

# **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.**

*Rectory: 108 Carroll Street*

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**REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE**

*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

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*Deacon*

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**JOHN HEYER, II**

*Pastoral Associate*

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*Business Manager*

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*Parish Organist*

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*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.

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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 10, 2022**  
8:30 Francesca, Francesco & Vitantonio Di Fonso  
BY: Cecilia & Salvatore Cataldo & Family
- TUE. JANUARY 11, 2022**  
8:30 Anthony Massie
- WED. JANUARY 12, 2022**  
8:30 John Ruggiero  
BY: Di Coscia Family
- THURS. JANUARY 13, 2022**  
8:30 Sebastian Di Mauro  
BY: Joseph Di Mauro
- FRI. JANUARY 14, 2022**  
8:30 Louis Valentino, Sr.
- SAT. JANUARY 15, 2022**  
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto  
BY: Maria Ambrosino  
5:00 Philip & Santo Castro & Lucille Abramo  
BY: Andrew & Carolyn Schiano-Moriello
- SUN. JANUARY 16, 2022**  
8:30 Anthony Polito  
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda  
10:00 Feast of St. Stephen  
Noon Mary Ortato  
BY: Son Joseph Ortato

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 1/03	\$ 1,515.00.
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,612.50
Total Sunday 1/03	\$ 4,127.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,195.50

\*\*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.



## You're Invited **BOOK CLUB**

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Please join us on  
Monday @ 7:00 PM  
February 7th.

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 | 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!**

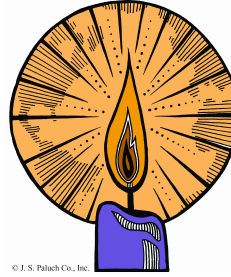


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**2021  
ADVENT FOOD DRIVE  
SUN, 11/28-SUN. 12/19**

**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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**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,

The Baptism of the Lord is another major Epiphany of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus. In this feast we have a manifestation or a showing of Christ. In St. Paul's Letter to Titus we read: "The grace of God has appeared saving all and training us to reject godless ways...." From the same Letter to Titus we read: "when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared....." Seeing is the main theme of the readings. The invisible God is seen in Jesus. Notice on Christmas, Christ manifested to the shepherds by the angels. On the Epiphany, Jesus is manifested to the magi by Mary. In today's Liturgy, Christ is manifested to us by the Father and Holy Spirit.

This feast closes the Christmas Season. The Feast is the Manifestation of Christ Jesus, the Incarnate Word to the world by the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of the Lord begins the public ministry of the Lord. In this baptismal event Jesus aligns himself with sinful humanity which struggles to be sinless, while faced with human weakness. In the Mystery of the Incarnation, God touches our weakness, our spiritual wounds and heals them. The baptism of John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance. It was a sign that the one being baptized would try to change one's life. The Mikvah is a cleaning. It signified a new beginning. Our baptism is an emersion into Christ Jesus. We are immersed into the redemption which Christ has brought about through his passion, death and resurrection.

John preached a baptism of repentance in the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus who is sinless does not need the baptism of John. Jesus is not a repentant sinner. Yet, Jesus accepts John's baptism as a sign that Jesus stands with all struggling sinners who wish redemption, long for healing and who want the reign of God. The baptism of Jesus begins his public ministry. The redemptive ministry of Jesus will lead to the Cross. It will be Christ's faithfulness to his ministry that will ultimately redeem our unfaithfulness. Truly, the Mystery of the Incarnation is astounding when one realizes that God became human to take on our weaknesses and to make atonement for us. The event of the Baptism of the Lord resembles Easter. The Baptism begins the redemptive work of Jesus which will culminate in events of Easter. The Baptism of the Lord begins the victory of Christ over all forms of evil and death.

Each of us because of our Baptism, Confirmation and especially the Eucharist are called to be manifestations of Christ to those around us. Yes, Christ acts through us for others. In the same way Divine of the Holy Spirit who comes to us in every sacrament enables us to recognize the manifestation of Christ in the poor, the vulnerable, the innocent, the wise and those in need and even in the gifted. God's presence surrounds us. The universe is singing God's presence. We need to be alert to the Divine Presence. The feast is one of hope and comfort for all of us. It reminds us that Jesus walks with all people of good will who are striving to be faithful and yet fail from time to time. The Epiphany events of the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord and Wedding Feast of Cana remind us that nothing will separate us from the love of God which comes to us in Christ Jesus.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

JOHN  
BAPTIZES  
JESUS



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