vision Month (Global)** <https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/healthyvisionmonth>.
- **Hepatitis Awareness:** <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hepawarenessabcs.htm>

Be it our Mom in heaven, Mom on earth, Mom who is our mother's Mother, our Aunts, our friends, by birth, by heart, by soul, by chance, we celebrate them ALL!

Many blessings for this month of May to one and ALL!

Sondra Rivera, RN

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2021

Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit stay with us, come Holy Spirit be part of us.

Dear Parish Community,

We believe that God is a Trinity of persons. While the Father is not the Jesus and Jesus is not the Spirit and the Spirit is not the Father, yet all are Divine, all are One God. Confused? Well, the Trinity is more experienced than understood. Think of the Holy Spirit as Divine Energy. Think about this. You have redecorated your home, you have newly painted walls, new drapes, new floors, new windows and even some structural changes. You walk into your newly renovated home, it is enveloped in the shadows of the day. Things are not clear. What do you need to showcase your new home? You need Light to see, light to enjoy the new curtains and structures. The Spirit is similar. We know what we should believe. We know what we must do to be disciples what we need is the energy and stamina to live as believers in Christ. We may say that the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in the apparent absence of Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes the Father and Jesus present in the sacraments, in our hearts and in the community. The work of Jesus is completed. Jesus redeemed us. Now the work of appropriating the redemption won by Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus is the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is the breath of God uttering the Word.

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Pentecost means fifty days after Easter. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. The readings for the feast of Pentecost are based on the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated fifty days after Passover. The Jewish Feast celebrates God giving the Torah on Mount Sinai. (See Exodus 19) The Torah revealed to the Israelites the mind of God and what God required of them. We are celebrating not the giving of the Torah but rather the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and through them to the whole church. The Spirit reveals to us, Jesus who is the mind and heart of God among us. For us, it is Jesus who is the illustration of the mind and heart of God. It is Jesus, the WORD OF GOD who reveals to us how we are to live. The Spirit appropriates in us the great redemption which Jesus brought about through his passion, death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit leads us to realize in the depths of our hearts the need we have for redemption. The Holy Spirit inspires us to recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is only in the Holy Spirit that we can proclaim Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity. We experience God through three distinct yet unified relationships. The Spirit may be seen as the love that exists between Father and Son. Encountering God as the Holy Spirit awakens us to the Divine Presence of the Trinity dwelling deep within the depths of our being made present through sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Easter and Pentecost led us to a deeper understanding and realization of the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us who is Jesus. The words from 1Corinthians 12:3-13 “No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit” are true. As mentioned earlier, the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity makes Jesus and the Father present in Word and Sacrament. The Spirit reminds and helps us to bear witness to Christ.

The Spirit points us to see the connection between Christ and our everyday life. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms God from being an idea or theological concept into a reality in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms the Gospel from being stories about Jesus to making Jesus the dynamic center of our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms our lives from searching for truth into living the truth. It is the Spirit who enables our faith to come alive. It is the Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire, breathes life into our spirits, splashes us with baptismal water, moves us and inspires us to be convicted in faith in Christ Jesus. Like rain, which is always the same yet it helps produce every type of plant so the Spirit falls upon us and produces with our cooperation every spiritual gift helping us to be convicted of our faith in Christ Jesus.

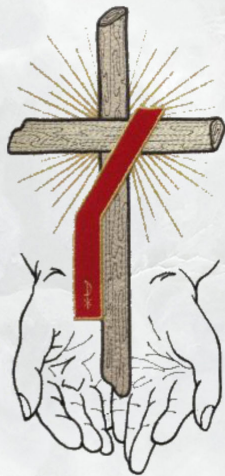
The Church is formed from the clay of our humanity and the fire of the Holy Spirit kindled in the waters of baptism, thus creating us into living stones forming us into the body of Christ. It is in the context of Eucharist, the Sacred Text, the Sacraments and the Community that we have a personal and communal relationship with the Lord. It is in this relationship personal and communal that we discover the abiding presence of Christ in the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and reverence (fear of the Lord) cf. Gal 5. It is through these gifts that we cultivate lives of love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, chastity and generosity. It is living in this Holy Spirit that we proclaim in our very beings that “ JESUS CHRIST IS LORD to the praise and Glory of God the Father.

Come Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire!



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To each the Spirit is given



*Called to Serve
God's People*

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT
SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN
PARISH CELEBRATES THE

Ordination to the Diaconate
OF
Edwin Antonio Rivera

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
FOR HIS MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY

MAY
30

AT OUR
10AM MASS

DEACON RIVERA WILL PROCLAIM THE
GOSPEL AND PREACH HIS FIRST HOMILY

ALL ARE INVITED TO BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE MASS AT
SACRED HEARTS-ST. STEPHEN, CABRINI HALL
125 SUMMIT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11231

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