

# **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*

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**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*Choir Director Emerita*

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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 21 2022**  
8:30 Rosalee San Germano
- TUE. FEBRUARY 22, 2022**  
8:30 Angelo Vergona  
BY: Loving Family
- WED FEBRUARY 23, 2022**  
8:30 Ruth Castor  
BY: The Gessler Family
- THURS. FEBRUARY 24, 2022**  
8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda  
BY: His Children Carolyn & John Zodda
- FRI. FEBRUARY 25, 2022**  
8:30 Rina Colombo  
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Families
- SAT. FEBRUARY 26, 2022**  
8:30 For The People of The Parish  
5:00 Louis Valentino, Jr.
- SUN FEBRUARY 27, 2022**  
8:30 Vincent J. Favorito  
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren  
10:00 Nancy Aquilino  
BY: Joe Di Mauro  
Noon Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri  
BY: Loving Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection 2/13   | \$ 1,717.00 |
| *Envelopes & cash        |             |
| On Line Donations        | \$ 2,480.50 |
| Total Sunday 2/13        | \$4,197.50  |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference:              | \$10,127.50 |

\*\*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 Monday, March 7th in the Parish House for an informal discussion about

Ordinary Grace by William Ken Krueger.

For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on April 4th.

We will be discussing

Brazil-Marú by

Karen Yamashita.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there.



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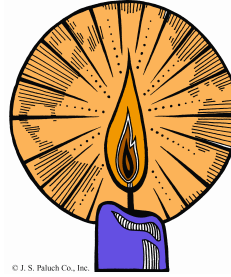


Pray For

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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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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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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 are delayed and 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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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,

We are called to be people of mercy in a world that seeks revenge, retribution and grudge holding.

Can we really imitate Christ in a world we are not living in or is the demand of the Gospel out-dated?

Today, the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Liturgy of the Word presents us with a great challenge. The first reading from 1Samuel and the Gospel seem to be held together by the second reading from 1Corinthians. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we as believers of Christ are called to a higher morality. We bear the image of Adam who was created from the earth. On the other hand, we bear the image of Christ who was from heaven. Thus, admitting our propensity for sin, we are called to a higher behavior because of our baptism into Christ.

In the first reading from 1Samuel we meet David who is being hunted down by King Saul. Saul was envious of David. He believed David wanted to be King. Saul almost killed David which caused David to seek refuge outside the royal family. In so doing David gathered around himself many who did not like Saul or follow him. In this episode in the story, David comes upon Saul's camp. Saul's guards have fallen asleep. David could have killed Saul thus defending himself and saving his own life. Yet, David does not do such a thing. David's faithfulness to God, his integrity as a son of Israel and his integrity as a soldier would not allow him to commit such an act. David held himself to a higher morality. David says "the Lord will reward each man according to justice and faithfulness." David is faithful to God and he is just to Saul.

In the Gospel, called the sermon on the plain, Jesus sets forth challenging behaviors which he not only follow himself, but expects his followers to follow. While we all expect God to behave the way Jesus lays out, Jesus expects us to do the same. This is a tall order yet, we like David, are to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Directives by Jesus stating that we should strive to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, give to those who ask, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging are very challenging. How do we hear this Gospel?

These behaviors are directives for the Christian Community. Are they practical? Are they normal? Do they work? Can we just give of ourselves to all who ask? Can we be merciful? Can we not judge? Let us remember love means the effective willing of the good for the other regardless of who they are, regardless of human liking or not disliking. Willing the good for another can mean getting someone the help he or she needs or even wants. Praying for those who have wronged you may be the cure for our resentments, anger and our desire for retribution. Treating others the way you want to be treated may be a way of cultivating human respect for all. Giving to those who ask may be a way of helping others to help themselves and not enabling poor behavior. Forgiving others who have wronged us may be a way to personal freedom and inner healing. Do we keep in mind that violence in either action or words just begets more violence?

I have a few questions. Upon what standard do we build our moral behavior? Do you act kindly because you expect to be recognized for your good deeds? Do you expect people to have the same value system as you have? Why do you do the good you do? What anger are you holding in your heart? For whom do you hold a grudge? Have you been rejected when you tried to forgive or to reconcile? When was the last time you told your story of how someone hurt you and how many times have you repeated the same story? How would you like to be treated? Can you do the same? St. Paul states "the love of Christ impels us." Has the love of Christ impelled you to act in a more just way, a kinder way or a more merciful way?

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**