

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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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. SEPTEMBER 6, 2021**
8:30 Josephine Rallis
BY: Her Brother Salvatore
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**
8:30 Francesca Forte
BY: A Friend
- WED. SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**
8:30 For A Personal Intention
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**
8:30 Della Porta & Marchetti Families
BY: Catherine
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**
8:30 Theresa Colombo
BY: Laura Eng
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**
8:30 Teri Latriano
BY: Blaise & Jena Latriano
5:00 PM Nancy Ilardi
BY: Children & Grandchildren
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**
8:30 Anthony Massie
10:00 Louis Valentino
BY: Diane Valentino
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family



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 8/29	\$ 1,420.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,804.50
Total Sunday 8/29	\$ 4,224.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,100.50

**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.



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 5th has been donated
In Loving Memory of HENRY STELLA
BY: Clara Stella



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
 Abigail Memmesheimer
 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
 Vittorio Di Turi



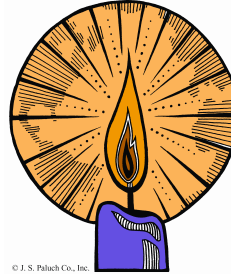
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BOOK CLUB

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. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on October 4th. 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. 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**

Dear Parish Family,

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Ephphatha-Be Open

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel are held together by the responsorial psalm. The psalm tells us; “ The God of Jacob keeps faith forever..The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord raises up those who were bowed down..” We are invited to be open to the works of God around us and in us.

The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah sounds like an Advent reading. This text is filled with hope. The text is addressed to a people who have suffered loss, disappointment and defeat. The readers of this text may even feel abandoned by God. In our present day there are many of us who feel challenged. There are also many who feel disappointed in God. There are many who feel disappointed by those in whom they placed their trust. In this first reading we find words and phrases such as “the eyes of the blind will be opened..the ears of the deaf will be cleared...the lame leap like a stag...the tongue of the mute will sing.” These terms are both literal and metaphorical. There are many ways to be blind, many ways to be deaf and many ways to be lame. When the Messiah comes, all will be healed.

In the Gospel Jesus cures a deaf man and in doing so Jesus utters the Aramaic word “Ephphatha” meaning, be open! Jesus is referring to the opening of the man’s ears but in a symbolic way, Jesus is inviting us to be open to his word. There are many ways to be deaf. There are many ways to be closed.

As we listen to these readings today I ask you to consider where in your life you are choosing to be blind. What is it that you will not recognize about yourself? Where are you choosing to be deaf? What can you not hear? Where are we lame and unable to walk or move? Perhaps there are attitudes, angers and the past hurts which have kept us emotionally and spiritually lame. What fears paralyze you? To what are we closed? What habits may be blinding us? When addressed about these issues by a loved one, what might be some of our reactions? Do we feel attacked? Do we feel resentful or embarrassed? Are we selectively deaf or blind? Do we recognize what is being presented to us, yet in pride, refuse to admit our need for help?

Looking around I see that some of us are deaf to certain realities. A reality to which some of us are blind and deaf to is change. Change is difficult to accept whether the change is positive or negative. We are aging and we need help in areas which we never previously needed help. Sometimes our pride forbids us to ask for help. Some of us are blind to personal behaviors which may be annoying to others and may even degrade ourselves. Some of us are lame and unable to move due to anger, disappointment and past hurts we choose to remember forever. All these things close our hearts and minds to the words of Christ which can heal us and give us hope.

Today in the Catholic Church we are facing the need for healing. Some of our leaders have chosen to be blind, deaf and mute in the face of unspeakable sin and crime. Their behavior has caused the community to be unable to move. We pray and work for healing with the Truth which can be somewhat painful. For all Catholics must be open to the constant presence of Christ in Eucharist and realize our faith is not in bishops, popes or priests, but in Christ who can heal us. Can we be open to Christ who keeps faith forever, gives sight to the blind and raises up those who are bowed down? Ps 146

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

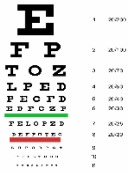
HAPPY AUGUST!

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!



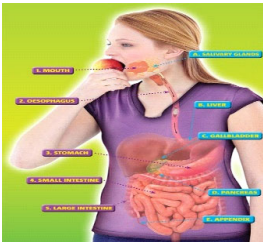
Summer days are getting shorter, but the Sun is bright and strong. Practice Sun safety, wear protective clothing, apply sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

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