

# 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*

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*Deacon*

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**JOHN HEYER, II**

*Pastoral Associate*

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*Administrator/Business Manager*

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**JENNIFER WU**

*Choir Director*

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*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. NOVEMBER 1, 2021**  
 8:30 Ancestors, Family & Friends of  
 Foley & McInerneys  
 BY: Tom & Family  
 Noon Pietro Rea  
 BY: Loving Family

**TUE. NOVEMBER 2,, 2021**  
 8:30 All Souls  
 7:00 PM All Souls- Names Mentioned

**WED NOVEMBER 3, 2021**  
 8:30 Carmine Graziani  
 BY: Daughter Teresa

**THURS. NOVEMBER 4, 2021**  
 8:30 Adam Rapino  
 BY: Paula Magdalena

**FRI. NOVEMBER 5, 2021**  
 8:30 Massie/Sisto Families

**SAT. NOVEMBER 6, 2021**  
 8:30 Joseph & Jean Bivona  
 BY Fran & Destiny Bivona  
 5:00 PM Luigi "Gino" Masi

**SUN NOVEMBER 7, 2021**  
 8:30 The Giamboi Family  
 BY: The Illiano Family  
 10:00 Anthony Troiano, Sr.  
 BY: The Troiano Family  
 Noon Dominick & Dorothy Mazzella  
 BY: Daughter Joanny

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!



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All are welcome.  
 We hope to see  
 you there!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 10/24 \$ 1,346.00  
 \*Envelopes & cash  
 On Line Donations \$ 2,740.50  
 Total Sunday 10/24 \$ 4,086.50  
 Annual Weekly Expenses \*\*\$14,325.00  
 Difference: \$ 10,238.50

\*\*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 31st has been donated

In Memory of  
**CHARLIE VILARINO**  
 BY: The Muino Family



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, November 8th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House.**

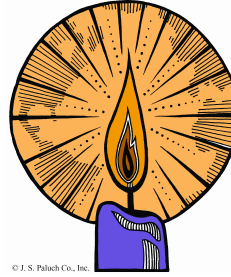
**We will be discussing An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. All are welcome!**



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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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**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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# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings invite us to consider the two basic Laws upon which our faith is based. In the first from the Book of Deuteronomy, we are presented with the “Shama” prayer. The word “shama” means “hear” in Hebrew. The “Shama” was recited by Jesus as well as by all devote Jews of his time. This prayer is a stark reminder that there is one God and that all creation is held together and find meaning in God alone. The second part of the prayer reminds us that because God exists, the believer must love God. The prayer then tells us that we are to love God completely with our whole being. This begs the question, how does one love God completely?

In the Gospel, Jesus quotes the Shama prayer and he adds one more line to it: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus, the rabbinical teacher takes what is sacred to his Judaism, the Shama prayer, and joins it to the command found in the Book of Leviticus 19:18, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” For Jesus, one loves God by loving one’s neighbor. If Love means I will the good for the other (Ti vogio bene) we cannot will the good for God because God is all good. We can, however, will the good for others for the sake of God. Therefore, one’s relationship with God and one’s relationship with others are intimately related and cannot be separated.

If we take all the scriptures from both the Old Testament (Hebrew text) the New Testament (Gospel and the Letters) it becomes evident that God is concerned with our relationship with each other. Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of persons. For us, God is Father, Son & Holy Spirit. God is One in three distinct and unified relationships. God is a relationship. We are created in the image of God which means we are created as people of relationships. We are called to build relationships with others for whom we will the good even if this means making sacrifices. Notice Jesus in the Gospel of John 15:12-13, Jesus says ‘love one another....’ Love always pre-supposes relationships. God is the God of relationships. In Matthew 25:11f, the text presents us with the corporal works of mercy. We read “when I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty, you gave me drink, when I was a stranger, you welcomed me.” When did we give Christ food or drink or welcome? When we did these acts of mercy for others we showed love for God. We love God by willing the good for others.

Is it wrong to love yourself? Should I will the good for myself? No, it is not wrong to love yourself. In fact, the Law of God says you must love yourself. You must care for your well being. You must care for your spiritual, mental and physical health. If you will the good for yourself, you will be able to will the good for others. If you rest and say yes when you can and no when you are stressed out without guilt, you will be caring for yourself and for others. Remember, God loves you too.

The Eucharist is the fountain of grace helping us to love others for Christ. It is through the Eucharist that Christ works in us, through us for our good and the good of others, MERCY means My Eyes Recognize Christ in You.

Prayer, meditation, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist aid us in loving God in others. It is through the Eucharist that God acts through us and in us for our own good and the good of all.

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 will; 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.