

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

*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*Director of Faith Formation*

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*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**

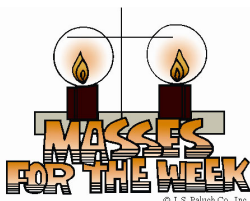
**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00**

**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 9, 2022**  
 8:30      Ralph Wager  
 BY: The Reca Family
- TUE.**    **MAY 10, 2022**  
 8:30      Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano  
 BY: Illiano Family
- WED**    **MAY 11, 2022**  
 8:30      Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Rosemary & Family
- THURS.** **MAY 12, 2022**  
 8:30      Arturo & Luisa DiMeo  
 BY: Gino, Palma, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren
- FRI.**    **MAY 13, 2022**  
 8:30      Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Their Family
- SAT.**    **MAY 14, 2022**  
 8:30      Joseph Shabouk  
 5:00      Mary Mariconda & Restituta Marchetti  
 BY: Catherine Dellaporte
- SUN**    **MAY 15, 2022**  
 8:30      Tony & Lucy Trani  
 10:00     Patsy & Rose Scotto  
 BY: Daughter, Terry Scotto
- Noon      Elisa Conti  
 BY: The Conti Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 5/01	\$ 2,675.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,762.50
Total Sunday 5/01	\$ 5,437.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,887.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



On behalf of the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17K, thank you for your generous response to our Lenten collection of toiletries for disaster-relief-efforts ("40 items for 40 days"). Your donations were collected and are now being prepared in kits for those in need.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Louis Pepe, Grand Knight



Please join us on Monday, May 9th @ 7PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on June 6th. We will be discussing Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

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              | 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          |                     |



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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!**

**Bread & Wine for the week of 5/8/22 has been donated In Loving Memory of CONCETTA FOGLIA BY: Rose Marie Foglia**



**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



<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	<b>\$36,274.00</b>
<b>PAID SO FAR:</b>	<b>\$21,720.00</b>
<b>PLEDGED SO FAR:</b>	<b>\$29,805.00</b>

**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

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep. The Good Shepherd is present to his sheep. The Good Shepherd wills the good for the sheep. The Good Shepherd gives of his life, his energy, his entire being for the good of the sheep. The Good Shepherd will even die for his sheep. The sacred texts this week speak to us of: gathering in, consolation and healing. The Good Shepherd is God. In Christ, who is the incarnate Word of God, we see the compassionate, merciful and yet truthful face of God who cares for and provides for his people.

We read in the Gospel “My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.” How do we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? The world is full of voices with words, communications, cell phones, e-mails, tweets, Face Book, there is too much to hear. How can one know the inner silent voice of the Lord in our hearts? Perhaps the voice of the Lord speaks to us of mercy, love, peace, reconciliation. Perhaps we may recognize the voice of God when we are invited to be people who seek justice for those who lack a voice to speak for themselves.

Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is calling to us to abandon attitudes and behaviors which do not contribute to our personal well being nor the well being of others. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are told that we are forgiven, we are loved by God. We all have the vocation to holiness and wholeness of being. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are given hope that life does not end, but it does change. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard leading us through the valleys of darkness and uncertainty of our lives.

Who speaks the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard through the preaching of the Apostles. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, it is Peter who proclaims the Good News and issues an invitation to all to come to faith in Christ. In our day, the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the proclamation of the Gospel as well as in the example of the believing community. We are told in the second reading in the first letter of Peter that Christ is our example when we face suffering and persecution. It is the shepherd who suffers for and with his sheep. The Risen Lord lives with us, through us and in us. Oftentimes the suffering inflicted on the shepherd is done so by those the shepherd is seeking to serve and save. How many parents weep over their children they are trying to reach? How many children weep over parents they are seeking to help in the face of the parent’s rejection?

The voice of the Good Shepherd can be heard in the innocent voice of a child reminding a grieving parent that grandma is with Jesus, reminding us of our faith. The voice of the Good Shepherd may be in the one who courageously speaks out for justice for the oppressed, the homeless or the immigrant. The gentle correction given to us by someone who loves us may be the voice of the Good Shepherd reaching out to us. The voice of a parent, friend or anyone who reminds us that we can be better than we are, may be an invitation to a change of life for the better.

The Good Shepherd does speak. How do we listen? Silence and reflection on one’s life is essential to hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. Can we be silent internally as well as externally? Can we learn how to listen without speaking? What is your life saying to you? What do you hear? To whom do you address your questions? God is speaking. Can we listen? We may learn something we do not yet know.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



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**JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
DO YOU HEAR HIS VOICE?**