

**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)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*Director of Faith Formation*

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*Pastoral Associate*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**

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*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](http://WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS)**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

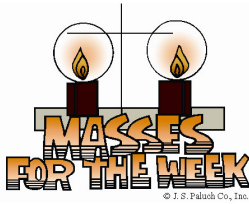
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

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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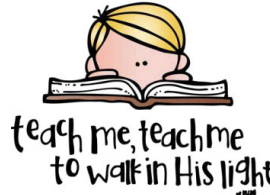


<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>		
Sunday Collection 11/13	\$1,886.00	
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations	\$ 2,207.50	
Total Sunday 11/13	\$ 4,093.50	
Annual Weekly Exp-enses*	\$14,325.00	
Difference:	\$10,231..50	
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks		



- MON. NOVEMBER 28, 2022  
8:30 Eloina Garcia
  
- TUE. NOVEMBER 29, 2022  
8:30 Deceased Members of  
The Olivieri Family  
BY: Marlene Olivieri
  
- WED NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
8:30 Vito & Carmelina Di Turi  
BY: Marie & Frank Gaudioso
  
- THURS. DECEMBER 1, 2022  
8:30 Gisela & Eric Otto Bruestle  
BY: The George Family
  
- FRI. DECEMBER 2, 2022  
8:30 Giustino Lazzara  
BY: Giovanna & Vincenzo Carrieri-Russo
  
- SAT. DECEMBER 3, 2022  
8:30 For The People of The Parish  
5:00 For a Personal Intention
  
- SUN DECEMBER 4, 2022  
8:30 Francis & Salvatore De Sano  
BY: Grandson Joseph Gagliardo  
10:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
BY: Her Parents Carolyn & John  
Noon Joy Boggio  
BY: Marie & Frank Gaudioso

**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 November 27th has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**JOSEPH CORDARO**  
By Millie Agosta



Please note that there will be no Book Club meeting in December. We will resume meeting in the New Year. Please join us on Monday, Jan. 2nd @7 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about *The Phonebook at the Edge of the World* by Laura Messina. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be Feb. 6th. We will be discussing *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell. All are welcome.

Hope to see you there.





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                   | Sarina Mukhi             |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr.            | Mark Carles              |
| Erica Concino                   | MaryAnn Kinczel          |
| Susan Hannan                    | Evan Marra               |
| Hector Jimenez                  | Darren Munio             |
| Abigail Memmesheimer            | Sophia Rotunno           |
| Philip Saraceno                 | Salvatore Aleo           |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia |                          |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene          | Frances Marra            |
| Michael Ostrowski               | Regina Ventura Giulietti |



**Can You Save Michael's Life?  
Become a Living Liver Donor**

Michael De Louise is a warm-hearted 61-yearold Italian-American family man in Brooklyn, NYC. He has given selflessly of himself to others. He

was the caretaker for both of his parents, through their prolonged illnesses and eventual deaths. He also became the full-time caretaker for his dementia ridden uncle for the next nine years. Michael is married with a disabled stepson.

Michael himself now has end stage liver disease and is in desperate need of a living donor. Donors must be 18-59 years old, blood type B or O. Donor's medical work-up and surgical costs are covered by Michael's insurance during the transplant process. None of Michael's family members meet donor criteria.

It is important to note that, as a donor, you will have your own transplant team, different from your recipient. Your team will care for you exclusively. The small portion of donor liver that is taken, completely regenerates within a few weeks. You have the right to change your mind at any time during the process. All communication with the transplant team is strictly confidential. Travel expenses incurred will be covered.

**Could YOU be the person whose kindness saves Michael?**

A link to the NYU Langone Living Donor program below provides further information.

Call: 212-263-3621

Email: [NYUTRLIVINGDONOR@NYUMC.ORG](mailto:NYUTRLIVINGDONOR@NYUMC.ORG)  
Living donor team will ask a series of questions via phone and assist donor with blood type testing, etc.

Questionnaire: <https://redcap.link/nyuliverdonor>  
The questionnaire needs to be completed and reviewed by donor team before scheduling evaluation.

