

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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REV. NGOZI

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EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF

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. AUGUST 16, 2021**
8:30 In Thanksgiving for The Intercession of Our Lady of The Assumption
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
- TUE. AUGUST 17, 2021**
8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero
BY: The Reca Family
- WED. AUGUST 18, 2021**
8:30 Andrew Fraioli
BY: Elaine & Ken Longtemps
- THURS. AUGUST 19, 2021**
8:30 Joseph Trovato
BY: Loving Children
- FRI. AUGUST 20, 2021**
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received through the Intercession of O L of Mt. Carmel
BY: Angie Conenna
- SAT. AUGUST 21, 2021**
8:30 Joe Cloonan
Birthday Remembrance
BY: Loving Family
5:00 PM Dr. Lourdes Dizon
BY: The San Juan Family
- SUN. AUGUST 22, 2021**
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Protection
10:00 Concetta Foglia
BY: Rose Marie Foglia



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We invite you to join us for morning prayer each day in our church at 8:00 AM. Begin your day praising God and thanking him for the blessings he has bestowed on you.!

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/08	\$ 1,694.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,103.00
Total Sunday 8/08	\$ 3,797.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,528.00

**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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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 |

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Dormition of Mary,
August 15th



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Next Sunday the liturgy celebrates the Assumption of Mary. This feast recalls the taking of Mary to heaven in her body and soul. This feast finds its roots in the last few lines of the Creed which we say every Sunday. In the Creed, we say "We believe in the resurrection of the body and life of the world to come." This means that all of us will rise again in the resurrection on the last day. Mary, because of her singular vocation as the Mother of God, whose vocation it was to give flesh to the Word of God in the mystery of the Incarnation, shares in this general resurrection prior to all of us.

Mary plays a major role in Catholic liturgical and spiritual life. The reason for this role is our belief in the Incarnation of God among us in the humanity of Jesus. Mary is honored as the first disciple, the first to hear the Word of God, the first member of the Church, as mother of the faithful and many other titles. While we love her and honor her, we do not adore or worship her. Adoration and worship are only directed to God. While we praise the great things God has done for us through her, namely the Incarnation, all praise is due to God. Honoring Mary on this day is an ancient custom which transcends the Catholic Church. Eastern Orthodox Christianity celebrates the Sleep or the death of Mary. Anglican Church celebrates her life and contribution on this day. May our Mother Mary pray for us now in all our needs. May she pray for the peace of all peoples.



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BOOK CLUB
Please join us on
M o n d a y ,
September 13th in
the Parish House.
We will be
discussing The

Tide Between Us: An Epic Irish-Catholic Story of Slavery and Emancipation by Olive Collins.

All are welcome!

**Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021**

Today is a major Marian celebration in the Roman and Eastern Catholic Churches. Today is also a major celebration of the Sleep of Mary in the Orthodox Christian Churches. The Anglican Churches remember the life of Mary on this day.

The feast celebrates Mary's life and the rewards she received for her faithfulness. The feast takes its roots from the last line of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This means that because of the Resurrection of Christ, who is the first to rise from the dead, all of us will one day raise from the dead. In the case of Mary, the mother of Jesus, this resurrection promised to all of us has been granted to her because of her singular vocation of being the Mother of Christ who is God incarnate. Mary is honored and venerated because of her great role in the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us. The incarnation means that God who is invisible, transcendent and beyond us, takes on our humanity in Christ Jesus. Thus, the second person of the Blessed Trinity takes on our humanity and is known as Jesus Christ. Jesus is God among us. God receives flesh from Mary. She, who is one of us, gives flesh to the divine. This is a great mystery. This mystery is beyond all comprehension. Imagine God who is above all thing and who is limitless becomes one of us with all our limitations. Thus, Jesus is true God and true man. It is for her role and faithfulness in the mystery of the Incarnation that we honor and venerate Mary. While she is not divine and not adored, she is greatly honored.

Mary's life was totally given to Jesus. He was the center of her life. In the prayer we pray prior to Mass every weekday morning called The Angelus, we recall the great event of the Incarnation. In the ever popular "Hail Mary" notice it is the name of Jesus which is the center of this prayer which most of us learned as children. Mary calls no attention to herself, but to Jesus. Jesus himself is the Incarnation. Mary it is who gives real flesh to the Word of God. Jesus is God's word revealed in the Sacred Texts made human. Jesus is the Wisdom of God read about in the Book of Wisdom made human. Jesus is the redemption of God of which we read in the story of Exodus. It was through the Word of God that creation came to be and therein Jesus is the center of all creation. While we all share in this great mystery, Mary shares directly in this great mystery. Mary's advice to us is "Do whatever He tells you." Jn 2:5

Assumptions of people who were important to our salvation into the heavens is not unheard of in the sacred text. In 2Kings, we read of the assumption of Elijah, the great prophet. In fact, it became part of Jewish folklore that Elijah will return before the coming of the messiah. Notice this belief was referred to in the Gospel. John the Baptist was reminiscent of Elijah (cg Matt 3, Mk 1, 9:9-13, Lk 9:28-36. In non-scriptural tradition, there is belief that Enoch was taken up into the heavens.

What does this celebration teach us?

The Assumption teaches us hope in life after death. We are told in this feast that faithfulness to the Word of God does affect our life here as well as beyond the grave. As Mary gave flesh to the Word of God who is Jesus, we too must give flesh to the Word of God. We must make love, mercy, justice, understanding, hope, faith, peace, joy, humility, patience etc. visible to the world through our lives lived in community of humanity. This feast teaches us to have Jesus as the center of our lives. Mary tells us in this feast "Do whatever He tells us." To follow this command, we must know Jesus. We must know Jesus in our minds and in our hearts.

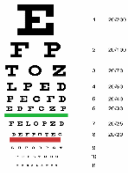
HAPPY AUGUST!

As we squeeze the last weeks of summer fun in the sun, we must be mindful to prepare for the cool and colorful Autumn and a healthy return to school, work and play!



Summer days are getting shorter, but the Sun is bright and strong. Practice Sun safety, wear protective clothing, apply sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

Summer Sun Safety Month.



Now is a good time to get our eyes examined, especially children as they return to school. Sports players who wear prescription glasses should consider prescription goggles.

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month



Is your GUT telling you it's time for a check up?
Digestive Tract Paralysis Awareness Month and Gastroparesis Awareness Month



Let's learn about breastfeeding.

National Breastfeeding Month



Immunizations are for Children, Teens and Adults!
National Immunization Awareness Month

Dry patchy flaky skin/ Is it eczema or psoriasis?
See a dermatologist to be sure!
Psoriasis Action Month

World Breastfeeding Week, August 1st, National Health Center Week, August 9th, Contact Lens Health Week, August 19th, World Lung Cancer Day, August 1st, International Overdose Awareness Day, August 31st.

BE SAFE, STAY HEALTHY, SPREAD KINDNESS & LOVE

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