

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

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Sacristan

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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 30, 2021**
8:30 Joseph Patti
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. AUGUST 31, 2021**
8:30 Luigi (Gino) Masi
BY: Linda
- WED. SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 2, 2021**
8:30 Giuseppe & Giuseppina Borrometi
BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 3, 2021**
8:30 The Amato Family
BY: The Illiano Family
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 4, 2021**
8:30 Barbara Natoli
BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
5:00 PM Peter J. Decesare, Sr.
BY: Daughter Allison Decesare Laffey
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**
8:30 For The People of The Parish
10:00 Biaggio Lubrano
BY: Wife & Children

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/22	\$ 1,491.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,628.00
Total Sunday 8/22	\$ 4,119.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,206.00

**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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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!



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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:

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
 Vittorio Di Turi



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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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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings are held together by the responsorial psalm: "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." The accent is on the word does.

The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy which is found in the Hebrew Text. This reading is important because it is one of the first five books of the bible which is the Torah. The Torah holds great teaching authority in the Jewish community. The Torah is the rock foundation of Jewish faith. The Torah is described as the Way to walk, in Hebrew: Hallah. The Torah may be described as the truth or Emet. The Torah may also be described as the life of Hyim. So, the Torah is for the Jewish people what Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God is for us. If the Torah is God's Word, then listening to the Word of God and learning the Word and knowing how to live this Word becomes the call of all those who seek to be children of God. The Israelites were called to live the Word in their actions.

In the second reading from the Letter of James, we are told that the Word came down to us. "All good giving and every perfect gift are from above coming down from the Father of lights, He willed to give us birth by the Word of Truth." The writer tells us "be doers of the Word and not hearers only." We are called to live the Word and to act upon it. In short, practice what we believe and what we preach.

In the Gospel today again we are told to practice the faith, not just the religion. The Gospel is concerned about an internal morality. In short, whatever religious behavior we show externally must have a conviction in one's heart. For example, you are having your child baptized. Why? Is it a social convention that you follow? Will the grandparents be upset if you do not have your child baptized? Do you really intend to pass on the faith to this child? Will you attend Mass on Sundays? If not, why baptize? In this same vein, Jesus uses the Pharisees to give an example. Their actions may have been good, their internal disposition perhaps needed conversion.

The Pharisees get bad press in the New Testament, however, we have come to know that there were really five types of pharisaical groups. We have come to learn from the Talmud. The Talmud is a Jewish text which was written over a period of centuries to help Jews live Judaism without the Temple. In this text we learn about the Pharisees. Not all the Pharisees were hypercritical, not all were hostile to Jesus. In many ways, the teaching of Jesus and the Pharisees are similar. Jesus and the Pharisees believed in God as Father, the coming of the Kingdom of God, the belief in the written and the oral tradition of revelation, the gathering of the disciples at a sacred meal, etc. The Pharisees, while doing good things, thought that God owed them for being faithful. This behavior is in opposition to the teaching of Jesus. One cannot put God in one's debt. God owes no one. God does give all in graciousness, so, even the desire to pray comes from God's grace. There is nothing we can do without God.

Today, the important lesson from the Liturgy of the Word is to live the faith you profess. Avoid evil, do good for the Glory of God. Today you will receive Eucharist. How will you be Eucharist tomorrow at work? Today you hear the Word of God. How will that Word of God affect your behavior today and tomorrow? Today we sing hymns to God in worship and praise. How will we leave here and face the pressure of our world? People of faith can make their respective worlds places of hope, joy, welcome and friendliness by how they behave. The reason we have this present scandal is that some of leadership did not live what they believed. Do not do the same. Follow instead Christ's instructions to the apostles at the Last Supper: "as I have done, so must you do."

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

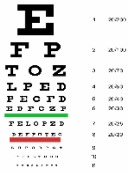
HAPPY AUGUST!

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!



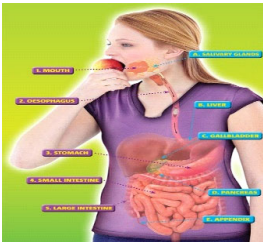
Summer days are getting shorter, but the Sun is bright and strong. Practice Sun safety, wear protective clothing, apply sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

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