

# 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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**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.** JANUARY 24, 2022  
8:30 Masi, Valentino & Orsino Family
- TUE.** JANUARY 25, 2022  
8:30 DellaPorte & Lagana Families  
BY: Catherine & Family
- WED** JANUARY 26 2022  
8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek  
Anniversary Remembrance  
BY: Her Sister Gertrude
- THURS.** JANUARY 27, 2022  
8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek  
Birthday Remembrance  
BY: Her Sister Gertrude
- FRI.** JANUARY 28, 2022  
8:30 Mary & John Lazzati  
BY: Their Family
- SAT.** JANUARY 29, 2022  
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit  
for the Parish  
5:00 Maria Grazia & Salvatore DiFilippo  
BY: The Reca Family
- SUN** JANUARY 30, 2022  
8:30 Louis DiSchiavi  
BY: Palma  
10:00 Neil Colella  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon Libby Ruggiero  
BY: Terri Scotto



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 1/16	\$ 1,681.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,665.50
Total Sunday 1/16	\$ 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.

## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, February 7th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **FRESH WATER FOR FLOWERS** by **VALERIE PERRIN**.

All are welcome!

We hope to see you there!



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                   | Salvatore Salerno   |
| 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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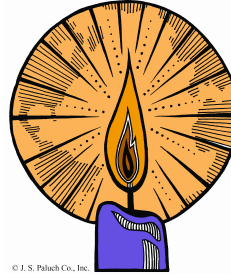
**Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord. We hope to see you there!**

### Attention



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Tax letters will be mailed to all parishioners shortly. Any parishioner who donated to our parish in the year 2021 whether on line, in person or by mail, will receive this letter. Please give the letter a chance to reach you as you know the mail delivery in our area leaves much to be desired. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support of this great parish. We are grateful for all you do to help sustain us.



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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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**Are you being called to become more involved in our Parish Community? All are welcome to join one of our ministries. We welcome all! Share your time, talent and treasure with us. For more information, see Msgr. Massie or one of our staff members present at the various masses. You may also call the Rectory and we will be happy to assist you.**

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community:

Today the first reading from the Book of Nehemiah and the Gospel reading point to the spiritual and temporal realities of living in the spirit. Nehemiah is concerned with material realities of the City of Jerusalem and the reconstruction of the Temple. Ezra is concerned with the rebuilding of the spirit of the people. While Nehemiah will rebuild with stones and mortar, Ezra will rebuild the spirit by proclaiming and giving the explanation of sacred texts. The second reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians addresses the nature of the Christian Community as the Body of Christ. The Church recognized as the Body of Christ is made up of both a spiritual and temporal reality. Christ, the Incarnation of God among us, is both human and divine. Caring for both spirit and body are complimentary not in competition. The Church universal and the local parish are both spiritual and human communities in constant need of care, change affirmation and correction.

The Book of Nehemiah tell us of the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem after the exile. The Israelites were exiled from about 587 BC to 538 BC. This time the land and the City of Jerusalem lay in ruins. The temple which was the center and the heart of ancient Judaism was destroyed, The return of the Israelites to Jerusalem began around 538 BC to 515 BC. This was a slow and on going process. Nehemiah and Ezra were two men who played an important role in the reconstruction of the City of Jerusalem and the reconstruction of Judaism in the post exile period. Nehemiah was a Jewish layman returning to Jerusalem. He was a gifted administrator. Being a man of action, he introduced administrative reforms which made it possible to begin construction of the walls of Jerusalem. In fact, the foundations which he constructed are still existing. The wall of which we speak refers not to modern Jerusalem, but rather to the Old City. Nehemiah rebuilt the physical structure of the city.

Ezra, who we meet in the first reading, is of the priestly cast of Israel. He, like Nehemiah was a returning exile. He with his assistants, proclaims the Torah to the people. Proclaiming the Word of God to the people was done to raise their hearts and spirits to the Lord. This event seems to be Yom Kippur observance. The people are asked to recommit themselves to following the Word of God for their good and ultimately for the good of the whole community. This recommitment would come not only from their hearing the Word but from the people's knowledge of the Word. It was important for the people to understand their faith and their texts. Ezra explains the faith to the people. Ezra rebuilds the spirit of the people with the Word of God.

