

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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REV. NGOZI

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Sacristan

MICHAEL J. ENG

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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.

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

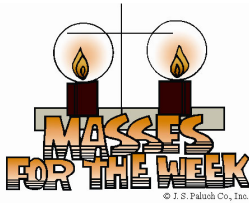
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.** **OCTOBER 3, 2022**
 8:30 Stella Magdalena
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Her Family
- TUE.** **OCTOBER 4, 2022**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa
- WED** **OCTOBER 5, 2022**
 8:30 John & Rose Groccia
 BY: Loving Family
- THURS.** **OCTOBER 6, 2022**
 8:30 John Quinn
 BY: Frank & Barbara Maresca
- FRI.** **OCTOBER 7, 2022**
 8:30 Restituta Marchetti
 BY Catherine
- SAT.** **OCTOBER 8, 2022**
 8:30 For The People of the Parish
 5:00 Lily, Dominick & Augustine DiCoscia
 BY: Susie & Richie
- SUN** **OCTOBER 9, 2022**
 8:30 For World Peace
 10:00 Dominic, Jenny & Michael Scotto
 BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto
 Noon George Storz
 BY: His Mother

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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| Sunday Collection 9/25 | \$ 1,723.00 |
| *Envelopes & cash | |
| On Line Donations | \$ 2,400.50 |
| Total Sunday 9/25 | \$ 4,123.50 |
| Annual Weekly Expenses** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference: | \$ 10,201.50 |

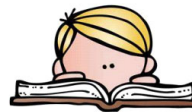
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Please join us on Monday, October 3rd @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be November 7th. We will be discussing *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.



Bread & Wine for the week of October 2nd has been donated In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN MORAN By: Ann Troiano



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

Volunteers Needed. Will you join us?

Here at SHSS, we are blessed to share the privilege of sharing our rich Catholic faith and traditions with the youth of the parish. We need more laborers in the vineyard to help teach, assist, prepare crafts, be monitors during class, assist at Grade Masses, and prepare refreshments, and we need prayer warriors. If you can help in some way or give one Sunday a month, we welcome your assistance. Contact Michele Twomey at 718-596-7750 or email mtwomey.shss@gmail.com to help.





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 |
| Elizabeth Foley | |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Louis D'Angelo |
| Carol Montelbano | Julia Magno |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Kristin Quail |
| 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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CHOIR NEWS
Sacred Hearts
Children &
Youth Choir will
begin again on
Wednesdays this
fall starting
October 5th.
Open to all
children ages 7-18.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to
Jennifer Wu, our Choir Director at
SHSSmusic@gmail.com. Spread the
word—this is a free program that's fun
for kids and they can bring their friends.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD TO BEGIN

We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions will begin on Sunday, October 16th. What is *CHOW*? During Mass, children in Grades PreK through fifth grade are invited to their own Liturgy of the Word in the side chapel to hear the Word of God proclaimed from the Lectionary for



M a s s e s with Children.

As time permits, we make a simple craft that demonstrates the teaching or lesson from the Sunday Mass readings.

Following the homily, the children return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you would like to assist us in this special ministry, please call

Michele Twomey at
718-596-7750 or
mtwomey.shss@gmail.com.



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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!

From the Pastor

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle C, We are poor servants: faith & service come together.

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus instructs the disciples on the importance of faith. It takes place in a community setting, hence the care not to scandalize the “little ones” and to forgive those who offend us. Are we willing to celebrate our faith in a community/church no matter what has happened?

Are we willing to celebrate faith no matter what offenses, what hurts someone has done to me? Faith is also a free gift. That is why we should always ask for it and thank God for it. The text has collected three great moments prior to today’s Gospel. The first invites us not to hurt the other (19:1-2 NABRE). The second indicates that it is necessary to forgive those who may hurt us. (17: 3-4) Not to hurt others and to forgive harm constitutes a foundation of the Christian’s life. The third is the fullness in faith of the Christian’s walk toward eternal life. (17:5-6).

