

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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ANDREW DI MANSO

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

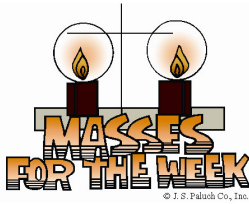
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.**



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/28	\$ 1,920.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,240.50
Total Sunday 8/28	\$ 4,160.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,164.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

- MON. SEPTEMBER 5, 2022
8:30 Leonard Bik
BY: Friend Sal

- TUE. SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
8:30 Elizabeth Lo Porto
BY: Her Children & Grandchildren

- WED. SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
8:30 Francesca Forte
BY: A Friend

- THURS. SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
8:30 Pat & Jean Basciano
BY: Andy Di Manso

- FRI. SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
8:30 George "Tony" Di Tucci
BY His Friends

- SAT. SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
8:30 The People of The Parish
5:00 Kristina Esposito
BY: Her Loving Family

- SUN. SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
8:30 Antonino & Giuseppina Di Nieri
BY: Loving Family
10:00 John Edwards
BY: Loving Family
Noon James Bamundo
BY: Madeline Bamundo Poldrugovaz



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 4th has been donated In Memory of CHARLES STUTO By: Carmine & Anna Balsamo



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 |

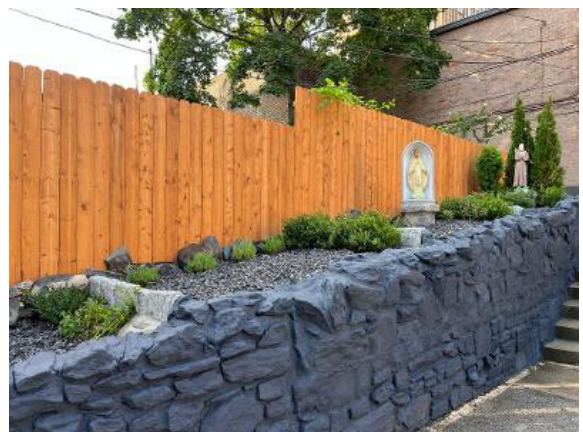
New Garden of Consolation

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 15th, 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,

When one is in love, no price is too high. When one is in love, every request of the beloved is acceptable. In the Gospel today Jesus lays down his demands for discipleship. Upon reading them one would conclude that discipleship is personally costly, however, loving Christ makes them rather appealing.

Discipleship is a serious commitment to the Lord. Jesus lists the requirements for discipleship. The first requirement is that the disciple's priority is his/her relationship with Jesus. This relationship must be the first among all other relationships. Secondly, the discipleship must be willing to live for Jesus publicly, yet ostentatiously and to accept the cross that is the consequence for living the Gospel publicly. This cross may be suffering which the Gospel will cause the disciple to suffer such as: rejection, apathy and other forms of persecution.

Let us take each of these requirements separately. The first requirement calls the disciple to the renunciation of self. Therefore one's own desires and one's own agenda are not the determining factor for the disciples life and behavior. Learning the mind and heart of Christ as found in the Gospel and teachings of the Church. Msgr. Luigi Gissani says: "Jesus not only demands that they (disciples) follow him, by detaching themselves from possessions. He asked them to live for him in the face of society." Can we live for Jesus? Can we order our priorities so as to reflect the value we place on our relationship with Christ? Possessions can be good or not so good. If we are possessed by what we have, then we are not free to accept the invitation of discipleship. If our possessions prohibit us from growing in the Holy Spirit, we have a problem. If we measure our worth or the worth of others on possessions, then we are missing the point of the Gospel message.

The living for Jesus brings us to the second requirement. To carry one's cross. In the Gospel we read "If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of human beings, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32) The cross we may bear of the Gospel may be that of rejection, mockery, ostracizing by one's family and friends. Are you willing to speak about forgiveness in the face of those seeking revenge? Are you able to be kind and charitable even when your efforts go unaccepted, unappreciated and even rejected? Are you able to speak out for those who are unjustly treated especially if those people are considered on the margins of respectable society? The decision to life for Christ may be difficult but it leads to eternal life for the disciple and a more human life for the world.

Where does this leave us? In an article which appeared about a year ago in the New York Times titled Why People Hate Religion by Timothy Egan, the author compares the quiet, yet public work of a religious sister who runs a shelter in the Rio Grande Valley for migrant children, with those who ostentatiously wear their religion on their sleeves and talk a good talk and do nothing. The author is critical of those who religiously make bold statements of their religiosity and lack compassion and mercy. He inveighs against religious hypocrisy. How does one live the Gospel today without being showy but being public and yet willing to suffer for their convictions? Today in the Church and in the world, we need people to quietly yet visibly witness to the faith in their words and in their actions.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



Faith Formation

TIME TO REGISTER

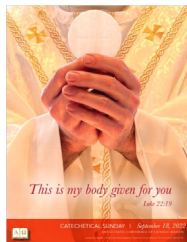
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

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.