

**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*

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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*

**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**

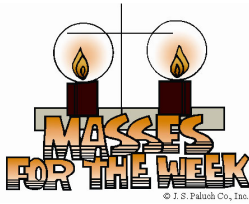
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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.**    **SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**  
8:30      Anthony Massie
- TUE.**    **SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**  
8:30      Concetta Batistta Scotto  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- WED**    **SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**  
8:30      In Honor of The Holy Cross
- THURS.** **SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**  
8:30      Joseph & Lia Cerato  
BY: Cerato & Andruzzi Family
- FRI.**    **SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**  
8:30      Kimberly Ann Affronti  
BY Her Husband
- SAT.**    **SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**  
8:30      Joseph Trovato  
BY: His Loving Children  
5:00      Louis Lo Porto  
BY: His Loving Family
- SUN**    **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
8:30      Joseph Zagami  
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani  
10:00     Rocco Caminiti  
BY: Family  
Noon      St. Candida  
BY: Society



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



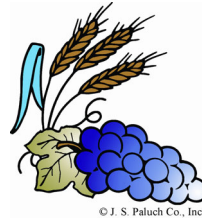
Sunday Collection 9/04	\$ 1,861.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,845.50
Total Sunday 9/04	\$ 4,706.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,618.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Please join us on Monday, September 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about The Messy Lives of Book People by Phaedra Patrick. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on 10/3. We will be discussing The Rainbow Comes and Goes by Anderson Cooper.

All are welcome.  
We hope to see you there.



**Bread & Wine for the week of September 11th has been donated In Memory of MICHELE GARUCCIO By: M/M Francesco Di Rosa**



**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                | Julia Magno         |
| 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      |

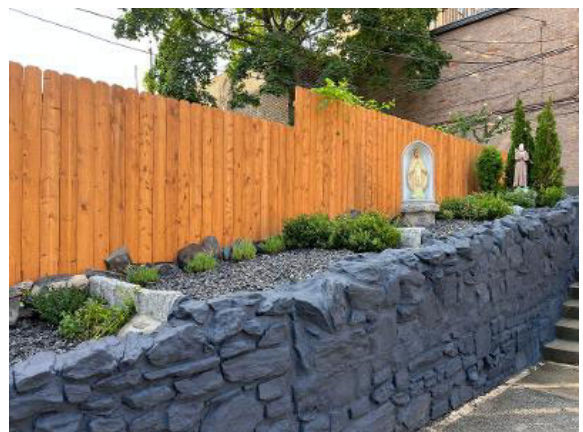
### New Garden of Consolation

The last three years have been challenging for many and we give thanks for the gift of faith which has brought us hope and consolation during this time. In particular, our parish has placed our anxieties and concerns in the loving arms of the Blessed Mother since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, reciting the rosary daily both on-line and in-person.

In gratitude for the consolation Mary has brought to many, a generous donor has paid for the garden behind the rectory to be transformed into a garden of consolation and reflection.

In the garden has been planted three purple rose bushes surrounding the statue of Our Lady of Consolation symbolizing the trinity. At the foot of the garden, we have planted purple butterfly plants to attract butterflies, symbols of the resurrection. Along the back fence and throughout the garden 12 Lavender bushes have been planted symbolizing the 12 apostles. The lavender also provides a fragrant and calming smell which can be enjoyed by those meditating on the beauty of the Blessed Mother.

We officially dedicated the garden to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Consolation on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Assumption, following the 12 Noon Mass. Stop by to say a prayer or for a brief meditation.



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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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**Dear Parish Family,**

Today the readings remind me of Good Shepherd Sunday which is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel text Jesus is sharply criticized for eating with and speaking with those regarded as sinners. Jesus uses the parable of the lost sheep as answer to illustrate the mercy and love of God.

In our day, every family has members who no longer practice the faith. These fallen away Catholics very often were products of good Catholic education. Many were active liturgical ministers. Now they may have chosen to marry outside the Church, not to baptize their children and to ignore the faith. All this to the upset of loving parents and grandparents who know the importance of faith especially to one through the difficulties of life. What would Jesus say to these people? What would he do if he had the opportunity to meet with some of our fallen away Catholics?

If a church and parish are to survive, we must reach out to our alienated young couples and young people and enter into a dialogue with them. Is this not what Jesus is doing in the Gospel today? Just because one is in dialogue with others does not mean that one is agreeing with or condoning the other's opinion. It means that both are trying to be open and honest in the hope of at least reaching some understanding. It is hoped that reconciliation may be reached but even if not, the fact that a relationship has been opened is a good thing. We the church goes and the priests must meet and listen to our beloved alienated children. The key is to listen without defense. Just listen to what they are feeling. Why do they not come to mass? Could the reason be laziness, apathy, difficulties with belief in God, anger with God, hurt by the community, a general disconnect due to what? There are many issues which people face today. There is the disappointment and anger over the scandal, gender issues and women's issues, scientific issues and political issues as well as moral issues which have separated many from the church. We need to find out why they left before we know how to invite them back. The conversation is always based on love of Christ not on the position of the priests or the parent or overly zealous friend who is out to save souls. Only Jesus saves. We are concerned not only for the souls of those who have left but also for our own future, the church in this area of Brooklyn. Pointing fingers shouting or even giving correct answers may not be how we win back those who have left, perhaps only love, kindness, gentle guidance and understanding may win the day.

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**



## Faith Formation

### TIME TO REGISTER

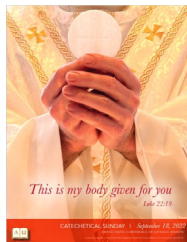
#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

#### FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We welcome our returning families and new families with children in Grade 1 thru Grade 8 to register for Children's Faith Formation Classes. Returning families were emailed the registration forms. Please complete them as soon as possible, as classes are currently being formed. If you did not receive the registration forms in your email, please call the Faith Formation Office or email Michele at [mtwomey.shss@gmail.com](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com) with your current contact information.



For new families, first time registrations are completed in person. Please contact Michele Twomey at 718-596-7750 or email [mtwomey.shss@gmail.com](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com) for information and to arrange a convenient time to come into the Faith Formation Office to register for the new school year.



**"This is my body given for you"**

**Luke 22:19**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: "This is my body given for you" Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Join us in praying for them in this special ministry.

If you would like to volunteer in supporting the religious education of our young people of the parish, we welcome you to reach out and call the office at 718-596-7750 or email Michele at [mtwomey.shss@gmail.com](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com). There are many ways we could use your help.