It is in this context that the disciples ask questions about faith. “Lord, increase our faith.” We do not know what Jesus answered directly to this question. However, this plea of the apostles gives us to understand that faith is the capacity to accept in our life the mystery of God who reveals himself in Jesus Christ. A mystery that can be translated into a coherent mode of conduct (forgiveness, love for the little ones, hope) However, this petition is at the heart of all Christian prayer. Now we should ask ourselves: Do I direct my prayer to God with all the strength of my being? Do I allow the action of the Holy Spirit in me? Do I take care to keep regular spiritual exercises that bring me closer to God as an expression of my faith? Do I come to the Church because of repetitive traditions but not because of my own conviction?

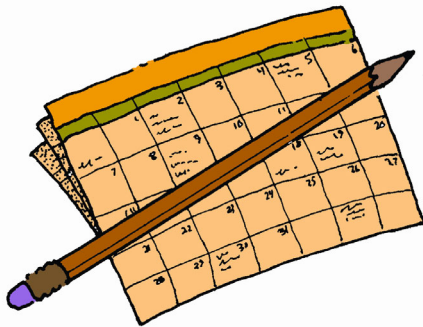
In the continuation of the Gospel, everything allows us to suppose that the words that follow deal with the theme. “If you had faith as a mustard seed.” Faith is more powerful, has more value and consistency than all physical realities (the tree, the mountain, the river). Faith reaches to the depths of God and man, to the depths of Jesus in whom everything is sustained. Therefore, those who live in faith do not need to move mountains or trees, deep down Jesus has already moved everything and remains on the true side of things where God has placed them at the service of men. Everything is sustained on love and of the future; everything rests on the tree of the Cross of Christ and leads us to the glory of his resurrection. Do I really believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Do I believe that after passing through this world, I will rise again as Jesus did? This is an article of our faith contained in the creed.

In contrast to this attitude of increasing our faith, the Gospel has placed the position of the “servant” who receives the task that the Lord has given him (17:7-10). In the same way, the true follower of Christ has discovered that God is Lord and that the works he commands us to do are worthwhile. Therefore, at the end of the road, he cannot openly demand anything of him. He has been no more than a poor servant; he has done what he had to do.

To interpret this position correctly, it is necessary to situate it in the context of an authentic friendship, of a deep and true confidence (faith). Friend is the one who helps the other without expecting a reward. He does not need laws or commands, he knows what pleases his friend and does it because he believes it is worth doing it. So, it should be our activity with respect to God. We discover his will and we do it. No matter what the reward or punishment. God does not oblige us to give us any reward, or does he have to thank us for any service. However, we know that this friend gives us confidence (God), we know that he cares for us and we can rely on his presence and his help. That is when faith materializes as a response in that divine embrace that answers to our cry, anguish, loneliness, joy, or freedom. This means that our religious experience leaves the realm of legalism, selfishness, merit and reward that is demanded and enters into a context of love and trust. In our personal prayer, am I able to reflect that faith that entrusts everything without expecting anything in return? Do I do what I really have to do, or do I do it with full conviction that it is to please God and give him his glory and not our own? Do I consider my faith as my response to God in which I leave everything in his hands as a friend who loves me?

We place ourselves confidently this Sunday and always in the hands of the mystery that receives before us the traits of a friend and Father (God). We do not know what the friend will come to give us, but we have immense confidence.

Juan Herrera, Seminarian



PLANNING

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Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income?

If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone.

With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

If you are interested in learning more, contact our parish office or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.



We are a Family of Faith!

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work, as we focus this year on who and what we believe. This year we will study Year 1 of a four-part series titled "*Exploring Our Profession of Faith.*" Classes have begun for children in Grades 1 thru 8. If you have not registered your child yet, or know someone who may be interested, you are invited to REGISTER NOW for our 2022-2023 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10 am Mass, followed by instruction until 12:45 pm in Cabrini Hall. Candidates in their final year of the two-year Confirmation program will meet on Thursdays. Contact Michele Twomey at 718-596-7750 or email mtwomey.shss@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register. Help spread the word!