

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.

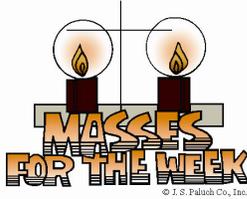
ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

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 26, 2022**
8:30 Elizabeth Trovato
BY: Her Loving Family

- TUE. **SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**
8:30 Thomas Schiera
BY: The Gessler Family

- WED **SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**
8:30 Joseph Foglia

- THURS. **SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**
8:30 Michael Bombolino
BY: Mom & Dad

- FRI. **SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**
8:30 Joseph Zagami
BY Andy Di Manso

- SAT. **OCTOBER 1, 2022**
8:30 Buddy Scotto
BY: Terry Scotto Spinelli
5:00 Jerry Geritano
BY: Mom & Dad

- SUN **OCTOBER 2,, 2022**
8:30 Kathleen Moran
BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus
10:00 St. Michael Society
BY: The Society
Noon Anna Bamundo
BY: Madeline Bamundo Poldrugovaz

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 9/18	\$ 1,793.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,910.50
Total Sunday 9/18	\$ 4,703.50
Annual Weekly Exp-enses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,619.50

**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 September 25th has been donated In Loving Memory of MICHAEL BOMBOLINO By: Mom & Dad

Visit those who are shut-in... 
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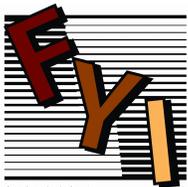


Pray For

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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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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer.

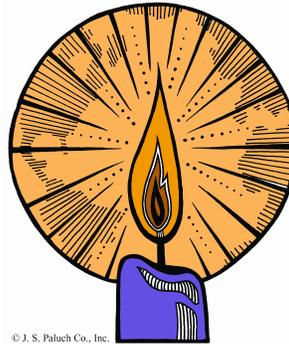
You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord. We hope to see you there!



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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.

From the Pastor

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle C, “Parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus”

Dear Parish Family,

Although the theme of the parable is very simple to guess, we do not usually give ourselves the opportunity to think beyond its simplicity. Thinking about the gospel it is not just about money, gold and possessions but about ideas and words such as estrangement, feelings, desires and attachment (material, intellectual, or religious) that can help us to enrich its comprehension. Today’s gospel can invite us to reflect on what is the inner richness of our heart and how it is oriented. How much is my heart full of good works for those who need them most? The rich man lets a poor, hungry, sick and lonely person die next to him, at his door. However, in the logic of the parable, the one who boasts of being rich is before God and in reality a poor person. Consequently, we can ask ourselves: how many times have we boasted and satisfied ourselves in front of the poverty and nothingness of others? The meaning of this question is not merely material. One might think about being available to listen to my neighbor, the immigrant and others.

The life of the rich man whose name we do not know ends in the grave which is the “hades” or hell of failure. I would dare to think that we do not know his name because the gospel suggests that probably one of us can fit into the story and be in time to meditate on one’s own condition. But what does this parable of the rich man mean? Is it bad to be rich? Is receiving inheritance or having possessions something that carries a certain negativity? Certainly not. On the contrary, the gospel like every Sunday summons us to a more genuine attitude in our lives.

The gospel invites us to open ourselves to the greatness of God, who cares for all the sick and lost of the earth; that is why, with death, his treasure is revealed there in Abraham’s bosom. The dominant theme underneath the parable is what our relationship to wealth and our capacity for detachment is like. Wealth can mean a variety of things to which we can be attached. Commonly today’s society views wealth from different perspectives, however it flows to the same point. Today’s society seeks to rename it and surround it as “happiness”. Nonetheless, it is a society that rushes to the goal, to the end product, to the market, to success, to light-living and misses a center point: the otherness. Then, the living Jesus must bring us to the understanding of the world and eternal life asking ourselves these questions: can we order our priorities so as to reflect the value we place in our relationship with Christ and others? How is my relationship between my own wealth (includes happiness) and the proposal that the gospel brings us? Am I honest with myself about these things and the movements that the word of God inspires? Are there concrete attachments that lead me away from the Lord and the truth of his Gospel? How might the Lord call me to re-examine these attachments wherever direction they might go? Where am I concretely tempted to compromise the integrity of my identity as a Christian, even when I am aware of the needs of others?

Furthermore, the context of the gospel insinuates that Abraham’s dialogue with the rich man about his death is due to his ignorance. We believe this judgment is inaccurate. However, the rich man is not condemned in general for his wealth, but for the fact that he did not know how to receive life as a gift, forgetting to offer his help to the poor, the sick and the hungry. In other words, wealth taken by itself is not a sin, but wealth that leaves the poor to die is undoubtedly a sin, as is the lack of solidarity that divides peoples and causes some to swim in abundance while others languish in their world of hunger and misery.

The rich man is assured that he will go down to hell (hades). This means that his life has ended in failure. No more society’s success, no more end product, goals, light-living or market. He has closed himself up in his interests, in his blind richness, in his attachments, so that when he comes before God, which is where love is, he finds himself useless and empty, condemned. How many times have we felt that emptiness in our life and have preferred to fill it with other things rather than with the benefit of helping those in need?

Even though condemnation does not mean a punishment from God who imposes himself and dictates his arbitrary judgment at the end of life; condemnation is the end of the man who has chosen a from of existence contrary to the mystery of God and of life, to remain without the grace of God that saves, to remain without the encounter of love towards others. Perhaps thinking of the last days and of the richness can lead us to a final question: In what way do I want my communion with the Lord to grow every day? Surely by being in communion with others from the starting point of dialogue, help and friendship with the needy. “Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2Cor 8:9)

Who do we ignore, or avoid in our everyday life experience?

Juan Herrera, Seminarian



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.