

# **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. AUGUST 23, 2021**  
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Their Family
- TUE. AUGUST 24, 2021**  
8:30 Joseph & Lia Cerato  
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
- WED. AUGUST 25, 2021**  
8:30 Concetta Foglia  
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- THURS. AUGUST 26, 2021**  
8:30 Anna Massie
- FRI. AUGUST 27, 2021**  
8:30 Brian Montevecchi  
BY: The Eng Family
- SAT. AUGUST 28, 2021**  
8:30 Elizabeth Trovato  
BY: Loving Children  
5:00 PM Anne "Babe" Iacono  
BY: Catherine Rinato
- SUN. AUGUST 29, 2021**  
8:30 For The People of The Parish  
10:00 Paul Santoro  
BY: Elaine & Ken Longtempis



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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 8/15	\$ 2,323.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,188.00
Total Sunday 8/15	\$ 4,511.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,814.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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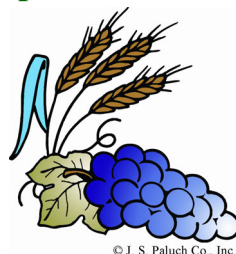


The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the

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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Altar Bread & Wine has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**CONCETTA FOGLIA**  
BY: Her Daughter  
**Rose Marie Foglia**



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  
 Donna Bamundo  
 Philip Saraceno

Helena Rolla  
 Gertrude Zagarella  
 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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**BOOK CLUB**

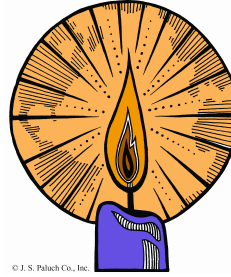
Please join us on **M o n d a y**, **September 13th** in the **Parish House**. We will be

discussing **The**

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



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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 at a cost of \$100.00 per year ( first time cost is \$110.00 to cover the expense of the plaque) They can be placed by any Saint in our Church and a personalized plaque with the inscription of your choice may be affixed to the candle. If you are interested or have any questions regarding these candles, please call the Rectory and speak to Rose Marie Foglia, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be happy to help you.



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We thank you for your generosity and support of our parish through your donations and contributions both by envelope, on line and by mail. If you would like to join our on line donors, please visit [www.GiveCentral.Org/SHSS](http://www.GiveCentral.Org/SHSS). This is a user friendly site and will guide you to make a one time contribution or set up on going contributions either weekly, monthly or annually. If you wish to learn more about this process, please call the Rectory and we will be happy to assist you.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

“ Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life.”

The Gospel last week ended by Jesus scandalizing and confusing the disciples and the apostles. Jesus claimed that the one who eats his flesh and drinks his blood remains in him. In last week's Gospel, Jesus also claimed to be the Bread of Life. The followers of Jesus understood this to be cannibalism. They were horrified. Many separated themselves from Jesus. Jesus neither explains nor withdraws his statement. It will not be until the Last Supper that these words will become clearer although the Eucharist will always remain a great mystery.

We believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. We believe that after the Consecration, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. We also believe that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is reserved in the Tabernacle. The Eucharist reserved in the Tabernacle is known as the Blessed Sacrament. This Sacrament is truly the presence of Jesus with us. We may not understand how Jesus is present, but we trust the words of Jesus.

We can have faith in someone's words only if we have a relationship with that person. Having a relationship with a person means we know the person. We know the person's words. We know if the person's words and actions correspond. We know if the person is kidding us or is serious. We know the person because we have experienced the person. Faith in the words of Jesus is based on our relationship with Jesus. Let us now apply this thinking to Peter. Peter does not understand Jesus anymore than the disciples who left the group understand Jesus. Peter probably thinks that Jesus is using strange, if not frightening words. Yet, Peter stays with Jesus. He stays because he knows Jesus. Somehow, in time, Peter trusts that Jesus will make his statements clear. The key is that Peter knew Jesus. Peter trusted Jesus. Peter heard Jesus say other strange things also. He heard Jesus say “pray for your enemies, forgive your persecutors, blessed are the poor...the merciful and the peacemaker.” These were strange statements. These statements were difficult to hear and to understand. Granted that the statement of eating one's body and drinking one's blood is difficult to hear, Peter trusted. So when Peter says “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Peter no more understands Jesus than those who left. Yet, Peter trusts Jesus. He has had a relationship with Jesus. He has seen how Jesus acted in the past. Now, when understanding eludes him, Peter trusts.

So, what does Peter's example invite us to consider? When life seems unfair, when suffering seems unexplainable, when prayers are not answered as we would expect, when the behavior of bishops and priests who should be examples of faith and morality shock us or make us angry, when we think the community we are living in should be more thoughtful and do not understand why all this is happening and we are tempted to separate ourselves from Eucharist, think of Peter's statement to Jesus: “you have the words of everlasting life.” When we have doubts, when we struggle even to believe in God, remember Peter: “ Lord to whom shall we go with all our heartaches, anger and frustrations? We can only go to the one who has the words of everlasting life. When we are suffering loss and we are burying a loved one, to whom shall we go? We can only go to the one who has the words of everlasting life.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## 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.

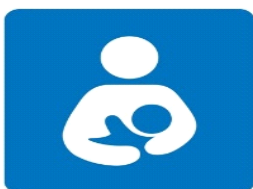


Now is a good time to get our eyes examined, especially children as they return to school. Sports players who wear prescription glasses should consider prescription goggles.

### 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**

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