

**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*

*718-596-7750 tel*

*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*

**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**

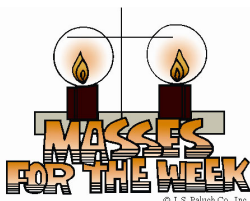
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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.**    **JULY 25, 2022**  
 8:30     Josephine Walker  
 BY: A Friend
- TUE.**    **JULY 26, 2022**  
 8:30     Anna Liguori  
 BY: Son John & The Liguori Family
- WED**    **JULY 27, 2022**  
 8:30     Joseph Galletta  
 BY: His Loving Daughter Angela
- THURS.** **JULY 28, 2022**  
 8:30     Maria Teresa Rizzo &  
 Ignazio Di Nieri  
 BY: The Reca Family
- FRI.**    **JULY 29, 2022**  
 8:30     Louise & Nicholas Calise  
 BY Leon & Mary Calise
- SAT.**    **JULY 30, 2022**  
 8:30     For The People of The Parish  
 5:00     Rina Columbo  
 BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Family
- SUN**    **JULY 31, 2022**  
 8:30     Buddy Scotto  
 BY: His Sister, Terry Scotto Spinelli  
 10:00    Kristoff Family  
 BY: Marianne Kristoff

Visit those  
 who are shut-in...



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Sunday Collection 7/17	\$ 1,445.00
	*Envelopes & cash	
	On Line Donations	\$ 2,535.50
	Total Sunday 7/17	\$ 3,980.50
	Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
	Difference:	\$ 10,344.50
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks		



Please join us on Monday, August 8th @7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about **Daughter of Fortune** by Isabel Allende. For those who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on Sept. 12th. We will be discussing **The Messy Lives of Book People** by Phaedra Patrick. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

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**KINDLY NOTE:**



**DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, THERE WILL NOT BE A NOON MASS ON SUNDAY. THE NOON SUNDAY MASS WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH.**

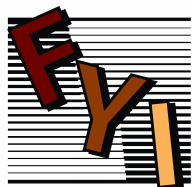


Pray For

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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         |
| Santina Garbellotto             | 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                   | MaryAnn Kinczel     |
| 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       |
| Sarina Mukhi                    | Salvatore Aleo      |



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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!**



**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: \$36,020.85**  
**PLEDGED SO FAR: \$50,627.00**

**115 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 Family,

Today, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time the Liturgy of the Word has the theme of prayer. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we meet Abraham while he is gently but persistently urging God to be just in his dealing with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham speaks to God as one who has a deep and close relationship with God. In the Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray with the familiar “Lord’s Prayer” according to the Gospel of Luke. What do we learn about prayer from these readings? What is prayer? What is prayer supposed to do? How do we approach God? Do we need words? How do you pray?

Prayer is uplifting our hearts and minds to God. Prayer can be in words or can be without words. Prayer can be found in the sacred text especially in the Book of Psalms. One can pray a psalm making the words of the Psalm one’s own. Prayer is found in the Mass. The Holy Holy Holy, the Gloria are great prayers one can pray in giving thanks or personal praise to God. The Lamb of God is a great prayer for forgiveness. Prayer must be from the heart. Prayer is not a simple recitation of words. Prayer should be personal and upfront, heartfelt and coming from the depths of our being, who we are before God. Thus, prayer reflects the human experience. Prayer gives thanks and praise, prayer laments, prayer is penitential that is asking for mercy and forgiveness, prayer makes petitions for oneself or for another. Prayer must reflect the seasons of the heart.

In today’s Gospel we are presented with the Lord’s Prayer according to the Gospel of Luke. Notice the prayer is short, to the point and gives all the elements that every prayer must contain. The version of the Lord’s Prayer we pray at Mass is from the Gospel of Matthew. We use it because it is liturgical. Let us look at the St. Luke’s version. Notice that the prayer opens by addressing God personally as Father. God is not some energy or power, God is a person and we call God Father or in a familiar term “Abba.” The prayer gives praise to God: “Hallowed be your Name.” This means praise, glory, thanksgiving, adoration be to you Lord God both in the world and in our hearts. The prayer prays for what God wishes trusting that what God wishes is good for us. The prayer goes on to petition for daily bread. This means give us what we need today to do your will. This could mean give us the Eucharist, or give us grace, or give us strength, give us material and spiritual sustenance for this day. It could mean give us all these things because without God we can do nothing. The prayer acknowledges our personal sins and seeks forgiveness by forgiving others and the prayer asks for protection. Every prayer we can utter, everything we can desire is covered in this prayer.

How do we pray? Because it is said does not mean a prayer has been offered. What does prayer do? Does prayer change God or does it change us? We may pray with the sentiments of the Lord’s Prayer even without words. We can pray in song, in dance, we can pray silently. We can pray with eyes observing the beauty of creation and allowing our hearts to be inspired. We can pray by gazing upon an icon and being moved to the presence of God around us. We can pray with our feet as we go to bring someone Communion or visit the sick. We can pray with all our heart at Mass with everyone as we respond to the prayers, we pray when we sing the hymns, and we pray even when we listen attentively to the Eucharistic Prayer and to the Sacred texts. Prayer can be meditation on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Such meditation is enhanced by the rosary which centers in on the mysteries helped by the mantra like Hail Mary. Prayer can be of praise, thanksgiving or intercessory. Whatever the prayer is, it should be honest, straightforward and from the heart. Prayer must come from the heart, even without words. Aside from Mass and praying the Divine Office, I find my personal prayer contains four components: praise, thankfulness, petition for mercy and silence. Silence allows me to allow the Lord to contemplate my heart for in my heart there are feelings and thoughts which words cannot express nor the mind completely understand. This too is prayer. So, how do you pray? Why do you pray? What does prayer accomplish?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

*Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Religious Education*  
**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 2022-23 CLASSES**

**RE<sup>IG</sup>IGIOUS  
EDUCATION<sup>+</sup>**

*"Let the Children Come to Me"*  
Matthew 19:13-15



**Registration Opens on Sunday, June 12th & Sunday, June 19th**

Classes will open for children in Grades 1-7, as well as enrollment in Sacramental Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Information will be available following the 10 am Family Mass

If you are unable to be present on Sunday...

Contact Michele Twomey at [mtwomey.shss@gmail.com](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com) or

Call the rectory 718-596-7750 for information, and to schedule an appointment to register your child for classes beginning September 2022.