

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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Brooklyn, N.Y 11231

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REV. CLETUS FORSON

Parochial Vicar

REV. NGOZI

Prison Chaplain (In Residence)

MR. EDWIN RIVERA

Deacon

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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.

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.	NOVEMBER 29, 2021
8:30	JoAnn Sansone BY: Rose Marie Foglia
TUE.	NOVEMBER 30, 2021
8:30	Vito Garofalo BY: The Boccadifuoco & Randazzo Family
WED	DECEMBER 1, 2021
8:30	Vincent & Vincenza Pepe BY: Son Louis
THURS.	DECEMBER 2, 2021
8:30	Deceased Members of The Patti & Manus Family BY: Loving Children
FRI.	DECEMBER 3, 2021
8:30	Rose & John Groccia BY: Son & Daughter-in-law Richie & Susie
SAT.	DECEMBER 4, 2021
8:30	Frank & Maryellen Adinolfi BY Marie & Frank Gaudioso
5:00 PM	Jennie Maresca BY: The Eng Family
SUN	DECEMBER 5, 2021
8:30	In Honor of St. Nicholas
10:00	Lorianne Sgro Zodda BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
Noon	Joseph Finochiaro BY: Wife & Children

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 11/14	\$ 1,808.00
* Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,250.50
Total Sunday 11/14	\$ 4,058.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,266..50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2021**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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 28th have been donated

In Memory of
MARY MC CLOSKEY
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:

Jonelle Bernardo,
Brad Hatry
Michelle Laquercia
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.

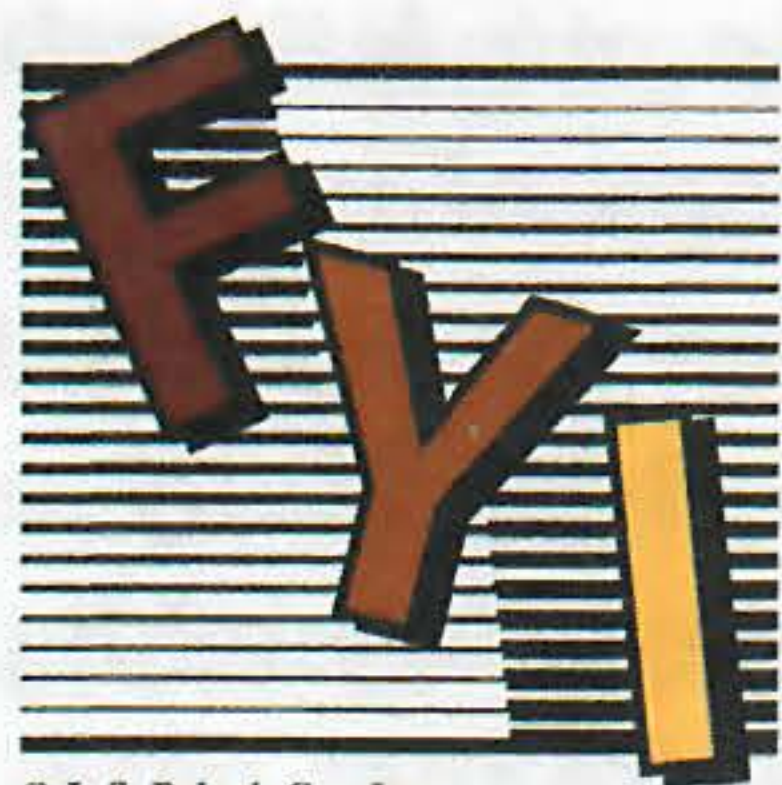
Erica Concino
Susan Hannan
Hector Jimenez
Abigail Memmesheimer
Philip Saraceno

Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia Nina Carulli

Helena Rolla
Gertrude Zagarella
Irene Balen
John Nigro
Agnes Scolaro
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
Sophia Rotunno
Vittorio Di Turi



