

# **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.**    **SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**  
8:30    Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
BY: Loving Children
- TUE.**    **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**  
8:30    Joseph & Jean Bivona  
BY: Fran & Destiny Bivona
- WED**    **SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**  
8:30    For A Personal Intention
- THURS.** **SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**  
8:30    Maria Nardi  
BY: The Reca Family
- FRI.**    **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**  
8:30    Anna, Antonio, Ralph &  
Theresa Colantonio  
BY: Daughter & Sister Angie
- SAT.**    **SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**  
8:30    Michael Marrone  
BY Carolyn & Andrew S. Moriello  
5:00 PM Jerry "Ciro" Geritano  
BY: Mom & Dad
- SUN**    **SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**  
8:30    St. Michael  
10:00    Francesca Martell  
Posthumus 100th Birthday  
BY: Her Children, Karma &  
Christopher Martell  
Noon    Vito & Carmelina Di Turi  
BY: Marie & Frank Gaudio



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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 9/12	\$ 2,040.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,345.50
Total Sunday 9/12	\$ 4,385.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,939.50

\*\*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 September 19th has

been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**LUCIA ANN PIRO**  
BY: The Catechists



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                      | Gertrude Zagarella  |
| Michelle Laquercia              | Irene Balen         |
| 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        |
| Abigail Memmesheimer            |                     |
| Philip Saraceno                 | Vittorio Di Turi    |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia |                     |



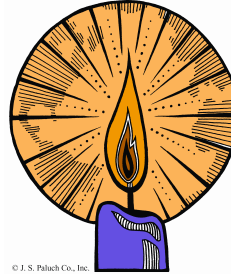
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**BOOK CLUB**  
Please join us on **Monday, October 4th in the Parish House. We will be discussing**

**A Transgender's Faith by Walt Heyer.**  
**All are welcome!**



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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 Family,

Today, the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings present us with a question. Why do we persecute the good person? Why do we find the just person or the righteous person obnoxious to us? Why does the world not really like the believer or the person who does everything correctly? Thinking about these questions can give us some understanding as to why some people caused Jesus so many problems.

In the first reading from The Book of Wisdom, the author muses on the thinking of people about those who are convicted of their faith and their way of life. Perhaps an example of this will illustrate the feeling which is being presented. Remember being in school. Remember the student who did everything right. This student always had his or her homework done perfectly. This student studied well and learned very well. This student answered all the questions and asked the most interesting questions. In fact, most would agree, this student was a great student. In being such a great student, he/she annoyed us who were not always up to par. In fact, some of us saw the student as a nerd or a geek. Why did some of us feel this way? Perhaps because his or her work showed us in poor light. This is not to say that the student ever intended to make us look bad, but given how good he or she was, it made us look poor.

Let us apply this thinking to Jesus. Here is the perfect way. The one who is intrinsically good. Here is the one who is perfectly God and perfectly human. The very presence of Jesus was a challenge to those who did not live up to the demand of the Torah. The fact that Jesus asked questions, told stories to illustrate a point and was so successful with the people challenged the teachings and the methods of the institutions of his time. So, what do we see in the Gospel? We see that Jesus is too much for his contemporary leadership. They plan to persecute Jesus.

Not too long ago, Fr. Cletus and I were discussing the readings after Mass one morning. We were mentioning how challenging Jesus can be to the status quo. Notice how Jesus places the apostles on edge when he heard them asking who may be the greatest. Notice how Jesus asks the question “what would it be for a person to gain the whole world and lose his soul in the process?” This question points to re-evaluating our entire value system. Jesus tells us it is by losing our lives that we find our lives. Jesus further challenges us by telling us to carry our Cross which will bring us to everlasting life. Jesus tells us to forgive those who wrong us. Jesus is merciful to all. Yes, we see the way Jesus sees life very differently from the way the world sees life. Such a way of thinking is most challenging and too much for some.

If you are a person who sees acquiring wealth and power as the goal of life, you and Jesus would not be on the same wavelength. If you are a person who is looking for revenge and getting even, you will have a clash with Jesus. The values of Jesus and those of the world are very different. For Jesus the most important disciple is the one who serves not one who is served.

Now can we see why people will be annoyed with the values of Jesus? We can also see why so many try to create a Jesus with whom they can relate rather than the Jesus we find in the Gospel.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

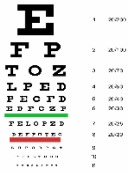
## HAPPY AUGUST!

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!



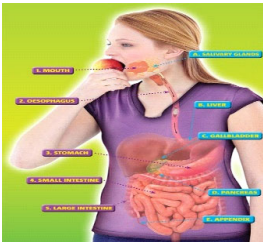
Summer days are getting shorter, but the Sun is bright and strong. Practice Sun safety, wear protective clothing, apply sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

### 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**