

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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Choir Director Emerita

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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 21, 2021
8:30 Mary Ann Melina
BY: Andrew Di Manso
- TUE.** JUNE 22, 2021
8:30 Enrico Dellaporte
BY: Catherine
- WED** JUNE 23, 2021
8:30 Frank Agosta
BY: Family
- THURS.** JUNE 24, 2021
8:30 Giovanna Barrera
BY: Tina & Nick
- FRI.** JUNE 25, 2021
8:30 Lucy Cipriano
BY: Phyllis Krauser
- SAT.** JUNE 26, 2021
8:30 Sister Barbara Doyle
BY: Lucia Piro
5:00 PM Andrew Di Constanzo
BY: Daughter Anna
- SUN** JUNE 27, 2021
8:30 For a Personal Intention
10:00 Pasquale & Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: Andrew & Carolyn Schiano-Moriello
& Family
Noon St. Pietro
BY: Society

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 6/13	\$ 2,785.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,423.00
Total Sunday 6/13	\$5,208.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,117.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

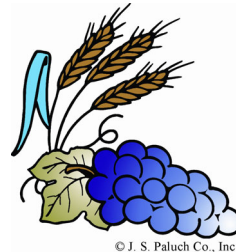
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The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- 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 20th has been donated

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPH FOGLIA

BY: Rose Marie Foglia



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

June 20th have been donated

In Loving Memory of

ROBERT "BOBBY" RUSSO

BY: Carolyn & John Zodda



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



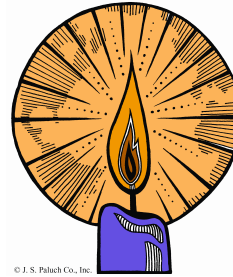
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Please join us on Monday, July 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House located at 108 Carroll Street for

an informal discussion about ETERNAL by Lisa Scottoline.

For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on Sept. 13th. We will be discussing The Tide Between Us: An Epic Irish-Catholic Story of Slavery and Emancipation by Olive Collins.

All are welcome!



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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,

Have you ever felt that your life was turned upside down? Have you ever felt that you were walking through an unexpected storm? Have you felt that you seem not to be in control of what is happening to you? Have you felt abandoned by family, friends and even God? If you have felt these feelings, then I suggest you read the readings for this Sunday.

In the first reading from the Book of Job, the man whose life was turned upside down, the man who feels abandoned by God and the man who asks the question, why, what have I done? Notice that God answers Job. God responds to Job in the midst of the storm. Job's storm is his upset life. While Job thought that God had left him when all things went wrong, it seems God is in the midst of the storm.

In the Gospel Jesus quiets a storm on the lake. The disciples are frightened. The sea water is pouring into the boat. They think they are going to die. Jesus seems to be unconcerned, asleep in the boat. Finally they call out to Jesus and he calms the sea and the wind. The disciples are at peace again. Jesus asks them, why were you so frightened?

Our lives are as fragile as the boat in which the disciples are sailing. We have all seen from our recent experience of storms how water and wind can be most destructive of life and property. We also know how helpless we feel in the face of such weather. The same feeling of helplessness can come upon us when we face the storms of life. Sickness, loss, financial problems, the unpleasant surprises of family members who are faced with seemingly insurmountable problems, marital problems cause us many sleepless nights, worry and anxiety. Our minds may not be able to focus. We, like the apostles in the boat, feel frightened. We may feel somewhat abandoned. We may feel that God is asleep as we are facing all these issues. Read today's Gospel. Over the wind, the rain, the waves, the anxiety, we have no control. Look again at the Gospel. Jesus is present, even if he seems not to be.

It is always easier to see God's presence when things are going well in our lives. We may be led to think that we are blessed when all goes well. While that may be true for which we give thanks, is God absent when the storms of life creep up upon us? Is the Jesus of Easter Sunday the same Jesus of Good Friday? Do we secretly believe that just because I am a good person, follow all the rules and say my prayers and come to Church on Sunday, that all will go well for me? Jesus did all the right things, prayed, and still suffered. Did God forget Jesus? At the end of the Gospel of St. Matthew, we read: "Behold I am with you always even until the end of time." Through prayer, Baptism, especially the Eucharist, the community of the church, God is present with us. Christ's presence with us sustains us.

In the second reading from 2Corinthians we read: "the love of Christ impels us." Paul is speaking about the love he experienced in Christ. If we believe that Christ loves us, we in turn must be impelled to share that love with others particularly those experiencing the storms of life. Perhaps we must keep in mind that Jesus as the presence of God is mediated through the humanity of Jesus so also the presence of Jesus with us is mediated through the people who help us in times of our storms; the friend we call in the middle of the night, the neighbor who lends a helping hand, the doctor who is trying to treat us, the counselor who advises us, the community gathered celebrating the Eucharist are all reminders that God is with us in our many storms of life. Jesus asked "why are you so frightened?" Is God speaking to you through the storms of your life? God is most close to those whose heart is broken.

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