In the second reading from 1Corinthians, Paul calls the Church the Body of Christ. St. Paul compares the human body and its parts to the parts of the Church. The Church is made up of the people who are baptized, celebrate the Eucharist and the sacraments and live their faith in Christ Jesus. The Body of Christ is made up of many ministries. Some of the ministries are for the ordained and others for the laity. The Church is not just the priests, bishops, popes, sisters and brothers. The Church is all of us together. The Church has a deep spiritual and sacramental reality as well as a human reality. The Church is, therefore, always growing in its understanding of the Gospel as well as in need of reform and reconciliation to its Lord.

In the Gospel passage for today we read that Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. Jesus is Jewish. Jesus keeps the Sabbath. He is given the scroll to read and like Ezra, he will explain the passage. It is important for us to know and to understand our faith. Many of us simply do not know enough about our Catholicism. When asked questions about it, we cannot explain it. This results in lost opportunities to explain the faith to one who is searching. The more we know about the faith, the more we can enter into it. Faith seeks understanding. Learn your faith, defend your faith and live your faith. Fall in love with Christ present in Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture and in his people the Church.

## Practical Suggestions:

Learning about the faith is one thing, being in love with Christ is something else. Love demands giving of ourselves. The Body of Christ needs people to give of themselves in service to the parish. You have talents. What holds you back? Help the church in ways that you can. Teach our children about the love of Christ. Proclaim God's Word as a lector. Assist in the distribution of communion. Help to create the environment for prayer as decorators and cleaners.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**Happy New Year 2022! Happy New, newer You!**

**This note comes with blessings and hope for a happy, healthy new year full of achievable goals and HOPE and confidence in God!**

**I purposely waited for this week because the expectation of new year resolutions is overwhelming and far to often, disappointing! Many of us set health goals and sometimes we just set the bar to high.**

**Personally, I do not set any new year resolutions, but I do have goals I want to achieve, and I have HOPE and confidence in God to be successful. Having HOPE allows me to set goals in small and realistic moments as opposed setting myself up for failure and disappointment. Every day, is a change to reset, refocus, and renew, so when I have a setback (and I will), I will put my faith in God and continue to move forward!**

**Let us together set goals and when we fall short (as I will) let us reset, refocus, and renew our commitment to achieve the very best we can with the help of God!**

**Here are my goals (modified for you) and like the sock company “Bombas”, the goals I am giving through sharing/caring for others!**

**Goal #1 Mental Health: check in with yourself and acknowledge that you deserve happiness, love, peace, and a delicious dessert (health conscious of course!) Check in with someone who I know needs support, happiness, love, and peace!**

**Goal #2 Smile more, complain less, and always look for the good. This is a two-edge sword that reaps rewards beyond the imagination. Have you ever talked to a stranger?!!!! I challenge you to try it at church this week!**

**Goal #3 Get up and move! Exercise doesn't have to be a chore, and I need to so I plan to MOVE more and take a few reluctant people with me so they too can get up and move! Go for a walk, turn up the music and dance, park far from the entrance and walk. Stay local and walk-up Court Street and down Smith Street, walk to the waterfront park, go to a museum. Don't worry about the pace, just GO!**

**Goal#4 Clean out the chaos! Now this is something that is both easy and tedious as well as emotional and hard! Cleaning out the chaos can mean anything you need to let go of, that serves no purpose or has a negative impact on you or has emotional ties that need rest. PRAY and ask God for help. You can do this. I can do this with prayer and knowing that God is my strength!**

**Goal #5 is directly related to Goal #4; I am letting go of 22 things that serve NO purpose or have a negative impact on my life or is too emotionally exhaustive.**

**I pray for peace, love, and joy for each one of you! May God give you strength and confidence to achieve all your goals. Remember, it is okay to reset, refocus, and renew, you deserve it!**

**I encourage you to spread kindness and enjoy your walks!**

**Sondra**