

# **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.**

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*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

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*Administrator/Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**

*Parish Organist*

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**ANDREW DI MANSO**

*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.

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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. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 25, 2021**  
 Salvatore, Theresa,  
 Camille Tilocca Limardi  
 BY: The Troiano Family
- TUE. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 26, 2021**  
 Jim & Sophie Pennisi  
 BY: Connie, Guy & Mary Ann &  
 Families
- WED. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 27, 2021**  
 Enrico Della Porta  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 BY: Catherine Della Porta
- THURS. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 28, 2021**  
 Lucy & Paul Pensabene  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 BY: Angela & Louis Napoli
- FRI. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 29, 2021**  
 Guido Porcelli  
 BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- SAT. 8:30**    **OCTOBER 30, 2021**  
 Dolly Vergona  
 BY Connie Ponsiglione & Family
- 5:00 PM**    Jennifer Menzies-Williams  
 BY: The San Juan Family
- SUN 8:30**    **OCTOBER 31, 2021**  
 Maria Scardina  
 BY: The Reca & Heyer Family
- 10:00**    Elizabeth Trovato  
 BY: Loving Children
- Noon**    Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 10/17	\$ 1,728.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,855.50
Total Sunday 10/17	\$ 4,583.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,741.50

\*\*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 October 24th has been donated

In Memory of  
**CONCETTA BATTISA SCOTTO**  
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda



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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.



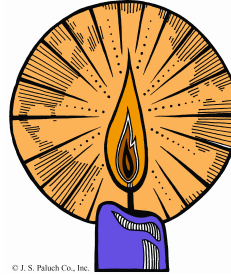
Pray For

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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                   | Agnes Scolaro       |
| 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            | Sophia Rotunno      |
| Philip Saraceno                 | Vittorio Di Turi    |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia |                     |

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



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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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**BOOK CLUB**  
Please join us on Monday, November 8th in the Parish House. We will be discussing

**An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff.**  
All are welcome!



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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!



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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,

“Lord I want to see you.”

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel portion today presents us with the story of Bartimaeus, another blind man. The story is speaking about both physical blindness and spiritual blindness. St. Mark is not only addressing the healing of this blind man, but he is also alluding to the spiritual blindness of the apostles. While the blind man knows he is blind, the apostles may not know they are blind with regard to the meaning of words and actions of Jesus.

Blindness and seeing are manifested in many ways. Comprehension and knowledge are related to seeing. In the Gospel we discover various levels of meaning. On one level, the blind man in the Gospel is physically healed. On another level, the blind man is healed spiritually. He is given a greater insight to Jesus. This event is witnessed by the apostles. They seem to be blind to the meaning of the message of Jesus. The blindness of the apostles is a spiritual blindness. The blindness of the apostles is evident in the passages preceding this morning's reading. In Mark 9:30-45, James and John are looking to be at the right and left of Jesus in the kingdom. In Mark's gospel, the apostles are presented as dense. While the blind man is physically blind and acknowledges he is without sight, the apostles are spiritually blind and they do not know they are in the dark.

What causes blindness? Not being a doctor, I can only assume that there are many causes of blindness. Some of these causes may be organic, meaning there is something biological which prevents the eye from seeing and the brain from recognizing. Another cause of blindness could be an obstruction in the eye. Still another cause may be damage done to the eye. Only a professional can help heal such cases. The causes of spiritual blindness are varied. Spiritual blindness can be caused by not willing to see, by preconceived notions embedded in our minds which prevent us from seeing reality, by denial of the reality presented to us and being fearful of taking responsibility for what we see. Spiritual and social blindness can be caused by our own internal hurts, angers, misconceptions and overly sensitive nature. In this case, we can be wrapped in our own psyche that we do not see or even hear anyone else. Perhaps medical procedures can help the physically blind but only grace can help the spiritually blind.

I think many of us have blind spots in our lives. There are things we just do not see about ourselves or those we love. Yet we have little or no trouble pointing out the faults of others. There are areas of our lives we choose not to see. There are parts of our relationship with the Lord and others that we would like to ignore. Some of us are selectively blind to our faults and we blame others for our errors. Some of us are blind due to self absorption. We can only see how things in relationship to ourselves and not anyone else since we are the centers of our respective small worlds. Blindness comes in many forms.

The question to consider is: Do we want to see? If we see then we are responsible for what we see. Let us pray that we may see, that we may be free to recognize Christ in ourselves and in others. May we see ourselves one day as Christ sees us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## **FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**

### **Communion, Participation and Mission**

1. The Church of God is convoked in Synod. The path entitled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission solemnly opened on the 9th –10th of October in Rome and on the following 17th of October in each particular Church. One fundamental stage will be the celebration of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod or Bishops in October 2023 which will be followed by the implementation phase that will again involve the particular Churches (cf. EC. Arts. 19-21) With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission. “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our “journeying together” is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.
2. A basic question prompts and guides us: How does this “journeying together,” which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? Addressing this question together requires listening to the Holy Spirit, who like the wind “blows where it wills; you can hear the sound it makes; but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes” (Jm 3:8), remaining open to the surprises that the Spirit will certainly prepare for us along the way. Thus, a dynamism is activated that allows us to begin to reap some of the fruits of a synodal conversion, which will progressively mature. These objectives of great importance for the quality of ecclesial life and for accomplishing the mission of evangelization, in which we all participate by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation. Here, we will indicate the main objectives, which decline synodality as the form, the style and the structure of the Church
  - Recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church’s journey through history and, today, calls us to be, together, witnesses of God’s love;
  - Living a participative and inclusive ecclesial process that offers everyone—especially those for various reasons find themselves on the margins—the opportunity to express themselves and to be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the People of God;
  - Recognizing and appreciating the wealth and the variety of the gifts and charisms that the Spirit liberally bestows for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family.
  - Exploring participatory ways of exercising responsibility in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the effort to build a more beautiful and habitable world.
  - Examining how responsibility and power are lived in the Church as well as the structures by which they are managed, bringing to light and trying to convert prejudices and distorted practices that are not rooted in the Gospel.
  - Accrediting the Christian community as a credible subject and reliable partner in paths of social dialogue, healing, reconciliation, inclusion and participation, the reconstruction of democracy, the promotion of fraternity and social friendship;
  - Regenerating relationships among members of Christian communities as well as between communities and social groups, e.g. communities of believers of other denominations and religions, civil society organizations, popular movements, etc.
  - Fostering the appreciation and appropriation of the fruits of recent synodal experiences on the universal, regional, national and local levels.