

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.

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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Deacon

MRS. NANCY ARKIN

Director of Faith Formation

JOHN HEYER, II

Pastoral Associate

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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. DECEMBER 27, 2021**
8:30 Gary Cushing
- TUE. DECEMBER 28, 2021**
8:30 Santo & Carmella Savoca
BY: The Troiano Family
- WED DECEMBER 29, 2021**
8:30 Michael Diacomenolas
- THURS. DECEMBER 30, 2021**
8:30 Anna & Francesca Pietanza
BY: Children & Grandchildren
- FRI. DECEMBER 31, 2021**
8:30 Jean Lawson
BY: Karen Browne & Peter Lawson
- SAT. JANUARY 1, 2022**
Noon Vincent & Vincenza Pepe
BY: Son Louis
- SUN JANUARY 2, 2022**
8:30 Dolly V ergona
BY: Mary Ann & Kevin Byrne
10:00 Fr. Simon Joseph
BY: The Altar Servers
Noon In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

BOOK CLUB

Start 2022 with a good book! Please join us on Monday, January 3rd @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about PACHINKO by Min Jin Lee. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on February 7th. We will be discussing FRESH WATER FOR FLOWERS by Valerie Perrin.

All are Welcome!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 12/12	\$ 2,536.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,655.50
Total Sunday 12/12	\$ 5,195.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,129.50

**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.



Bread & Wine for the week of

January 2, 2022

has been donated

In Loving Memory of

MARGUERITE & JOHN AGNESE

BY: Loving Nieces & Nephews



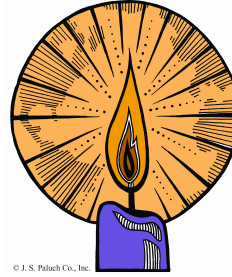
Pray For

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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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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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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!

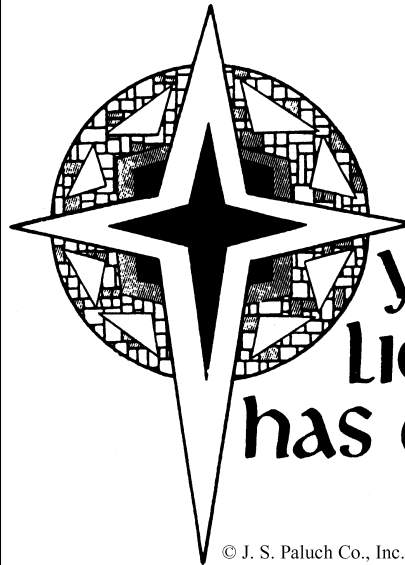


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2021 ADVENT FOOD DRIVE SUN, 11/28-SUN. 12/19

The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000 Knights of Columbus

expresses their sincere thanks to all who so generously donated to the Food Drive to help those less fortunate and to make Christmas a happier time for them. God Bless You!



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YOUR LIGHT has come

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Sunday after Christmas and before the Octave Day of Christmas (Jan.1) is the Feast of the Holy Family. It is a feast which is timely and contemporary. Many of us have entertained family members, gathered together with relatives and sent greetings to family members. It is the time of year for the family to come together. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is given to us as a model of family life. Even though the definition of family has expanded, the lessons taught to us by the Holy Family remain valid and important for us to learn and practice. The lessons we learn from the Holy Family still serve as a guide for all family structures. Family values of love, self sacrificing, mutual respect for each member of the family and forgiveness are hallmarks of family and community life. We must remember the WORD OF GOD, who is JESUS, becomes incarnate in the context of human relationships primarily in the family.

The family is the foundation of society. It is in the context of the family that we learn to live as a social person. We are taught to share, to dialogue, to sacrifice and to support each other. Family life is the foundation of parish life. Family life and family values are the foundation of society. The social behaviors learned in the family prepare us for all social encounters particularly in building friendships and work relationships. The qualities needed in a family are also needed to be present in the parish. Needless to say, family life can be a great blessing as well as a great cross. While there are many family celebrations and joys, there are also tears.

Family life is not easy. It is a chosen lifestyle. Family life is work. We can never take it for granted. Family life can be the cause of much pride or the cause of many pains. Families face crisis together. Members of the family take care of each other. We care for the young and the elderly. We care for the newly arrived and those departing. We sacrifice ourselves for the well being of the whole. In a family, selfishness cannot be found or tolerated.

Family life is the coming together of many personalities. While relatives are given at birth, family is made up of chosen people who make up our support team. Family is where you are given the support you need, the guidance you may seek and the unconditional love we all must have. Traditionally family were made up of people who were bonded together by blood. Today, our families are made up not only of people who are blood related but also of close friends. We have many "family like" relationships at work, in the parish, in school. Whatever your family make us is, mutual love, respect, support, self-sacrificing and forgiveness must be part of the structure of the group we call family. It is in family relationships that we most feel a sense of belonging, being supported and being loved.

Family life in our own day have been the target of many assaults. Families need time to come together. The members must spend quality time with each other. Unfortunately, due to economic constraints, many families rarely come together even for a daily or weekly meal. Eating together and sharing conversation build family cohesiveness. In some families, meals are eaten while viewing television. In some homes, meals are eaten while each member of the family is busy texting or searching the web on one's mobile telephone. Such behavior does not seem to enhance family life, rather it underscores our individual independence. The family loves us as we need to be loved. Sometimes we need encouragement, sometimes we need correction and sometimes we need to set boundaries and limits on each other out of love. Each member of the family has his or her own personality, viewpoints and individuality. While the family must be home to all the personalities of its members, the tension seems to rest being an individual and being a member of a larger reality. Various personalities present in the family add color and life to the family unit. Striving to keep a balance among the various personalities can be a challenge. Sometimes we need to face hard and difficult issues together. The family must always operate out of mutual love and never out of selfishness.

Family life is always in processes. It needs constant care, understanding, forgiveness and communication. Divorce, geography, economics seems to have restructured the family. If family life is to continue, than the effort, sacrifice and deliberate planning to be together is essential. God becomes incarnate in a family setting. In the midst of all the noise of the family, God is present.



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