

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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REV. NGOZI

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Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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.

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.

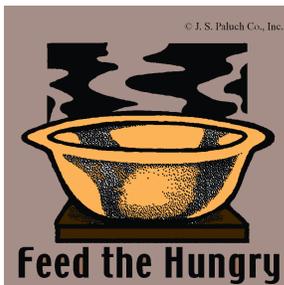
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. JANUARY 31, 2022**
8:30 Rosolino & Filippa Cataldo
BY: Cecilia & Salvatore Cataldo & Family
- TUE. FEBRUARY 1, 2022**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- WED FEBRUARY 2, 2022**
8:30 Souls in Purgatory
BY: Andrew DiManso
- THURS. FEBRUARY 3, 2022**
8:30 Leonard Bik
BY: Sal
- FRI. FEBRUARY 4, 2022**
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: The Eng Family
- SAT. FEBRUARY 5, 2022**
8:30 For All Breast Cancer Patients
and Survivors
5:00 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
- SUN FEBRUARY 6, 2022**
8:30 Dolly Vergona
BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli
10:00 Thomas Mationg
BY: Callahan Family
Noon Giovanna Sansone
BY: The Bellantuono Family



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 1/23	\$ 1,722.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,745.50
Total Sunday 1/23	\$ 4,467.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,857.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



The 2022 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!

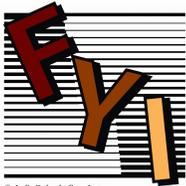


Pray For

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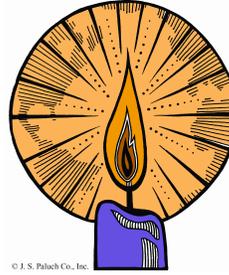
Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord. We hope to see you there!

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 Family,

Today we meet Jesus in Nazareth. Nazareth is where Jesus was reared. It was here that he learned a trade. It was here he worshipped in the synagogue and perhaps in this synagogue that he had his Bar Mitzvah. It is after one's Bar Mitzvah that one can read in the synagogue. The people of Nazareth knew him and knew his family. This is not unlike us. We have lived in Carroll Gardens when it was known as South Brooklyn. We know people from the neighborhood. We know families from the parish. You cannot put on airs with people with whom you have been reared. The neighborhood people know you for who and what you are. So too, with Jesus. He and the family are well known in Nazareth. When he gives this instruction in the synagogue reminding the people of how faithful the gentile world was when Elijah preached and how Naaman, the Syrian is healed through the intercession of Elisha, the reaction of the people in the synagogue was not favorable. Why was their reaction hostile? Jesus was telling them a truth. Jesus was not making up a story. Why such a negative reaction? The Syrians and the Phoenicians were enemies of Israel. Why use them as an example of acceptance of the Word of God? Perhaps because Jesus is telling the truth, a prophet is never accepted by his own people.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is called to be a prophet to his people. God tells Jeremiah that the people will be against you. "They will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you." Why do people fight against prophets? Prophets in the Hebrew text are not people who tell the future. They are the conscience of the people of Israel. They ask important questions to people in leadership roles. Often prophecy has been described as "speaking truth to power." When this is done, there is a push back. People in powerful leadership roles do not want to hear any challenges or questions. It is like a child informing a parent that the parent needs to see the doctor. It is like the situation we have here with Covid in wearing masks for the good of all. It is like the whistle blower who discovers some illegal issue or some corruption going on in the workplace. The whistle blower may be right, but do those involved in the corruption want to hear all this, this is not so good stuff. No, they do not. Prophets act in love for the people to who they are preaching.

What is the motivation or the inspiration of the prophet or even of Jesus? It is love. Love means effectively willing the good for the other. The prophet speaks out for the good of the people even if the people reject the message. Jesus does the same. He acts in love and speaks the truth to us for our consideration even if it kills him. In the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we are learning about what love is. Love need not be emotional. Love has nothing to do with liking. It has everything to do with willing the good even for the enemy. Such a message about love is most challenging in our society today. We like the fluff and stuff of love but not the difficult aspects of love that we find in the life of Christ even for the sinner, or even Judas Iscariot.

So, why is Jesus rejected in Nazareth? Why is Jeremiah rejected? Do we really will the good for all our enemies?

Rev. 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!

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