

# 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 details.

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*

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**REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE**

*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

**MRS. NANCY ARKIN**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**JOHN HEYER, II**

*Pastoral Associate*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**

*Administrator/Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**

*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.

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**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.**

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# Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON.** JULY 12, 2021  
8:30 Marietta Iovelli  
BY: DiCoscia & Chieto Family
- TUE.** JULY 13, 2021  
8:30 Robert Russo  
BY: Lois Martin & Bruce Orr
- WED** JULY 14, 2021  
8:30 Catherine "Kay" Cammareri  
BY: The Eng & Lo Porto Family
- THURS.** JULY 15, 2021  
8:30 Louise Villano  
BY: Daughter
- FRI.** JULY 16, 2021  
8:30 John & Vincent Marchesano  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: Angela & Louis Nespoli
- SAT.** JULY 17, 2021  
8:30 For The Healing of Barbara Maloney  
BY: Michele Monahan  
5:00 PM Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
BY: Roseann Illiano & Family
- SUN** JULY 18, 2021  
8:30 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Their Family  
Mass of Thanksgiving for  
Deacon Vincent Vu  
Mass in Celebration of Asian Peoples

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection 7/4    | \$ 2,269.00 |
| *Envelopes & cash        |             |
| On Line Donations        | \$ 2,470.00 |
| Total Sunday 7/4         | \$ 4,739.00 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference:              | \$ 9,586.00 |

\*\*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 July 11th has been donated

In 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:

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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   |
| Susan Hannan         | Evan Marra           |
| Hector Jimenez       | Darren Munio         |
| John Esposito        | Abigail Memmesheimer |
| Philip Saracemo      | Gertrude Zagarella   |



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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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We joyfully announce the Ordination to the Diaconate of Vincent Vu. Vincent will be ordained on Saturday, July 10, 2021 as a transitional Deacon. Please remember him in your prayers. All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church on Sunday, July 18th at 10:00 AM. Please join us for this celebration and let us pray together as a community for his ministry.



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With a very grateful heart I thank Msgr. Massie for his many prayers for me, for his great support during this very difficult time in my life. He has listened and encouraged me whenever I call him. To Father Cletus for his many prayers and support. To the many parishioners who have called to tell me they are praying for me and asking if they could do something to help me. From the bottom of my heart, I am so grateful to you for your caring and prayers. To those who have sent me Get Well Mass Cards, I am truly grateful. Prayer is very important right now. To all of you I am very grateful to know that I come from a parish that truly cares for each other. God has been very good to me for which I am grateful every day and with His help, I will get through this difficult time. In closing, I will always be grateful to all of you. A woman said to me when she called to say that she was praying for me gave me a smile and encouragement. She said "Gertrude, you have been on vacation long enough so hurry now and get back to your job." I miss you at the Church doors greeting all of us for the 10:00 AM Mass. I do promise I will be back doing my job because I miss seeing and talking to all of you. God Bless you all and keep safe. Many many thanks and prayers.

Gertrude

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The uniting theme for the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday is Evangelization. Evangelization means to announce the Good News. The word “gospel” means the “Good News”. The Good News is Jesus. The Good News is of a world redeemed. The Good News is that in the end good and not evil will win the day. The Good News means that truth and not falsehood will have the final word. The Good News is life will be victorious over death as we see in the Resurrection of Christ. This whole message is summed up in the disciples being sent to announce the Kingdom of God.

In the Book of the Prophet Amos, we read that Amos the prophet was sent to preach to the people. Amos compelled the message he must announce. While Amaziah the priest of the temple rejects Amos, Amos must preach the Word of God. Remember, prophets do not tell us the future, rather they raise questions to the present situations. The prophet brings us back to reality. The prophet reminds the people of commitments to the faith. The role of the prophet is to draw the line between faith and behavior. The prophet oftentimes is not accepted by his own people nor by those to whom he is sent. Prophets ask questions which some may find too probing, too personal and too thought provoking. Thus, the prophet suffers for this message.

