

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 details.

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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 2:00 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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- MON. JUNE 14, 2021**
8:30 Anna, Antonio, Ralph & Theresa Colantonio
BY: Loving Daughter & Sister Angie
- TUE. JUNE 15, 2021**
8:30 Elisa Conti
BY: The Conti Family
- WED JUNE 16, 2021**
8:30 Joseph Foglia
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- THURS. JUNE 17, 2021**
8:30 Gaetano Conti
BY: The Conti Family
- FRI. JUNE 18, 2021**
8:30 Elisa Puglise & Frank Lo Porto
BY: Loving Family
- SAT. JUNE 19, 2021**
8:30 Gary Cushing
5:00 PM Fathers' Day Remembrance
- SUN JUNE 20, 2021**
8:30 Fathers' Day Remembrance
10:00 Fathers' Day Remembrance
Noon Father's Day Remembrance



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 6/6	\$ 2,279.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,388.00
Total Sunday 6/6	\$4,667.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,658.00

**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.



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Bread & Wine for the week of June 13th has been donated

In Memory of
RICHIE MATTIA
BY: Millie Agosta



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,
Brad Hatry
Michelle Laquercia
Dolly Vergona,
Judith DeArmen
Judith Miller
Diane Barchuk
Carol DeMairo
Anthony Tilocca
Roe Gambardella
Ann Curcuru
Lamar McNabb
Carol Montelbano
Anthony Manfre
Emma Huckerby
Louann Gambardella
Dominick Aiello, Jr.
Erica Concino
Susan Hannan
Hector Jimenez
John Esposito
Philip Saraceno

Helena Rolla
Louis Pepe
Irene Balen
Gloria Heyer
John Nigro
RoseMary Lamaestra
Addy Wardrope
Anthony Gambardella
Anthony Turco
Elizabeth Foley
Dora Zanzonico
Louis D'Angelo
Gina Salta
Celeste Internicola
Kristin Quail
Robert Janicke
Mark Carles
Bernadette Janicke
Evan Marra
Darren Munio
Abigail Memmesheimer



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**Dear SHSS Parish Family,
Thank you for a wonderful weekend. It was a true example of the Body of Christ and how we are the Church together. Thank you for your prayers, blessings, kindness and generosity. I am honored and blessed to be a part of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen. I look forward to seeing you at Church and serving you and the community with the help of God.**

**Peace and Blessings to you now and always,
Yours in Christ,
Deacon Edwin Antonio Rivera**



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If you wish to remember a loved one or have a devotion to a particular Saint, annual memorial candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit for

one year and a plaque may be engraved with a dedication or memorialization. The cost is \$100.00 per year (\$110.00 initially to cover the cost of the plaque.) These candles may be placed by the Saint of your choice. Before the year expires, a letter will be sent to inquire if a renewal is desired.

Should you have any questions or are interested in obtaining a candle, please call the Rectory from Monday through Thursday, from 9-5 (lunch is from 1-2) and speak with Rose Marie Foglia. We will be happy to assist you.



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We wish to thank everyone for their weekly offerings and donations to our Parish which

helps sustain our overhead as well as the daily streaming of our masses. If you wish to make contributions on line, please visit:

WWW.Givecentral.org/SHSS

This is a user friendly site and it is very easy to sign up for either a one time donation or regular weekly offerings. Should there be any questions regarding this process, please contact the Rectory.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are given a message of hope in the Gospel. From small beginnings great things can happen. From small beginnings, the Kingdom of God or the Reign of God can come to fruition. During Ordinary Time, the readings revisit some of the themes which the previous season (the Easter Season) may have touched upon. Today we are speaking about the Kingdom of God or the Reign of God.

The theme of the Kingdom of God is a major theme in the New Testament. The Kingdom of God is the theme of the ministry of Jesus. What is the Kingdom of God for which we pray to come in the Lord's Prayer? The Kingdom of God is not to be seen as heaven nor is it a place. The Kingdom of God has to do with a time when God's power will be evident in the world and evil will be defeated. How does this happen? What is the way to achieve such an ideal but not impossible goal? The simple answer is by imitating Christ, by following the commandments, by being faithful to Christ in good times and in bad times, when the message is accepted or rejected or even persecuted. How does one imitate Christ? One does so by following his command: "Love one another as I have loved you." Love means willing the good for others even if this means self-sacrifice, even if one sees no apparent results. This love can translate into bearing witness to the truth, acting in kindness and mercy, confronting untruth and resisting evil of all types. Kingdom of God means for us, keeping the commandment "do this in memory of me." We must celebrate the Eucharist. It is by being people of the Eucharist that allow Christ to work through us for the good of others.