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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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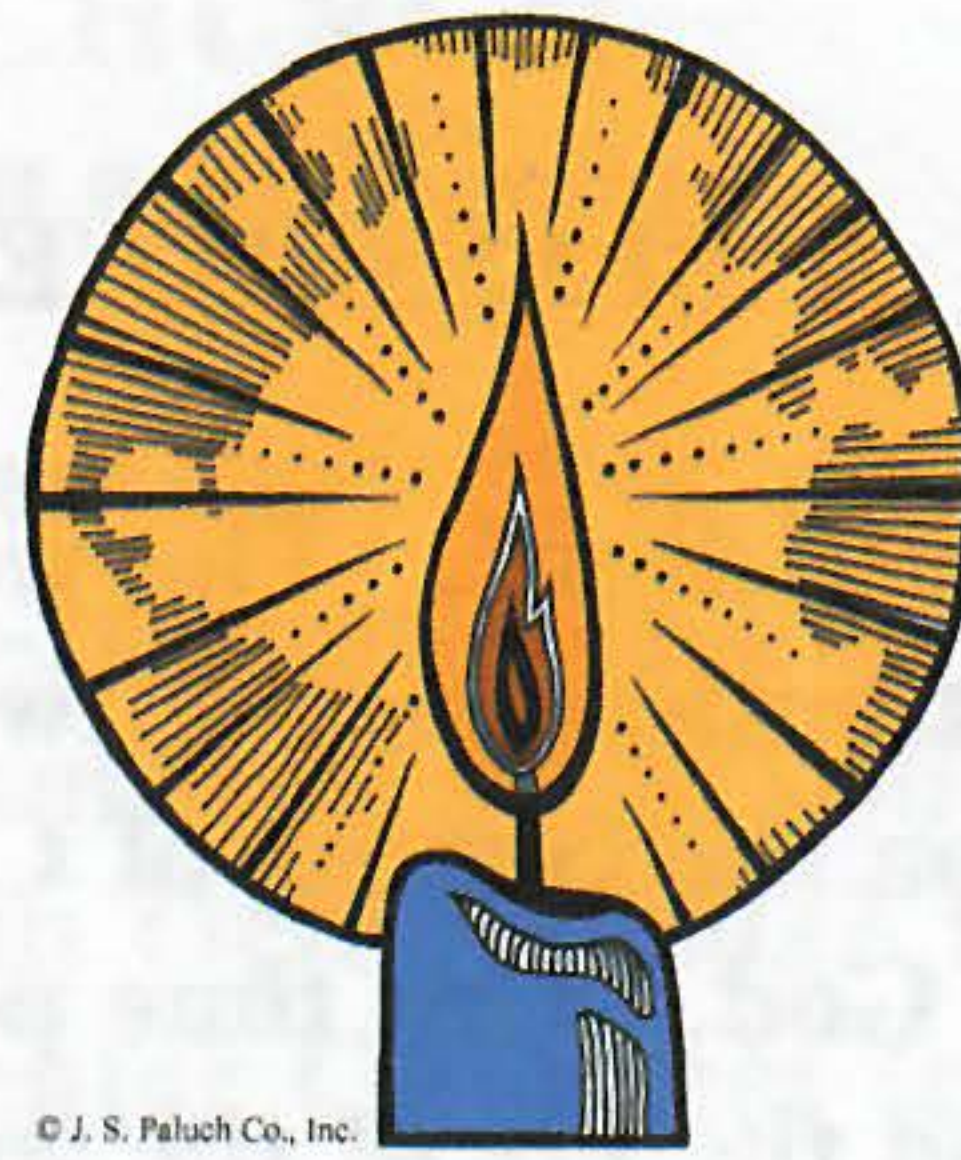
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

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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ADVENT 2022 BLESSED NEW LITURGICAL NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Today we begin Advent. The word advent means to come. Thus, the Liturgical Season of Advent invites us to focus our attention on the two comings of Christ. From now until December 17th, the sacred text of the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time. These first two weeks have as their goal the focus on the Kingdom of God. This time period accents the line from the Creed which says "we believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The readings refer to the second coming as a time of judgment and the final victory of good over evil. The second part of Advent beginning on December 17th moves our focus to the Incarnation of God among us in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the Kingdom of God. It is during this time period the readings move us to familiar Christmas themes.

The Advent atmosphere in Church is one of joyful expectation. Look at the Advent Wreath. Each week a candle will be lit. Gradually each week the wreath grows in brightness. The wreath tells us that the light is here, yet it is still arriving. It is symbolic of the sun rising on a winter morning. If you are awake between 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM, you will notice how the first signs of light slowly appear in the east while the western sky is still dark. The light gradually fills the sky moving west until day is fully arrived. So too with us. This light breaking in is similar to the gradual coming of the Kingdom of God. While God's kingdom is here in Jesus and the Church, it is still coming to its fullness. The Kingdom still struggles to overcome evil. In the end, day fully arrives, Christ does arrive and the Kingdom of God will be successful.

The color of Advent is blue violet in contrast to the red violet of Lent. While Advent is not a penitential season as is Lent, it is a time of preparation. For many of us, Penance may be a way to prepare for the great celebration of Christmas. Notice the Violet banners and the pine branches in Church. They are signs of waiting and longing. The green reminds us that God will fulfill all our desires.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we can almost hear and feel the frustration, longing and even anger of the writer as he pours out his heart. Longing, waiting, expecting, looking forward to, making up a dream sheet can be ways to understanding the meaning of Advent. Many of us experience a need for fulfillment. Sometimes life can be difficult. Sometimes we ask why this or that is happening. Sometimes we do get disgusted with the rise of crime against the innocent, corruption found in our leadership people and we just want to throw up our hands and say "enough already, I have had it." Many of us have a need for inner peace and contentment. Many of us want our problems to cease. Some long just to be. Many are searching for meaning in their lives. Many are longing to make a difference in the world. Many are longing for an end to ambiguity in their lives. Health issues, job issues and sudden changes seem to highlight many of our human dreams and needs at this time. Some of us are just unhappy longing for a life that used to be when we were in a different place. Instead of masking all these issues in the jingle bells and fake expressions of happiness, why not make all your longings your Advent Prayer, believing that all our discontent can only be healed and fulfilled in things or gifts or by people, but in our relationship with Christ.

When I am alone and thinking no one cares, Come Lord Jesus

When I am angry at the situation of the world, Come Lord Jesus

When I am disappointed in those I love, come Lord Jesus

When leadership in the Church infuriates me, Come Lord Jesus

When I am feeling down and out, lost and upset, Come Lord Jesus

When my past mistakes make me sad and hopeless, Come Lord Jesus

When I lose my patience because of the ineptitude of people around me, Come Lord Jesus

Jesus, Come Lord Jesus in every aspect of my life, my joys, my thankfulness, my hurts and my tears,

Come Lord Jesus save us from ourselves.

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 of 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.