

**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*

*718-596-7750 tel*

*718-260-9233 fax*

**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**

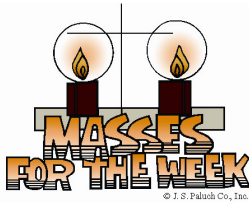
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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. OCTOBER 17, 2022**  
 8:30 Maria Bennici  
 BY: Carmela & Maria DiRosa
- TUE. OCTOBER 18, 2022**  
 8:30 Paul Pensabene  
 BY: Andy Di Manso
- WED OCTOBER 19, 2022**  
 8:30 For The Intentions of  
 Carolyn Giulietti
- THURS. OCTOBER 20, 2022**  
 8:30 Salvatore Rizzo  
 BY: Giovanna & Vincenzo Carrieri-Russo
- FRI. OCTOBER 21, 2022**  
 8:30 Frank Giambanco  
 BY Giovanna & Vincenzo Carrieri-Russo
- SAT. OCTOBER 22, 2022**  
 8:30 For The People of the Parish  
 5:00 Michael Bombolino  
 BY: Mom & Dad
- SUN OCTOBER 21 2022**  
 8:30 John Cloonan  
 BY: His Family  
 10:00 Robert Caminiti  
 BY: Family  
 Noon Nicky Ingravallo  
 BY: Vitoanthony Deliso

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



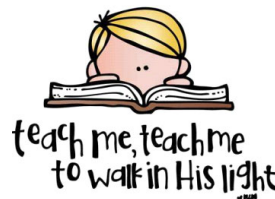
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| Sunday Collection 10/9    | \$ 1,641.00 |
| *Envelopes & cash         |             |
| On Line Donations         | \$ 2,805.50 |
| Total Sunday 10/9         | \$ 4,446.50 |
| Annual Weekly Exp-enses** | \$14,325.00 |
| Difference:               | \$ 9,878.50 |

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Please join us on  
**Monday, November 7th @ 7:00 PM** in the Parish House for  
 an informal discussion about  
*The Fountains of Silence* by *Ruta Sepetys*.  
 All are welcome.  
 We hope to see you there.

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](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com) to help.



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 October 16th has been  
 donated  
 In Memory of  
**MICHAEL BOMBOLINO**  
 By Terry Scotto Spinelli



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                 | Cathy De Marino     |
| 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 has**  
**begun again on**  
**Wednesdays this**  
**fall.**

**Open to all**  
**children ages 7-18.**

**Sign up by sending an e-mail to Jennifer Wu, our Choir Director at [SHSSmusic@gmail.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com).

# From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

“When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the face of the earth?”

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This is a haunting question. It seems that Jesus thinks he might not find faith on the face of the earth when he returns. Such a quote started me thinking why Jesus would ask such a question. What is belief? What is faith? What do we believe? Why do we believe? Why do others not believe? What has contributed to belief? What has contributed to non believing? A way to address such a dilemma may be to ask such questions as: why do we believe? For what reasons did former believers reject their faith? In our day there seems to be a growing number of those who no longer believe. This is far beyond being separated from the Church. These have given up belief completely. Many of these have been raised in Catholic or in at least religious families of various confessions of faith. Those who have left their religious beliefs no longer have their children baptized, arrange funerals for their dead or even try to pass on any semblance of the faith. However, many do have a commitment to social justice, charity, the arts, the environment and morality sometimes to a greater degree than most who claim membership in a faith community. How is the believer to understand this?

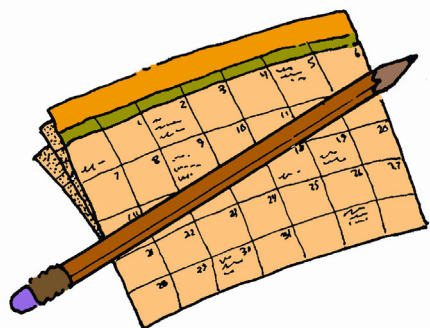
Perhaps we can begin this discussion with four questions; 1-What does one mean by the word “God” ? 2-How does behavior or witness of those who believe affect your understanding of God. 3-Does reason make room for mystery and 4- If God is, why is there evil? One’s perception of God is important. I believe one’s perception of God affects one’s expectations of God. If your image is that God is a old man with a crown on his head in the heavens sitting on a cloud controlling the universe, then God is recognized as the cause of all the good and is blamed for all the evil in the world. If your image of God is biblical, then God is the great I AM, in whom all the creation finds meaning and all creation, including ourselves, continue to exist. If our perception of God is verb, as well as personal pronoun, then it is from God that all meaning proceeds. If God is I AM, than it is from God that all love, truth, mercy, justice and all good proceeds. It is these attributes of God which take up their dwelling deep in us. God is invisible yet these behaviors make God visible. These attributes were most visible in Christ Jesus who is the WORD of God made visible. The WORD of truth, justice, mercy, goodness, justice and love took flesh in Jesus. Jesus for us is the face of God.

Disciples to a greater degree and believers are called to live the goodness they profess in their belief, therefore when a person who professes faith yet his or her actions and attitudes are not in agreement with the goodness, mercy, truth and love that God is, the non believer of those searching for faith are oftentimes put off. The greatest evangelization is life lived by faithful example not by words.

God is the mystery in whom we ground our very existence. When we speak about mystery, we do not mean a mystery which can be solved but rather one that needs to be experienced. If God is a mystery we too formed in the image of God are mysteries even to ourselves. Do you understand yourself completely? Do you understand your children completely? We love knowledge and learning and being smart. This is a good trait. We always need to learn, yet the most intelligent among us realize that these mysteries are reasonable but they may be beyond understanding. God reaches beyond reason, yet belief in God is reasonable.

If God exists, why is there evil? This is a common question. Evil is a mystery. How in the face of goodness do people choose evil? This is a deep question. However, God created us with free will. My choices in life do affect others. If I am a violent person my violence can hurt you. If I am a manufacturer and pollute the environment, we can all be negatively affected. Many in our world choose to reject justice, goodness, truth and love. Oftentimes many who are striving to live loving lives or those seeking justice and those seeking truth suffer at the hands of persecutors. Did not the same thing happen to Jesus? Jesus is the incarnation of all love, mercy, truth, justice, yet he suffers for his faithful witness. In Jesus par excellence, it looks as though all goodness is defeated by evil. Yet it is the Resurrection of Jesus that confirms these behaviors as being true ways to live one’s life. So, for all those who are scandalized by evil and the apparent absence of God, they need to look to the Cross of Christ and the Resurrection of Christ to see love, mercy, truth and justice triumph. Perhaps faith will be found on the earth if we can all be impelled by the love of Christ to recognize the mysterious presence of the Divine in ourselves and others.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie



## 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](mailto:mtwomey.shss@gmail.com) for more information or to make an appointment to register. Help spread the word!