

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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JENNIFER WU

Choir Director

EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF

Choir Director Emerita

ANDREW DI MANSO

Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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. JANUARY 3, 2022**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- TUE. JANUARY 4, 2022**
8:30 Andrew, Carmela & Guy Di Manso
BY: Andrew Di Manso
- WED JANUARY 5, 2022**
8:30 Joseph Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- THURS. JANUARY 6, 2022**
8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
BY: The Illiano Family
- FRI. JANUARY 7, 2022**
8:30 Fran Bivona
BY: The Eng Family
- SAT. JANUARY 8, 2022**
8:30 Rose & Pasquale Masotto
BY: Son Sal
5:00 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Clara Stella
- SUN JANUARY 9, 2022**
8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero
BY: The Reca Family
10:00 John Portelli
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
Noon Antonino Conti
BY: The Conti Family

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 12/19 \$ 1,087.00.
*Envelopes & cash
On Line Donations \$ 2,880.50
Total Sunday 12/19 \$ 3,917.50
Annual Weekly Expenses** \$14,325.00
Difference: \$ 10,407.50

**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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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!



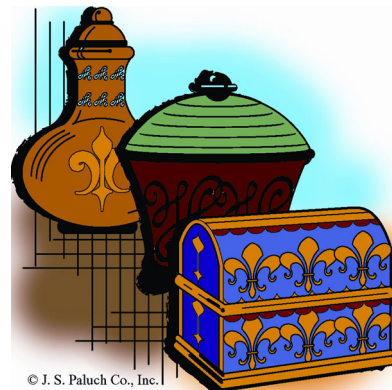
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If you wish to remember a loved one or have a devotion to a particular saint, annual memorial candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit

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 Community,

Thank you for your participation at our Christmas Liturgies. Thank you to Mr. James Lake & Jennifer Wu for all their work. Thank you to all our Liturgical Ministers and our Sacristans for all their work. Thank you to all who decorated the church. Thanks to all of you who so faithfully participated in the Christmas Liturgies.

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of the Epiphany. This feast is on the official Roman Catholic Calendar for January 6th. In the United States, our Bishops have elected to celebrate this feast on a Sunday to underscore the importance. The feast celebrates two basic themes; Universality of the Gospel message as represented by the arrival of these gentile (non-Jewish men) as well as the identity of Jesus as Divine King and Redeemer. The feast we celebrate today is more catachetical than historical. By this I mean that the Gospel writer through words and symbols is teaching us who Jesus is and about the redemptive mission of Christ. This feast is a small catechism of the faith.

The gifts of the Magi proclaim the mission of Christ. The gold proclaims Christ as King. The frankincense proclaims the divinity of Christ. The myrrh proclaims his sacrificial death for our redemption. The story of the Epiphany is a prologue to the whole Gospel. The Feast of the Epiphany gives us the conclusions about Jesus which the whole gospel will later explain to us as the liturgical year unfolds.

The word Epiphany means “to show or to manifest.” In the gospel we read how Mary showed the Christ child to the wise men, thus pointing out the universality of the Gospel. The story is theological and catechetical. The Gospel of the Epiphany symbolically tells the whole gospel story of Matthew. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, the Risen Lord sends his disciples to all the nations. Thus, we see a sign or a prophecy of the sending out of the disciples to all the nations with the revelation of the Christ child to the wise men of non-Jewish peoples. While the Messiah was to come to the Jewish people, his mission and work of redemption was directed to the whole world. Christianity is not wedded to just one nation but to all humanity. Thus the word: “catholic” meaning universal. Another meaning of the word catholic or universal is having the complete truth, the fullness of revelation. In Christ, God has revealed Godself completely.

In our own day, where does God manifest his presence? Where in your life have you met God? Who are the people in your life who bear for you the face of Jesus? Epiphanies happen when we least expect them and from the people we least expect. The key is that we need, like the Magi, to be open to the presence of the Lord. We need perhaps to take a chance and go outside of our comfort zone of our preconceived ideas and find the Lord. Look at the joy and the innocence of children. In those young faces which call forth our love for them is Christ. Look at the heavens, the moon, the sun, the stars, the colors of dawn and evening, certainly this order and beauty speaks to our hearts of God. Look to the elderly whose lives have been spent in faithfulness to all they hold dear and true. Look to the love manifested in couples who have been married for forty, fifty, sixty years. Is not God present where there is love? Look at the generosity of so many people who give their lives of service to others. Is this not also a manifestation of the Lord? God is alive and present for those who wish to see him. All that we need do is to be open to his gentle yet strong presence. The Lord comes to invite himself into our lives. How do we respond to such a request?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LET US ADORE HIM



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