

# **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**

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**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

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**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*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.**    **OCTOBER 4, 2021**  
8:30      Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
- TUE.**    **OCTOBER 5, 2021**  
8:30      Dolly Vergona  
BY: Andy Di Manso
- WED**    **OCTOBER 6, 2021**  
8:30      For a Personal Intention
- THURS.** **OCTOBER 7, 2021**  
8:30      Lilly, Dominick, Augustine DiCoscia  
BY: Susie & Richie
- FRI.**    **OCTOBER 8, 2021**  
8:30      Polito & DeLosa Family  
BY: Rosemary & Family
- SAT.**    **OCTOBER 9, 2021**  
8:30      Antonio & Maria Gaudio  
BY Marie & Frank Guadioso  
5:00 PM Peter J. DeCesare, Sr.  
BY: Daughter Allison DeCesare Laffey
- SUN**    **OCTOBER 10, 2021**  
8:30      Dolly Vergona  
BY: Lucille Gaudino  
10:00     Thomas & Peggy McInerney  
BY: Their Son Thomas  
Noon     Joseph D'Ambruoso  
BY: Bellatuono Family



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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 9/26	\$ 1,612.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,450.50
Total Sunday 9/26	\$ 4,062.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,262.50

\*\*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 3rd has been donated

In Memory of  
**SALVATORE "BUDDY" SCOTTO**  
BY: Louann & Michael Manus



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 |                     |



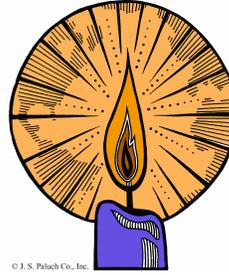
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**BOOK CLUB**

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

**A Transgender's Faith by Walt Heyer. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on November 8th . We will be discussing An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff.**

**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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"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" In the dialogue about divorce between Jesus and the Pharisees on the one hand and between Jesus and his disciples on the other, Jesus declares that the law of Moses permitted divorce (Dt 24:1) only because of the hardness of the hearts of the people (Mk 10:4-5). In citing Gn 1:27 and 2:24 Jesus, in a commanding and self-confident manner that induces respect, proclaims permanence to be the divine intent from the beginning concerning human marriage (Mk 10:6-8). He reaffirms this with the declaration that what God has joined together, no human being must separate (Mk 10:9). The text clearly invokes the mind of Jesus about the essential properties of marriage, which are unity and indissolubility. In the mind of Jesus therefore, the institution of marriage is ordained to fashion a conjugal bond of intimacy and affection between a man and a woman, which is destined to last through the entire life span of the couple.

Marriage can be both fragile and sturdy. It can be fragile when either the man or the woman or both allow selfish interests to reign over their conjugal relationship. It can also be sturdy when the parties allow God to exercise dominion over their relationship. Although it is a human enterprise it has been elevated to the status of a sacrament because in it and through it human beings have the prospect and privilege to experience and share in the love and kindness of God. If "ishsha" (woman or wife) is an offshoot from "ish" (man or husband) then a man and a woman who are properly and lawfully married must nurture a conjugal relationship that is built on the pillars of collaboration and affection. For the possibility of producing mutually good or beneficial results in marriage, husbands and wives must (in humility) look up to God and collaborate with him like little children. The Pharisees would not have been predisposed to the idea of divorce if they truly understood the institution of marriage as intended by God who created the man and the woman and blessed them to "be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen. 1:28a). As husbands and wives, do you construe marriage as a divine task to continue in existence through generation and to take possession of God's given territory?

What is your attitude towards divorce in reference to the texts? The Old Testament commandment that a bill of divorce be given to the woman, the exceptive clause, assumes the legitimacy of divorce itself (Dt 24:1-5). The "exceptive clause" (unless the marriage is unlawful), which occurs also in Mt 19:9, have been explicitly prohibited by Jesus in our Gospel text and in other parallel texts (Mk 10:11-12; Lk 16:18). The unlawfulness that Matthew gives as a reason why a marriage must be broken could be unique to a situation peculiar to his community: the violation of Mosaic law forbidding marriage between persons of certain blood and/or legal relationship (Lv 18:6-18). These marriages were regarded as incest, hence unlawful.

Let us pray for marriages that are struggling; for couples who hold or are opened to all manner of exceptive clauses as justification for seeking annulment or/and divorce. We pray for the institution of marriage in the true sense of what it is meant and intended. Let us pray for the profound affinity between the man and the woman—a fragile and sturdy relationship that is deferential, supportive and nurturing to thrive in our society. We pray God to bless all husbands and wives, to keep them firm and secure in His Love all the days of their lives.



**ITALIAN APOSTOLATE  
OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**

**PROCESSION & MASS  
Celebrating the New Diocese of Brooklyn  
Mother Cabrini Monument**

**Sunday,  
October 3, 2021**

**Procession begins  
at 2 pm at  
Mother Cabrini Park,  
(41 President St., Brooklyn, NY 11231)**

**Mass at 3 pm at  
Sacred Hearts –  
St. Stephen Church,  
(125 Summit Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11231)**

**After the City of New York denied creating a public monument to Mother Cabrini as part of the first round of “She Built NYC” monuments, the Italian Apostolate organized a procession and Mass in her honor which resulted in donations to erect the new Diocese of Brooklyn Mother Cabrini Monument.**

**All are encouraged to come to see and celebrate this great, and much deserved, monument to Mother Cabrini placed at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen.**

**Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will lead the procession and celebrate the Mass in honor of Mother Cabrini in thanksgiving to all who made the monument possible and for the intentions of all immigrants and refugees.**