

# 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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*Parochial Vicar*

REV. NGOZI

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*Parish Organist*

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*Choir Director Emerita*

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*Sacristan*

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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. FEBRUARY 14, 2022**  
8:30 Pietro & Geraldine Cataldo  
BY: Cecilia & Salvatore Cataldo
- TUE. FEBRUARY 15, 2022**  
8:30 John Grimaldi
- WED FEBRUARY 16, 2022**  
8:30 Diane Romand  
7:00 PM Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan
- THURS. FEBRUARY 17, 2022**  
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- FRI. FEBRUARY 18, 2022**  
8:30 Joyce & Jay Sisto
- SAT. FEBRUARY 19, 2022**  
8:30 Holy Spirit  
5:00 Theresa Rendeiro  
Anthony & Camille Trani
- SUN FEBRUARY 20, 2022**  
8:30 For The People of The Parish  
10:00 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomanno  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/06	\$ 2,226.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,410.50
Total Sunday 2/06	\$4636.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,688.50

\*\*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.



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Please join us on Wednesday, February 16th @ 7:00 PM for Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan,

Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens. This is Bishop Brennan's first visit to our Church and Deanery. Let us join together as a Community to extend a warm welcome! All are invited and we hope to see you there.



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Feed the Hungry



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 Phyllis Bracco |
| Joan Di Tucci         | Terry Daniti             |



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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!**

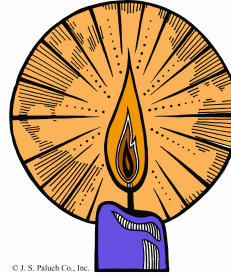
### Attention



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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,

## Life is Christ

Today, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings continue the themes of the Sermon on the Mount. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, which comes to us from the Wisdom Tradition of the Hebrew Text, we are told “if you choose to keep the commandments, they will save you.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers a new insight into the Commandments. Jesus invites us to go beyond the letter of the law to the Spirit of the law. Jesus invites us to obey the commandments because we have a relationship with God in Christ. Jesus is teaching us not only an external morality, but rather an internal morality based on our relationship with him.

While every relationship has lawful expectations attached to it, we are asked to fulfill those expectations because of our loving relationships. Marriage itself has many legal guidelines which govern it, yet the couple fulfills these expectations not because the law dictates, but rather because they love each other. Being a parent is also governed by law. The parent must provide care, food, clothing, education, direction, etc. to the young life they brought into the world. Yet, a good parent fulfills these requirements out of love, not out of legal obligation. The same is true for our relationship to God. We are invited to be in a personal relationship with Christ, in the context of the Eucharist, the sacred text and the community. Because of this personal relationship with the Lord, we will avoid committing murder, killing, adultery, slander, hurtful speech, etc. The reason for avoiding these behaviors is they offend others but most especially they offend Christ and disrupt our relationship with the Lord. In the same way the reason for our positive acts is Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist, do acts of mercy, (charity) pray and seek ways of peace, not only are these positive acts, but they are in keeping with behaviors Jesus demands of us.

It is the relationship with Christ which determines our behavior. The commandments, the Beatitudes and the entire Gospel and directions of the Church guide us to knowing the mind and heart of Christ. We owe it to ourselves to become versed in sacred text particularly the Gospel. We owe it to ourselves to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must know that behaviors which move us to love God and others are moving us in the direction of Christ. Any behavior which moves us away from Christ and others we would do best to avoid. The more we grow in discipleship and the knowledge of Christ the more sensitive we will be to the desires of the mind and heart of Christ Jesus. For the disciple, life is Christ. Christ is the center of our lives. In Christ we move and have our being.

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!**

**Sondra**