

# 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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**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*Pastoral Associate*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**

*Administrator/Business Manager*

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*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.**    **NOVEMBER 15, 2021**  
8:30      Enrico Dellaporte  
            Birthday Remembrance  
            BY: Catherine & Family
  
- TUE.**    **NOVEMBER 16, 2021**  
8:30      Jennifer & John Passantino  
            BY: The Passantino Family
  
- WED**    **NOVEMBER 17, 2021**  
8:30      For a Personal Intention
  
- THURS.** **NOVEMBER 18, 2021**  
8:30      Phyllis "Fuffy" Rego  
            BY: The Trovato Family
  
- FRI.**    **NOVEMBER 19, 2021**  
8:30      Russell & Marie Machuluk
  
- SAT.**    **NOVEMBER 20, 2021**  
8:30      Dolly Vergona  
            BY The Trovato Family  
5:00 PM M/M Alfonse & Jean Cipaldo  
            BY: Daughters Angela & Debra
  
- SUN**    **NOVEMBER 21, 2021**  
8:30      Dolly Vergona  
            BY: Anna Giunta  
10:00     Alissa Aquino  
            BY: LouAnne & Michael Manus  
Noon     Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri  
            BY: The Reca 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!



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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 11/07	\$ 1,931.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,415.50
Total Sunday 11/07	\$ 4,346.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,978.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



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 November 14th has

been donated  
In Memory of  
**MARIA SCARDINO**  
BY: The Reca & Heyer 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 | Nina Carulli        |



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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.**

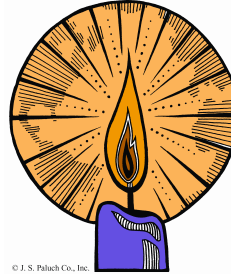
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**2021  
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE  
SUN, 11/28-SUN. 12/19  
The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000  
Knights of Columbus is**

**coordinating a food drive for Advent. The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the food pantry at St. John's Bread & Life. Donations of canned food will be collected at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church during weekends in Advent. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.**



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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.**

## *COME HOME FOR ADVENT*

### *HOLY HOUR-EVENING PRAYER*

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*TUESDAYS @ 7:00 PM*

*11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21*

*HOPE, LOVE, JOY, PEACE*

*Let us Deck the Halls of Our Hearts  
in Preparation of the Birth of Christ  
and His Expectant Return*

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

The goal of the Disciple of Christ is to want, pray for, long for all that Jesus wants for us and the world. Our goal is to conform our minds and hearts to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.

The Liturgy of the Word today, the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, has an Apocalyptic theme. Apocalyptic means revelation. In the context of sacred scripture, it refers to the final victory of God over all evil. Apocalyptic literature deals with the last things in life. The basic message of the Apocalyptic literature is: no matter how difficult things get, no matter how many advances evil may make, in the end, God wins. Good triumphs over evil. The last few lines of the Creed point this same lesson out to us. "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come." Thus, in the end, death will be fully destroyed and life (which is from God) will triumph.

In the Gospel from Mark 13:24-32 we read: "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." We believe that Christ will return establishing definitively the reign of God conquering evil, raising the dead, rewarding the faithful and punishing the non-repentant sinner. While the Lord will come at the end of time, we also believe that the Lord will come for each of us individually. We will all die someday. This being true, how ought we to live now? The answer to this question is found in such texts as Matthew 25:14-30, John 13-17. The answer is found in following and imitating the life and example of the Lord Jesus. We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. To love means to will the good for the other without an expectation of a reward. We are called to forgive others. We cannot expect God to forgive us if we do not forgive others. We are called to be people of compassion. We are called to be people of justice and mercy. We are called to pray, to celebrate the Eucharist. We are to wait for the Lord by doing all we learned from him in the Gospel. When the Lord comes, we will be found doing what is good, pleasing and just in the eyes of God. If we are striving to do these things, this is good. If we are not and there exists issues in our lives which must be corrected, reconciled or changed, address these issues now. We must not wait. We know not the day nor the hour when the Lord will come for us personally in death or for the world at the end of time.

The good news of the Apocalyptic Literature is that the kingdom of God for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer will finally be established. For those longing for the Kingdom evidenced by their willingness to follow the Gospel, this will be a time of great hope and expectation. For those who have not lived faithful lives, it will be a time of fear and dread. So, lets make a choice, either we are longing and working for the kingdom of God or we are not. Choose God now. Choose Christ now. Choose life now. Let us be found at peace when the Lord comes. It will be the time of our greatest joy.

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.