To contact Michael's family directly email: [LiverDonorforMichael@gmail.com](mailto:LiverDonorforMichael@gmail.com)



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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 Community,

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, we are told to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The word “advent” means come. During this season we focus on waiting for the Lord to come. We will do this in two ways. Firstly, we will focus on the coming of the Lord a second time at the end of time. This coming of the Lord is mentioned in the Creed when we say “we await the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.” Secondly, we are told the way we prepare for the Lord’s coming is to focus our attention on the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us who is Jesus. The great mystery of the Incarnation will be the focus of Advent from December 17th to December 24th.

Advent invites us to get in touch with the parts of our lives where we feel the absence of God. We are invited to examine the parts of our lives where we think God is absent or where we feel that God is not responding to us. The season invites us to get in touch with the feelings that seem to say that God has turned a blind eye or a deaf ear to us. We are invited to examine the deserts of our lives where prayer seems dry, lifeless and at times a struggle. These are feelings we all experience from time to time. Look at the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this reading there is a longing for peace. The mountain of the Lord is the city of Jerusalem. The hope is that peace will come to their land. The hope that weapons would be turned into planting tools which is a sign of life not death and war. When this text was written, Isaiah and his people were in exile and they felt abandoned by God. The exile went from 586 BC to 539 BC. The fact that Isaiah is writing is a sign that God is present in his heart. This text is a sign of hope during a desperate time for Israel.

The belief that Christ will come again is echoed in the second reading. This portion of Paul’s Letter to the Romans reminds us that the Lord Jesus will keep them until the day of his return. The letter also reminds us that the time of Christ’s return is closer than it was when the Romans first started to believe. We can say that the return of the Lord is closer for us than it was when we were children. This reminder is a great message of hope for those Christians who may be struggling to hold on to their faith in a secular world that seems so contrary to all that believers in Christ hold in their hearts. I think of the Christians of the Middle East many of whom have died and many who have been forced to flee may feel somewhat disparate. We need to be reminded everyday that God is with them and with us in this present struggle even though at the present time God may seem to be absent.

Today we begin reading the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. As the Gospel opens, we meet Jesus who tells us to be watchful. God will come at an unexpected time. On one level this sounds fearful. Are we ready to meet the Lord? Looking at this Gospel message from another perspective, this is a most hopeful message especially for those who are striving to live the Gospel. For those longing for God, his arrival is a cause for joy. For those who live their lives in darkness and selfishness, the coming of the Lord is seen as a dread. Many of us are nearing our omega point in our lives, some of us are still at the alpha point. Wherever you are, be ready. Christ can walk and does walk in our lives in many surprising ways.

So, where are we this Advent? What do we want? What are our dreams for humanity and ourselves? Are we looking for a greater union with the Lord? Are we lamenting at the apparent absence of the Lord? Are we filling ourselves with things that will satisfy us for a while but, in reality, leave us empty? If the Lord comes to you or answers your prayer, will you recognize God?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



## LITURGICAL NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS

Perhaps we can view the Liturgical Seasons as spiral rather than a circle. In this way, we may more readily hear the same readings for the first time again. Advent, as does Lent invites us to hear the readings again for the first time. The readings and the season may be familiar to you, however, you and I have changed. As a result, we hear the readings differently from the last time we heard these texts.

We begin the Gospel of Saint Matthew today. The first way to be prepared to meet the Lord whenever he arrives either at the end of time or in our personal meeting with the Lord in death is to seek to meet the Lord in the Eucharist, in the sacred text and in each other. An important way to meet the Lord is in service and acts of mercy to those in need. Those in need are considered the poor. Poverty does not always refer to our financial status. Recognizing the Lord in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the prisoners, the sick, the innocent child, the unborn, the dying, the battered, the victim of persecution, the victim of torture, the down and out, the immigrant, the lonely and in ourselves is a good preparation to welcoming the Lord. Advent is a time of preparation. If we want to be prepared to meet the Lord in heaven or at the second coming, than we need to recognize Christ here and now in our city, parish, family, workplace and wherever we gather.

Blessed Liturgical Year 2023