

**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**

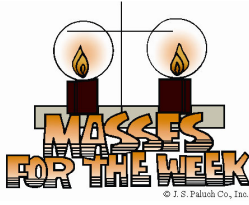
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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 10, 2022**  
 8:30      Concetta Battista Scotto  
 BY: Nieces & Nephews
- TUE.**    **OCTOBER 11, 2022**  
 8:30      Phyllis Bracco  
 BY: The Gessler Family
- WED**    **OCTOBER 12, 2022**  
 8:30      Luigi Barrera  
 BY: Loving Family
- THURS.** **OCTOBER 13, 2022**  
 8:30      Angela & Antonio Caria  
 BY: Marie Caria
- FRI.**    **OCTOBER 14, 2022**  
 8:30      Joseph Zagami  
 BY Lou Anne & Michael Manus
- SAT.**    **OCTOBER 15, 2022**  
 8:30      For The People of the Parish  
 5:00      Dominic, Jenny & Michael Scotto  
 BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto
- SUN**    **OCTOBER 16, 2022**  
 8:30      Charles Stuto  
 BY: Carmine & Anna Balsamo  
 10:00     Nancy Iardi  
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandson  
 Noon      Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
 BY: Loving Family

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



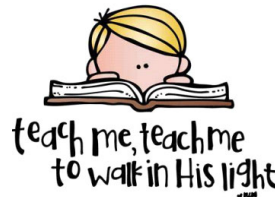
Sunday Collection 10/2	\$ 1,973.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,390.50
Total Sunday 10/3	\$ 4,363.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,961.50

\*\*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.





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 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](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

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Cycle C  
“Your faith has saved you”  
Luke 17: 11-19

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Today's readings give us many points to analyze and pray with them. A simple glance at the readings may suggest to us that everything revolves around thanksgiving. This is true. However, we cannot miss the opportunity to connect the dots with other relevant ideas and go further such as spiritual leprosy, worshipping God alone or the act of appreciating something someone gives us.

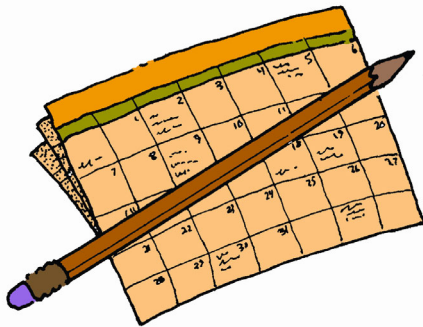
The readings highlight two important characters: Naaman the Syrian and one of the ten lepers who was a Samaritan. Very interesting for this Sunday, both were foreigners. Why in these readings did God reveal his power to them even though they were not formally part of the chosen people? Because God wants us to realize the saving power he has for the marginalized and to say with the Psalmist: “*The Lord has revealed his saving power to the nations.*” In these passages God revealed his saving power of forgiveness of sins that overcomes all bodily infirmity. That is why the sacrament of reconciliation is important today and is suggested to us as an alternative for the encounter with Jesus. We need to be reconciled with God, with others and with ourselves. How many times do I ask God for the power of forgiveness? More than bathing seven times in the Jordan river is the invitation to reconciliation, to purify our sins. Therefore, this is a moment for us to realize that faith is a step closer to God and a moment to give Him glory.

As for being a stranger like Naaman or the Samaritan, we can reflect on their attitude and compare it with our own. Sometimes we see ourselves as strangers and not as welcomed in the relationship with the Lord. What attitude do I see in these characters? How do I feel? How many times have I felt like a “stranger”? A stranger is an outsider, is the one who made us welcome a stranger or a welcome to me? You are no longer a stranger, because in Christ we gain a sonship by being children of God.

On the other hand, the miracle of the lepers and the meaning of the healing Jesus offered them invites me to pray with the background of this passage. For example, how did this faith in the Master come to them? Why do they ask for compassion and trust his words and obey all the instructions he gives them? Who, how and when were these “outsiders” of the society of their time “evangelized” with the Good News? The leper was, first of all, an outcast; his illness made him an outsider in the life and hope of their people; therefore, he/she could be taken as cursed. Secondly, Jesus' healing is a reconciliation, since the leper remains a man and participates in the gift of renewal that God offers to men. After the miracle, the officially condemned (lepers) have become an example of reunion in society by the saving power of God. Jesus has vindicated the lepers status as a person in the midst of society.

The other nine lepers from the Hebrew origin who did not return to the Lord only received an external salvation. They saw God's power blindly. It is in the context of this passage that Jesus warns us that faith demands a more open, grateful, and transforming response. The Samaritan, on the other hand, enters the voluntary field of God's gift that Christ has offered him, performing the true and complete miracle uniquely in his person. His physical healing becomes a definitive healing. However, we may think that this passage has nothing to do with our society today. But today there are many marginalized people on the street who may need our help. It would be a mistake if we did not think about it. The immigrant, the one who thinks differently from me, the one who is of another race, or even of another way of dressing comply with that reality and that perhaps my own leprosy prevents me from seeing them. Leprosy understood as an external/internal agent that kills in me the possibility of seeing in the other the face of Jesus regardless of what the other is or thinks. Where am I stranger to myself? What thoughts, experiences and behaviors are found in myself that separate me from the people I want to be? Is it possible that my own hidden leprosy is a silent invitation to that reconciliation with the Lord, with the Church and with myself?

Juan Herrera, Seminarian



## 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!