

# **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*

*Brooklyn, N.Y 11231*

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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 9, 2021**  
8:30 Anthony Scocco  
BY: The Gessler Family
- TUE. AUGUST 10, 2021**  
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph &  
Rev. Michael A. Carrano  
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- WED AUGUST 11, 2021**  
8:30 Deceased Members of  
The Azzarelli Family  
BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- THURS. AUGUST 12, 2021**  
8:30 Robert "Bobby" Russo  
BY: The Eng Family
- FRI. AUGUST 13, 2021**  
8:30 In Thanksgiving for the intercession of  
Blessed Michael Mc Givney  
BY: Louis Pepe
- SAT. AUGUST 14, 2021**  
8:30 Anthony Scotto  
Anniversary Remembrance  
BY: Wife Maureen
- 5:00 PM Vincent Porcelli  
BY: Mom, Guido & Roseann
- SUN AUGUST 15, 2021**  
8:30 For The Repose of the soul of my donor  
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
- 10:00 In Honor of Our Blessed Mother  
BY: Figlia di Monte de Procida



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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 8/01	\$ 2,082.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,460.00
Total Sunday 8/01	\$ 4,542.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,783.00

\*\*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 August 8th has been donated

In Loving Memory of  
FRANK LO PORTO

BY: Loving Children & Grandchildren



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 Saracemo

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  
Gertrude Zagarella



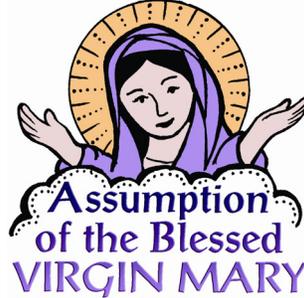
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**BOOK CLUB**

**Please join us on Monday, 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!**



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

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.

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today's scripture readings continue our meditation on the Eucharist. This Sunday the readings present us with the sustaining power of the Eucharist. We are called in the second reading from Ephesians to be imitators of God. We are called to be people of kindness, compassion and forgiveness. We are reminded that we are to be the fragrance of Christ in the world. How can a disciple be these things? It is the Eucharist that enables us to be the aroma of Christ in the world.

Today's first reading holds the major theme of the day. Coming to us from 1 Kings 19:4-8 in this selection of Elijah the Prophet is on a journey to Mount Horob also known as Mount Sinai. Elijah is fleeing for his life. He is tired and he sleeps. He is awoken by an angel who gives him food to strengthen for the journey. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the food for the journey of Christian Life. It is not only the teachings of Jesus which sustain us, but rather it is Jesus himself who is the food for our journey. The strong belief in Jesus being the food for the journey is illustrated in our belief in giving Viaticum to the dying. The sacrament of the dying is not the anointing of the sick, but rather Holy Communion. The Eucharist who is Jesus himself, the Bread of Life is the food for the journey from this life to God. While this is true, we cannot underestimate our life in the here and now. Each day is a journey. Every day has blessings and challenges. Each day calls us to respond to situations for which we need help and strength. The believer cannot get through the day without God's grace. The Eucharist is the highest level of grace we can receive for the daily journey.

We read in the Gospel the continuation of last week's Gospel. In today's portion we find that the people who heard Jesus say: "I am the Bread of Life" begin to complain. How can Jesus say such a thing? How can he claim to be the bread from heaven saying all who come to him will live forever? Jesus' claim is rather bold. Jesus has nothing to gain by making such a claim. The reaction of those who hear him is rejection. Yet, if they had listened, if they really heard who was making such a claim, they may have listened differently. Was this not the Jesus who multiplied the loaves and fish? Was it not Jesus who cured so many? Was this not the Jesus who taught and explained the sacred text to them? Yes, what he said at this time was difficult to understand, but had they listened and placed their faith in the one who calmed the sea they would have least given him a chance. Yes, Jesus has nothing to gain by making this claim to be the Bread of Life. Either he is who he says he is or he is not.

The Gospel brings us face to face with the question of faith. Is Jesus the Bread of Life? If you believe with the Church that Jesus is the Bread of Life, given our struggles in life, how can one separate oneself from the Eucharist? How can the catholic who prays not long for the Eucharist? I often hear that some are disappointed in the leadership of the Church. I know that many of us are annoyed by what seems to be a constant state of scandal among the clergy. I know that we may even hold disappointments about our parishes or our priests or fellow parishioners. Given all these issues, why would you separate yourself from the Eucharist? Yes, priests can be wonderful or they can be a disappointment. Priests can make the parish or destroy it if the parishioners allow him, yet he is not the reason for being at Mass or not being at Mass. The reason for Mass is to worship God with the community, hear the Word of God in the community and receive Eucharist in the community. Being strengthened by the real presence of Christ, we can deal with all the disappointments, setbacks and humiliations which may come our way. We can struggle with life and death issues, we can face our fears and even our joys knowing that Christ is the one who sustains us and is with us. We can endure. Christ is the food for the journey, do not starve yourself, come to the feast. Come to reconciliation receive Christ, the Bread of Life.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

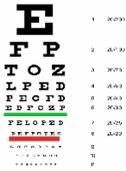
## HAPPY AUGUST!

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!



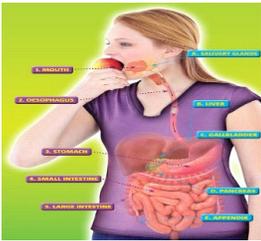
Summer days are getting shorter, but the Sun is bright and strong. Practice Sun safety, wear protective clothing, apply sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

### 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**