

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

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

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Sacristan

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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.

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.



MON. MAY 10, 2021
 8:30 Camille Ranieri
 BY: Rosemary & Family

TUE. MAY 11, 2021
 8:30 Janet Illiano Caccioppoli
 BY: Michael & Evan

WED. MAY 12, 2021
 8:30 Health of Family
 BY: Illiano Family

THURS. MAY 13, 2021
 8:30 Restituta Marchetti & Family
 BY: Catherine & Family
 Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family




FRI. MAY 14, 2021
 8:30 Frank Foglia
 30 Year Anniversary Remembrance

SAT. MAY 15, 2021
 8:30 Bishop Thomas V. Daily
 BY: Louis Pepe
 5:00 PM Camille Ranieri
 BY: Catherine

SUN. MAY 16, 2021
 8:30 Anne (Babe) Iacono
 BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
 10:00 Philip Poldrugovaz
 BY: Madeline Poldrugovaz
 Noon Marion Battaglia &
 Lorraine Ferraro Rubino
 BY: Edwin & Sondra Rivera



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Sunday Collection 5/02	\$ 2,116.00*
	*Envelopes & cash	
	On Line Donations	\$ 3,040.00
	Total Sunday 5/02	\$ 5,156.00
	Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
	Difference:	\$ 9,169.00
	**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	
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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.



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of May 9th have been donated In Loving Memory of **FRANK FOGLIA** 30th ANNIVERSARY BY: His Sister Rose Marie



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:

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

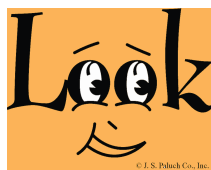


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Bread & Wine for the week of May 9th has been donated

In Loving Memory of CONCETTA FOGLIA

BY: Rose Marie Foglia



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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

Dear Parish Family,

If you go to Bay Ridge, you will find on Ridge Boulevard between 89th and 92nd Street the Monastery of the Visitation Sisters. At the entrance to the monastery you will see a sign on which is written “LIVE JESUS.” This is the motto and mission of the order of the Visitation. Today’s readings echo this motto. What does this motto mean? Is it a prayer? How do we make the name Jesus our goal?

In today’s readings we are presented with a clear direction from Jesus himself. He states that the condition for loving him is to keep his commands. We are told to keep, obey, hear and follow the words of Christ. This message is found clearly in the second reading from 1John 4:7-10 and in the Gospel which comes from John 15: 9-17. The command of Jesus or in Hebrew the Mitzvot of Jesus is: “ Love one another as I have loved you.” We have heard this command so often I wonder if we hear it any more or if we know what it means. What does this command mean? Is there a difference between liking and loving? Do I have to like to love? What is the goal of love? Is this a command to be carried out now or is it something to work towards or both? The questions abound. The command remains; “love one another as I have loved you.” The command remains the measure of our love for Jesus.

The word love in our society has many meanings. In English we have only one word for love and the degree of that love is learned from the sentence. So, I love my family, I love my wife/husband, I love my children, I love my friends and neighbors use the same word: “Love” but each meaning of the word “love” differs in each sentence. The love of which the Gospel, the second reading from the scriptures means : to will the effective good for the other. It is devoid of liking, devoid of personal emotion, it is the willing of the good for the other because this is what God wishes for us and what Jesus wishes us to do. This is not an easy demand. It is only with the grace of God that we can love in this way. Yet, the condition to LIVE JESUS commands us to will the good for the other. Out of this command to love comes our willingness to work for peace, joy, light, understanding, justice, mercy, etc. Think of the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, it is an example of how to follow the command to love and how to LIVE JESUS.

To follow Jesus is a challenge. To LIVE JESUS is a goal against which we can examine our conscience. This command to will the good for others applies to everyone including those we do not like, those we find difficult and challenging and even our enemies. This willing the good for others is universal and inclusive. This willing the good does not always make us happy. Sometimes, willing the good demands us to be firm, set boundaries, correct and even intervene in the life of another person for that person’s own good. Love is not easy. Many times the loving person will suffer from push back. Think of the parent who corrects and set limits on a child. That child sometimes kicks up a fuss. Think of the child who, willing the good for the senior citizen parent, must make difficult decisions for the good of the parent. Think of the resistance that child gets from the parent. Think of how we may react to being told that certain issues must be addressed in our lives if we are going to live together in this marriage, or family. For the sake of love many have died and many have suffered not for doing bad things but for carrying out the good. Think of the many saints and regular people who have given their lives for their faith. Think of the many who have forgiven others for terrible wrongs committed against them. Think of the freedom that comes from such forgiveness. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians: “Love is not self-centered, it seeks the good of the other.” To LIVE JESUS we must follow the example of Christ and always find new ways, new understandings of how to love. Love is not self-centered, is it always other centered. How do we hear this command? Is fulfilling this command possible in the New York society of today where so many of us are so concerned about our own success, position and comfort?

Msgr. Guy. A. Massie

ASCENSION THURSDAY

What do we mean by the Feast of the Ascension?

To answer this question we need to review our lesson in the faith. Let us return to Christmas. At Christmas time we celebrated not only the birth of Jesus but more importantly, we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation of God among us and through Jesus. The mission of Jesus is our redemption. Redemption means literally to buy back. Jesus comes to look for humanity that has wandered far from God and to bring humanity back to God. Jesus does this through his preaching, his miracles, but most especially by being faithful to all that God has asked of humanity. His faithfulness brings him to his Cross. The Cross is the symbol of Christ's faithfulness and our redemption. What did God ask of humanity? God, through the sacred texts, the commandments and the prophets, asks humanity to: love one another that is to effectively willing the good for each other. God asked us to have faith in him. God asked that humanity be in communion with him and each other. If the Torah is the mind of God in written word, than Jesus is the illustration of how most perfectly to live out the Torah. Jesus dies while faithfully living out his mission. Jesus is faithful to himself and to his mission until death. Jesus dies forgiving his persecutors. Christ is ultimately faithful to his own teachings. He shows us that it is possible to live in this world and still be faithful to God's command. These commands make us more human, more merciful, more in touch with humanity around us. Jesus dies a free man.

In his death Christ redeems all who wish to be his follower. Through Baptism and Eucharist, we share in the redemption which Christ won for us. It is in his Death and Resurrection that humanity is brought back to God. In the Ascension, Christ brings our human nature, which he took back to the Father. In the Ascension we learn that redemption and salvation is not just a spiritual reality but also a corporal reality. In the Ascension all creation is returned to the Father.

The Ascension is the great commissioning of the Apostles and the community preaching about this redemption which Christ has won for us. The presence of Christ is now found in the sacraments. Christ is present with us as he was with the disciples but now Christ is present in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Christ is present in his people who we call the Church.

Rev. Guy A. Massie