

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)

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Deacon

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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

ROSEMARY POLITO

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

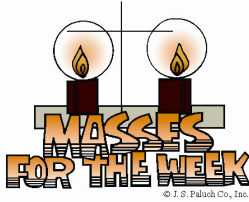
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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 1/15	\$1,689.00	
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations	\$ 2,372.50	
Total Sunday 1/8	\$ 4,061.50	
Annual Weekly Expenses*	\$14,325.00	
Difference:	\$10,263.50	
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks		



- MON. JANUARY 23, 2023
8:30 Frank Agosta
BY: Family

- TUE. JANUARY 24, 2023
8:30 Marie Hertsel
BY: Daughter Marlene Olivieri

- WED JANUARY 25, 2023
8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
BY: Her Sister Gertrude

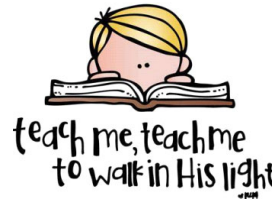
- THURS. JANUARY 26, 2023
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

- FRI. JANUARY 27, 2023
8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
Birthday Remembrance
BY: Her Sister Gertrude

- SAT. JANUARY 28, 2023
8:30 Mary & John Lazzati
BY Paula & Lou Vidal
5:00 PM Martina Igneri
BY: Anna & Carmine Balsamo

- SUN JANUARY 29, 2023
8:30 Rosetta Pugliese
BY: Debbie & Charles Russo
10:00 DeSalvio & Russo Family &
Giulia Nuzzi
BY Marilena & Sebastian Russo
Noon Maria Grazia & Salvatore DiFilippo
The Reca Family

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. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be March 6th. We will be discussing *Walking with Ghosts* by Gabriel Byrne. 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 |



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SACRED HEARTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Now is the perfect time for children to join the parish Children's Choir for the spring season.

Choir meets in the church Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 PM beginning on February 1st. Visit the organ loft to speak with Jim or Jen or sign up by e-mail to SHSSmusic@gmial.com or just plan to be there on February 1st. All children ages 7 and up are welcome. Singing together builds friendships, faith, confidence, poise, a love of music and many good things. Come sing with us!



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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!

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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Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

“The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

God is light and in God there is no darkness. In the Prologue of the Gospel of St John, we read “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” The themes of light and darkness are themes which seem to unite both the Hebrew Texts and the New Testament. In the Book of Genesis God creates light. Light is always positive and it leads us to truth. For Christ is the Light of the World through his words and his example.

In today’s Gospel Jesus begins his preaching in the northern area of the land of Israel in the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali were the first areas to be devastated by the Assyrian Empire in the eighth century before Christ. This devastation ultimately led to the period called the Babylonia exile. The people in this area were destroyed. They suffered loss of land, families, economic stability. They lost themselves and their identity as a people. They were led into exile. During the days of Isaiah, the land was shrouded in gloom and darkness. While Isaiah acknowledged the terrible situation and the total ruination of the culture, civilization and even religion of the area, the Prophet Isaiah preaches a message of hope and restoration to the people in the midst of their darkness and suffering. In fact, so certain is Isaiah that there would be a restoration that the text seems to say that it has already taken place. Jesus beginning his ministry in this locale makes the message of Isaiah come to life. The light that shines in the darkness has come and the darkness has not overcome it.

So where is the land of Zebulun and Naphtali? Yes, it is northern Israel where Galilee and Nazareth are to be found. Where is it for us? The land of darkness and the land of gloom and anguish really is found in our hearts. It is there in our hearts that the message of hope and light need to be heard and lived. During the days of the exile many if not all of the Israelites felt abandoned by God. How often do I hear people tell me that God has turned a blind eye or a deaf ear to me? Devastation, loss and anguish happen to us regularly. We receive bad news about our health, a loved one dies, the family house needs to be sold, a betrayal by a loved one destroys our family. These are all moments which cause spirits to be dark. These are all the feelings which leave us crying out to God asking why? How? We all seek and grope for the light of understanding and relief. It is at that time we are most open to hearing the Gospel for the first time again.. It is at moments like these that God may be close yet perceived as being far away.

We who love Christ are called to be the light of the world along with Christ. Can the people in darkness find this light in us?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen
Children's Faith Formation Program 2022-2023

"WE ARE A FAMILY OF FAITH"

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. Parents and godparents are commissioned at Baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. We are privileged to share this work with you, extending the invitation of Jesus, the Light of the World, who calls us to be his disciples.

"I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church together!"

REGISTER TODAY!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 8

2022-23 Program Theme: Exploring the Profession of Faith

This program will help develop strong Catholic Families where children and parents will explore the Profession of Faith through the following questions: What is Faith? Who is God and how can we know him? What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of God? How do I live that relationship individually? As a family? In a parish community?

For information, email Michele Twomey in the Faith Formation Office at mtwomey.shss@gmail.com or call 718 596-7750x 20.