

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)

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Deacon

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Pastoral Associate

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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.

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

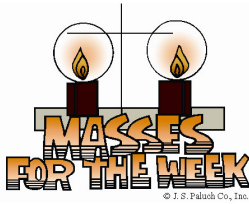
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.**



- MON.** **AUGUST 8, 2022**
 8:30 Nicole Vergona
 BY: Loving Family
- TUE.** **AUGUST 9, 2022**
 8:30 Mario Austi, Yolanda Scaffidi &
 Marie Gulotta
 BY: Their Family
- WED** **AUGUST 10, 2022**
 8:30 Fr. Simon Joseph &
 Fr. Michael Carrano
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
- THURS.** **AUGUST 11, 2022**
 8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
 BY: Nieces & Nephews
- FRI.** **AUGUST 12, 2022**
 8:30 Anthony Scotto
 Anniversary Remembrance
 BY Wife Maureen
- SAT.** **AUGUST 13, 2022**
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of
 Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
 BY Louis Pepe
 5:00 Vincent Porcelli
 (35 Years)
 BY: Mom, Guido, Roseann & Family
- SUN** **AUGUST 14, 2022**
 8:30 Frank Lo Porto
 BY: His Children & Grandchildren
 10:00 John Edwards
 BY: Loving Family

Visit those
 who are shut-in...



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 7/31	\$ 1,328.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,190.50
Total Sunday 7/31	\$ 3,518.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,806.50

**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,

What is faith? What does faith do? How do people of faith behave? Is there a difference between faith and religion? How is faith passed on? Where does faith grow? What affect does it have on us? In today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author states in the opening line "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." The rest of the reading speaks to us about people who had faith and how that faith influenced their respective lives.

The opening line of the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reads " Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" is important for what it says and what it does not say. Faith is not a feeling. Faith is not an emotion which is swayed by our moods. Faith is not a ritual or a religious practice. Faith may be linked to a deep and abiding relation with the Mystery who we call God. Chapter 11 from Letter to the Hebrews from which we take our portion today speaks to us about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others who lived by faith. Faith for our ancestors, whether our ancestors be our parents or our grandparents or our biblical characters seems to be based on a relationship which they had with God. They trusted the Divine Providence not seeing, not knowing exactly what lay in front of them. They trusted the Mystery they called God. Faith for them was a relationship both personal and communal.

What is faith for you? What is faith for us? Does faith mean that all will go well to our liking? I can only answer these questions for myself. Faith to me is a relationship based on trust in Christ Jesus. Faith is a deep personal relationship with Christ in the context of the Eucharist, the Sacred Text, the Community. It is a relationship and a conviction which in some way knows that Christ is present and with us. It is a relationship which grows with every change in life. There are various degrees of faith. Faith means acceptance and understanding of the faith of our community as it is expressed in the Creeds and the teachings of the Catholic Church which finds its foundation on the apostles.

Faith in action is love. Faith in Christ moves us to act for the sake of Christ. Faith in Christ is the motivating force for acts of mercy, charity, kindness and the living out of the Gospel. Faith is a guide in making moral decisions and choosing between right and wrong. Faith does not depend on my mood of feeling. Even when I do not feel like praying or participating at Mass, faith moves me beyond the feeling to the conviction that God is in the Eucharist and prayers are life lines to my spiritual well being.

It is faith which gives life to our rituals, holidays and celebrations. Faith is celebrated and lived through our religious behavior, yet it is faith that gives life to religion. Without faith, these holidays and celebrations are just cultural experiences. While culture can be a conduit to growing in the faith, it is faith in our heart that gives these events deep spiritual meaning.

Faith means that when we walk in darkness of suffering, spiritual dryness, a feeling of aloneness that we will come through this period changed for the better. Faith gives us hope. Faith give us the patience to suffer for the love of others. Faith believes that for every Cross in our lives, we will experience a Resurrection either in eternity or here and now. Faith means believing that our lives, along with its joy and sufferings, have meaning. Faith means that all the seasons of our lives belong to God and through all the ups and downs we experience, we will grow ever closer to the Lord. So, what is faith for you? Can we define faith? Is faith beyond explanation? How do you speak about Faith to and with your children?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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

**RE^{IG}IGIOUS
EDUCATION⁺**

"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 or

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