

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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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.

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

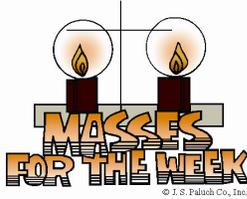
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.** **SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**
 8:30 All Deceased Neighbors & Friends
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- TUE.** **SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**
 8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Their Family
- WED** **SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**
 8:30 Bridget Scannavino
 BY: Marie Caria
- THURS.** **SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**
 8:30 Angelo Licata
 BY: Dr. Nick, Michelle, Sofia &
 Gianna Alexandrou
- FRI.** **SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**
 8:30 Bishop Thomas V. Daily
 BY Louis Pepe
- SAT.** **SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**
 8:30 Anna, Antonio, Ralph &
 Theresa Colantonio
 BY: Daughter & Sister Angie
 5:00 Dolly & Nicole Vergona
 BY: Loving Family
- SUN** **SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**
 8:30 Charles Stuto
 BY: Carmine & Anna Balsamo
 10:00 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
 BY: Illiano Family
 Noon Deceased Members of The Patti
 and Colella Family
 BY: Michael & Lou Anne Manus

Visit those
 who are shut-in...

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 9/11	\$ 1,750.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,700.50
Total Sunday 9/11	\$ 4,450.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,874.50

**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.

All are welcome.
 We hope to see you there.



**Bread & Wine for the week
 of
 September 18th has been
 donated
 In Loving Memory of
 Deceased Members of
 The Foglia, Lamaestra &
 Fiorentino Family
 By: Rose Marie Foglia**





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 |

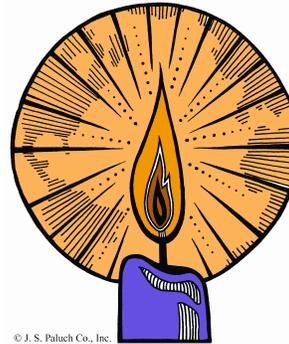


CHOIR NEWS

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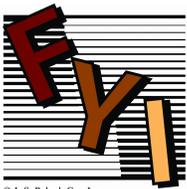
CHOIR NEWS
Sacred Hearts Children & Youth Choir will begin again on Wednesdays this fall starting October 5th. Open to all children ages 7-18.

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.



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If you wish to remember a loved one or have a devotion to a particular Saint, Memorial Candles are available at the Rectory. These candles remain lit for one year at an annual cost of \$100.00 (\$110.00 initially to cover the expense of the engraved plaque). The plaque may be engraved with words of your choice and may be placed by any one of our Saint's altars in the church. For further information please call the Rectory at 718 596-7750 and speak with Rose Marie Foglia. We will be happy to help you.



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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,

“I confess to Almighty God....that I have greatly sinned in.....what I have done and what I have failed to do.....” so begins one of the penitential rites when we begin the celebration of the Eucharist.” How many of us confess sins of omission? How many of us reflect on the good I could have done and failed to do?

Today, the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with our theme of discipleship. Not all believers are disciples. While all disciples are believers, not all disciples are apostles. Yet, all are called to follow the Gospel. Discipleship calls us to constant conversion of heart. Discipleship calls us to continuous spiritual self reflection and growth in the Lord.

In the Gospel today we meet two people who are characters in a parable told by Jesus. We meet Lazarus a beggar and we meet an unnamed Rich Man. Time is a element in the reading. We are told that while God may be always merciful, the time for us to choose our behavior is limited. The plight of Lazarus is a painful and lonely one. His pitiful state could move us to compassion for him. Yet, while we may be moved to compassion, the Rich Man was not moved at all. It is for this reason that the Rich Man finds himself in Gehenna after death. The Rich Man was not condemned because he committed a wrong, but rather because he failed to do the good he could have done. His sins are sins of omission, not commission.

What may have prevented him from seeing the opportunity to do the good? From the text we are told that Lazarus was outside the Rich Man's door. How could the Rich Man have missed Lazarus? A clue to answering this question may be found in the first reading from Amos. Amos is a prophet who we met in last week's first reading. Prophets are people who seek to speak the truth to people in power. Prophets question the status quo and the taking for granted of human experience. Amos in this text for today is critical of his wealthy countrymen who are ignoring the sufferings of their fellow countrymen. They seem wrapped in their own self needs and luxury. The suffering of the people north was too far away for them to be concerned. They were lulled into self-satisfaction and self-centeredness.

In the Gospel, the Rich Man, even after death fails to see why he is not in the bosom of Abraham as is Lazarus. He fails to recognize his sins of omission. He only sees Lazarus as one who was to serve his needs. Where does this leave us? The Rich Man is blind to the presence of Lazarus. How could the Rich Man not see Lazarus? He stepped over him every day. What had blinded the Rich Man? There are many answers to these questions. Among those answers are: The Rich Man is blinded by self-centeredness. The Rich Man's world is only about him and he sees others as serving his needs not others as people. The Rich Man may be a religious man, we have no idea, yet he is blind to the command of the Torah which couples love for God with love of neighbor.

The Rich Man has material wealth which could have been shared and used to relieve the suffering of Lazarus, however, he could not see further than his own needs. We all suffer some form of blindness. Who do we not see? Who do we see yet choose to ignore? How often could we have said the right words, defended the integrity of another or advocated for another person and did not? How often do we remain purposely blind to our own behavioral flaws? In our day we have our eyes glued to our telephones, we are blind to people in front of us, to traffic and the world around us. Is technological blindness a symptom of our inner blindness as well? Do our talents blind us to the not so talented around us who need help? Does our possession of a comfortable lifestyle blind us to the needs of those around us?

To have a relationship with Christ, we must be in relationships with others. The more human we are, the more heartfelt we behave. The more compassion we show, the more we have of voices for justice, the closer to God we are.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



Faith Formation

TIME TO REGISTER

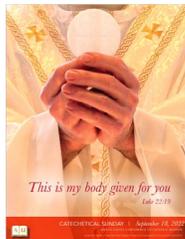
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

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 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 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. There are many ways we could use your help.