In the Gospel we meet Jesus who is sending out his disciples to announce the Kingdom of God. They, like Amos and Jesus preach, and in their actions bear witness to the Gospel message. The mission of the disciples is described by such phrases as: authority over unclean spirits, they were to preach repentance and they were to anoint the sick. They were to minister together in groups of two and never alone. What do these tasks actually mean? To expel evil spirits means to have authority to limit evil. In the life of Christ there is a constant battle between good and bad, between good and evil, between life and death. If you want a life in the Spirit, be prepared to do battle with evil spirits. These spirits are the tempter’s ways of getting us to consent to evil. So look at those enslaved by jealousy, anger, hatred or negative habits which hold them bound. These need to be freed to embrace the message of hope in the Gospel. The message of repentance calls us to turn around and examine our lives and change what is necessary to make us a better person and to reconcile us to God. Lastly, those announcing the Good News must live the Good News in their lives. Thus announcing the Gospel in groups of twos allows those announcing the message to practice it by being understanding of each other, forgiving each other and allowing the other to be.

Today, July 11th is the Feast of St. Benedict who was the founder of western monasticism. He in the year 547. He gives us all some solid advice. He tell us “Prefer nothing to Christ.” This is the call of discipleship. Placing Christ first in all our relationships is the guide for all of us. How do we place Christ first? How do we place Christ before ourselves, before our parents, our spouses, our children, our jobs? Is the love Christ lived in the fiber of whom we are and all we do?

An example of placing Christ first and announcing the Good News without being deemed a religious fanatic may be found in the movie “Will You Be My Neighbor.” It is the story about Mr. Rogers, the children's program of the 1950’s. Mr. Rogers was a Presbyterian minister in real life. He left the ministry and formed this program. He never once mentions God or Jesus or the Gospel, yet the program teaches Gospel values of honesty, kindness, acceptance of differences, forgiveness, mercy, understanding and many other Gospel values. So, if you wish to evangelize and take on the role of sharing the faith, do so by living the prayer of St. Francis. Where there is darkness bring light. Where there is sadness, bring joy. Where there is hurt, bring forgiveness. Where there is error, truth. Where there is fear, bring consolation.

So in a quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, “proclaim the Gospel always and use words when necessary.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

Let us be safe as we celebrate July 4th! Be mindful of fireworks, burning coals and intoxicated drivers!

Let us handle the dog days of summer...this is a great mnemonic that shows eight significant health effects of climate change. (Dr. Holder) and ways to prevent the HEATWAVE affecting you!

**H**eat illness (Drink water and or electrolyte water)

**E**xacerbation of heart and lung disease (Stay in cool and air-conditioned areas, do not exercise or exert your energy.)

**A**sthma worsening (take prescribed meds, avoid humidity and do not overexert your energy)

**T**raumatic injuries especially during extreme weather events (avoid contact sports and high risk-exerting activities.)

**W**ater and food borne illnesses (know where you are eating and drinking and follow health advisories)

**A**llergies worsening (know what blooms in the area you visit, and have on hand antihistamine-oral and topical)

**V**ector-borne diseases spreading like Zika, dengue, and Lyme (use safe insect repellent and when outdoors wear cotton covered long sleeves and pants)

**E**motional stress is increasing poor and vulnerable people (mental health should be the 1st health priority.)

**P**ray, breathe, socialize reach out for help)

Symptoms of dehydration and prevention Symptoms of **heat exhaustion vs. heat stroke** and prevention:

Unquenchable thirsty

Dry skin

Headache

Blurred Vision

To prevent dehydration, drink your  
body weight + 30 mL

Racing Heart

Exhaustion

Irritability

Dizziness

Dark yellow urine

Symptoms of **heat exhaustion** & prevention

Heat Exhaustion (take a cool shower)

Faint or Dizzy

Excessive sweating

Cool, pale, clammy palms

Nausea or vomiting

Rapid, weak pulse

Muscle cramps

Drink water, Take frequent breaks, Avoid high  
heat times of day! Wear Sunscreen

Symptoms of **heat stroke** and prevention

Call 911 immediately

Throbbing headache

Sweating stops

Temperature over 103 degrees

Nausea or vomiting

Rapid, strong pulse

Loss of consciousness