In the sacred text, the Kingdom is often referred to in agricultural terms. The Kingdom grows slowly and at times unnoticed. It has small beginnings. The New Testament often speaks about the Kingdom in terms of parables. What is a parable? A parable is a story used to illustrate a profound point or lesson. The parable may compare the Kingdom to something we know. "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.." This is called an analogy. A parable may be a fictional story adapted from everyday life but with a surprising twist which invites the hearer to dig deeply into the meaning of the story. A parable may be a story which is not given an interpretation but whose meaning may be eluded to in the context of what came prior and after the parable. The New Testament is filled with parables. Some of these you know by heart: The Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Parable of Lazarus the beggar, The Parable of the wicked servant, etc.

The lesson for today is hope. We go about doing good and at times it looks like the world around us pays us no mind. In fact, we may seek and advocate for mercy or for peace or we may be compassionate and see no visible improvement for all our efforts. Yet your good deeds are being seen and in some cases, they are being imitated and in the end, you will have affected the changing of your world for the better. One may ask in light of the terrible situations we face, what can I do? You can be faithful to your commitment to living for Christ. By actions of charity, works of kindness, by being compassionate, by seeking truth even when it feels fruitless. Such good actions inspired by the Gospel can only achieve good at some time if not in our time. The Kingdom comes about in God's time with our help.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

Happy June SHSS Parish Family!

June is in full BLOOM! The weather is getting warmer, people are out and about, kids are running and playing, parks are bursting with families and restaurants are packed! Let us remember to practice physical safety when crossing the busy streets, watching for bikers and scooters alike and swinging kids and flying baseballs!

Be mindful to wear a mask as needed, especially if you are not vaccinated. Wash your hands with warm soapy water and keep a safe distance. As New York and the whole world opens, let's be safe and healthy!

The list below is the health focus for June. I want to highlight a few that are both personal and more prevalent today and the ones we need to educate ourselves about and be proactive.

Alzheimer's, a progressive disease that destroys memory and other important mental functions.

A family member, a wife, mother and grandmother of soon to be 4 is a 55 year old woman with early onset Alzheimer's since her mid 40's and perhaps earlier. She has a significant family history and is proactive in research and her care. It saddens me to say that our conversations are often repeated. Family support is crucial and her family is making every single memory count! Dali has a blog and I encourage you to follow her for inspiration. AnElusiveMind. An Elusive Mind, Dali Serrano. Early Onset Alzheimer's

Men's Health, Most health care advertisement and campaigns will display woman, unless you are a senior and it's focused on the "man" issues, such as the prostate and libido! However, we must be mindful that men need to focus on their overall and specific health needs, including breast, testicular and rectal examinations. Cholesterol and glucose monitoring. Blood pressure and heart rate and rhythm and, of course, physical health. Are you tired, sore, achy and fatigued? Do you frequently use the bathroom, always hungry and have blurred vision? Are you working out, losing weight and exhausted?

PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder) A disorder in which a person has difficulty recovering after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying event. Let's face it, we all have PTSD from COVID and the pandemic. Anxiety, depression, substance use and abuse, suicide and isolation are at alarming rates. For some people, these are new emotions and experiences. For others, these are exacerbated. Please know you are not alone and there is support and help available at SHSS and here. Immediate assistance dial 911, National Suicide Prevention, 1 800 273 TALK (8255), Domestic Violence Hotline, 1 800 942 6906, Crisis Text Line : Text: "Got5" to 741-741, Text "FRONTLINENY" TO 741-741 for specialized support.

- Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month with Alzheimer's Association
- Cataract Awareness Month with Prevent Blindness
- Men's Health Month with multiple organizations
- Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
- National Aphasia Awareness Month with National Aphasia Association
- National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month with CDCT Trusted Source
- National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month with the Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP)
- National Safety Month with National Safety Council
- National Scleroderma Awareness Month with Scleroderma Foundation
- PTSD Awareness Month with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Scoliosis Awareness Month with Scoliosis Research Society
- National Cancer Survivors Day (June 6th) with National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation
- Family Health & Fitness Day (June 12th) with National Recreation and Park Association
- World Blood Donor Day (June 14th) with the WHO Trusted Source
- Men's Health Week (June 14-20) with multiple organizations
- Autistic Pride Day (June 18)
- World Sickle Cell Day (June 19) with Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
- Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week (June 21-27) with Helen Keller Center for Deaf-Blind-Youths and Adults
- National HIV Testing Day (June 27) with multiple organizations

Many blessings to one and all, spread kindness and know you are LOVED!

Sondra A. Rivera, RN, MSN-Ed, DW