

# **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*

*Brooklyn, N.Y 11231*

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*718-260-9233 fax*

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

*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

**MRS. MICHELE D. TWOMEY**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**BEATRICE A. MARTINO**

*Assistant to Faith Formation Director*

**JOHN HEYER, II**

*Pastoral Associate*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**

*Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**

*Parish Organist*

**JENNIFER WU**

*Choir Director*

**ANDREW DI MANSO**

*Sacristan*

**MICHAEL J. ENG**

**DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.**

*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**

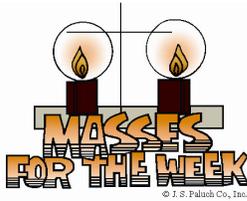
**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00**

**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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- MON.**    **MAY 16, 2022**  
**8:30**    **Frank Foglia**
- TUE.**    **MAY 17, 2022**  
**8:30**    **Concetta Battista Scotto**  
**BY: Nieces & Nephews**
- WED**    **MAY 18, 2022**  
**8:30**    **In Thanksgiving to The Sacred Heart of**  
**Jesus & The Intercession of**  
**Our Blessed Mother**  
**BY: Marie Caria**
- THURS.** **MAY 19, 2022**  
**8:30**    **Anthony DeStefano**  
**BY: The Reca Family**
- FRI.**    **MAY 20, 2022**  
**8:30**    **Adam Rapino**  
**Birthday Remembrance**  
**BY: His Mother**  
**Paula Magdalena**
- SAT.**    **MAY 21, 2022**  
**8:30**    **In Honor of The Holy Spirit**  
**5:00**    **Marianna Viola**  
**BY: Terry Scotto**
- SUN**    **MAY 22, 2022**  
**8:30**    **Vergona & Polizzi Families**  
**BY: Loving Family**  
**10:00**    **Anthony Polito**  
**BY: Rosemary, Children & Grandchildren**  
**Noon**    **Joseph D'Ambruoso**  
**BY: Bellantuono Family**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/08	\$ 1,293.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 3,170.50
Total Sunday 5/01	\$ 4,463.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,861.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Please join us on  
**Monday, June 6th**  
**@ 7PM in the**  
**Parish House**  
**We will be discussing**

**Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. We will not**  
**be meeting in July. For those of you who plan**  
**ahead, our next meeting will be on Aug. 8th. We**  
**will be discussing Daughter of Fortune by Isabel**  
**Allende.**

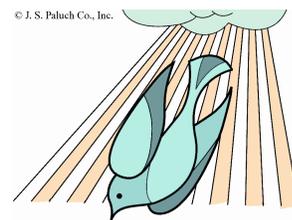
All are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

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Confirmation

**Please remember our confirmation**  
**candidates in prayer as they prepare to**  
**be confirmed here at SHSS this Sunday**  
**May 15th at 2:00 PM by**  
**Bishop Robert E. Brennan.**  
**May the gifts of the spirit fill them and**  
**bless them abundantly.**

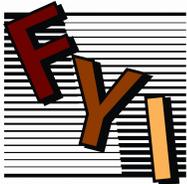


Pray For

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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              | Joan Di Tucci       |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr.            | Mark Carles         |
| Erica Concino                   | Terry Daniti        |
| Susan Hannan                    | Evan Marra          |
| Hector Jimenez                  | Darren Munio        |
| Abigail Memmesheimer            | Sophia Rotunno      |
| Philip Saraceno                 | Vittorio Di Turi    |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia |                     |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene          | Frances Marra       |



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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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**Bread & Wine for the week of 5/15/22 has been donated**

**In Loving Memory of  
ERMINIA INFANTINO  
BY: The Conti Family**



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2022**

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**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 and 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.**



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2022**

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



**PARISH GOAL: \$36,274.00  
PAID SO FAR: \$21,720.00  
PLEDGED SO FAR: \$29,805.00**

**64 Families**

**We are hoping to reach \$46,274 this year for our Appeal. Everything over our parish goal will be used to hire engineers to study the possibility of installing air conditioning and air-filtration systems in our Church and in Cabrini Hall.**

# From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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I wish you a happy and blessed Fifth Sunday of Easter. As we journey through the Easter Season, the readings today begin to move us from the Resurrection to the next Easter event which is the sending forth of the Holy Spirit known as the Great Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty days since the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Listen carefully to the readings and notice the references made to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today, Jesus gives us his hallmark of discipleship. For Jesus, the sign of discipleship is love.

What does this love mean? Is it emotional? Do I have to like everyone? Is not this kind of soft theology? Love means: effectively willing the good of the other. The reason we effectively will the good of the other is because we are followers of Jesus who taught us that to effectively will the good of the other is the will of God. We do not love because we like a person or because we are looking for a reward. We love because we are followers of Jesus. We do not love because the other deserves our kindness or love, or because we are obligated in some way to the person. We love not because of who a person is, but because of who we are. We are followers of Jesus. This love which the disciple of Jesus is called to show, has nothing to do with emotions, feelings or personal interest. The love we are striving for is not the love we share as family members or as husband and wife. It is the love called agape. This love is pure love for God and because of our love for God, we love or will the good for the other.

The love of which the Gospel speaks has nothing to do with the one who is showing the kindness. Rather, the one receiving the kindness is the one upon which attention is placed. The love of which the Gospel speaks invites us to die to ourselves for the good of another. The love Jesus invites us to show invites us to die to our self interest for the good of the other. This agape, or effectively willing the good for the other or love can be found when we do an act of charity for another or for a group anonymously. The love of which the Gospels speak is seen in the teacher who gives of him or herself to help a struggling child to read or to learn mathematics without counting the hours or looking for recognition. The agape of the Gospel can be seen in those who courageously give of themselves to a cause for justice for the poor and the under-privileged expecting nothing in return except the satisfaction that they gave all they had for another.

Since the love of which Jesus speaks is seen when the giver of the kindness or the love is not the center of the good deed, this love is connected to the Cross and dying to oneself. Notice in the Gospel that the Cross and the glorification of Jesus are connected. The love of which the Gospel speaks invites the disciple to serve for the sake of Christ, not for the sake of the disciple. This love involves all of us.

For our deacons and seminarians and priests and religious, they are to serve wherever they are sent. If they like the assignment or they need to grow into the assignment is not the question, they are sent to serve the poor, the wealthy, the bright, the uneducated, the kind, and the rude. If you are a caregiver, you are called to love for the sake of the one being served not for the sake of yourself. Therefore, it is more loving to place someone in nursing care and admit you cannot care for the sick person as the person needs, or are you more emotionally moved by feelings of guilt or by the fear for what the neighbors will say? Sometimes we are placed in a position when we need to set limits, discipline someone, either a child or a worker. How do you do so lovingly? How do we handle these difficult situations for the good of the person and all concerned? Anger or self-righteousness or getting even or showing of power cannot enter into this situation. As a disciple of Christ, we must oftentimes struggle to make the right decision to do the loving act. Love is tough, not soft, love is a dying to oneself and doing the loving act can cause tears and pain. All you need do is look at the crucified Lord to see how much love can cost. Jesus came to tell us the Truth. He remained loyal to his mission and to us and suffered for love. If love is real, it is a cause for joy and suffering. It is also a means to death to oneself and Resurrection and new life.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
CONFIRMATION CHILDREN!  
MAY THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE  
THEM ALONG LIFE'S PATH.**