

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

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 GLOCKNER

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

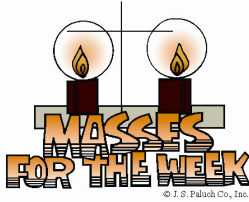
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.**

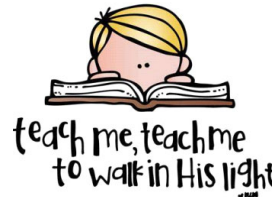


<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>		
Sunday Collection 1/1		\$1,734.00
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations		\$ 3,982.50
Total Sunday 1/1		\$ 5,716.50
Annual Weekly Expenses*		\$14,325.00
Difference:		\$ 8,608.50
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks		



- MON. JANUARY 9, 2023**
 8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
 BY: Nieces & Nephews
- TUE. JANUARY 10, 2023**
 8:30 Anna Liquori
 BY: Son John & The Liquori Family
- WED. JANUARY 11, 2023**
 8:30 Anthony Massie
- THURS. JANUARY 12, 2023**
 8:30 Bill Dalbec
 BY: Andy Di Manso
- FRI. JANUARY 13, 2023**
 8:30 Joanne Setteducato & Deceased Members
 of The Collella Family
 BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus
- SAT. JANUARY 14, 2023**
 8:30 Mary Ortato
 BY Son Joe
 5:00 PM Louis Valentino, Sr.
- SUN. JANUARY 15, 2023**
 8:30 Kevin Sheehan
 BY: Wife & Son
 10:00 In Honor of St. Stephen
 Noon Marie & John Agnese
 Their Nieces and Nephews

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 to help.



Please join us on **Monday, Feb. 6th @7 PM** in the Parish House. 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 |
| Lois Tilocca | 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 |
| | John Primavera |

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
@ 9:30 AM
Saturday Evenings @ 4:00 PM
Sundays @ 10:00 AM**



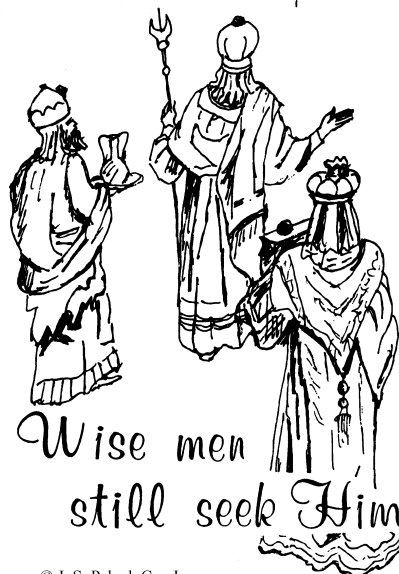
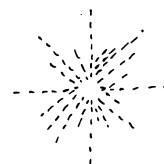
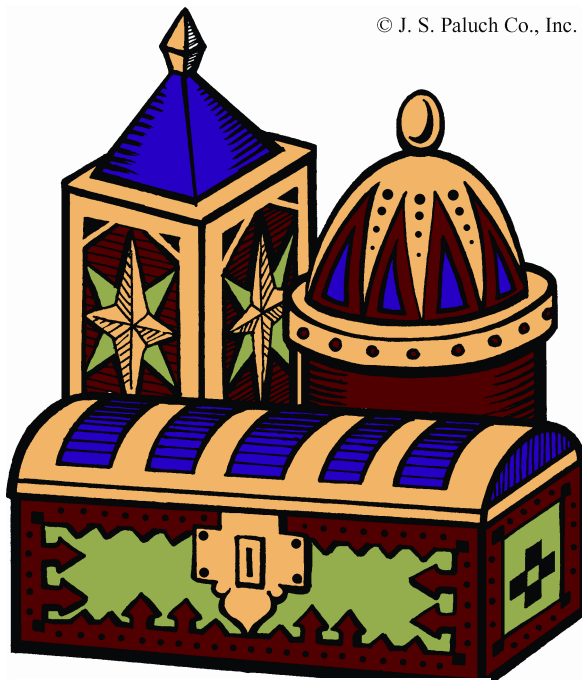
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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for

this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

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*Wise men
still seek Him*

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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all who prepared, participated in and who contributed to making Christmas uplifting and spiritually refreshing.

Today the Church celebrates the Great Feast of the Epiphany. This feast is on the official Roman Catholic Calendar for January 6th. In the United States our Bishops have elected to celebrate this feast on a Sunday to underscore its importance. The feast celebrates two basic themes: Universality of the Gospel message as represented by the arrival of these gentile, (non-Jewish wise men) as well as the identity of Jesus as Divine King and redeemer. The gifts of the Magi proclaim the mission of Christ. The gold proclaims Christ as King. The frankincense proclaims the divinity of Christ. The myrrh proclaims his sacrificial death for our redemption. The story of the Epiphany is a prologue to the whole Gospel. The Feast of the Epiphany gives us the conclusions about Jesus which the whole Gospel will later explain to us as the liturgical year unfolds.

The word Epiphany means “to show or to manifest.” In the gospel we read how Mary showed the Christ child to the wise men, thus pointing out the universality of the gospel. The story is theological and catechetical. The Gospel of the Epiphany symbolically tells the whole gospel story of Matthew. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, the Risen Lord sends his disciples to teach and baptize all nations. In the story of the Epiphany, the Magi represent all nations, thus we see a sign or a prophecy of the sending out of the disciples to all the nations with the revelation of the Christ child to the wise men of non-Jewish peoples. While the Messiah was to come to the Jewish people, his mission and work of redemption was directed to the whole world. Christianity is not wedded to just one nation but to all humanity.

In our own day where does God manifest his presence? Where in your life have you met God? Who are the people in your life who bear for you the face of Jesus? Epiphanies happen when we least expect them and from the people we least expect. The key is that we need, like the Magi to be open to the presence of the Lord. We need perhaps to take a chance and to go outside of our comfort zone of our preconceived ideas and find the Lord. Look at the joy and the innocence of children. In those young faces which call forth our love for them, is Christ. Look at the heavens, the moon, the sun, the stars, the colors of dawn and evening, certainly this order and beauty speaks to our hearts of God. Look to the elderly whose lives have been spent in faithfulness to all they hold dear and true. Look to the love manifested in couples who have been married for forty, fifty, sixty years. Is not God present where there is love? Look at the generosity of so many people who give their lives of service of others. Is this not also a manifestation of the Lord? God is alive and present. All that we need do is open to his gentle yet strong presence. The Lord comes to those who invite him into their lives.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



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**GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH FOR
THE NEWBORN KING!!**