

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.

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REV. NGOZI

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Business Manager

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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

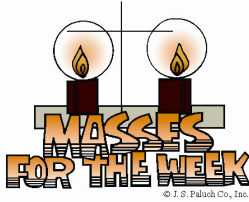
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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 1/22		\$1,624.00
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations		\$ 3,052.50
Total Sunday 1/8		\$ 4,676.00
Annual Weekly Expenses*		\$14,325.00
Difference:		\$ 9,648.50
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks		



MON. JANUARY 30, 2023
 8:30 Catherine Palma
 BY: Dr. & Mrs. Victor Masi & Family

TUE. JANUARY 31, 2023
 8:30 Della Porte's: Dominick, Frank & Bert
 BY: Catherine Della Porte

WED FEBRUARY 1, 2023
 8:30 Concetta Galletta
 BY: Devoted Daughter Angela

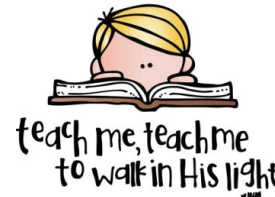
THURS. FEBRUARY 2, 2023
 8:30 Anthony Polito
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

FRI. FEBRUARY 3, 2023
 8:30 Carmine & Raffella Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa

SAT. FEBRUARY 4, 2023
 8:30 All Breast Cancer Patients & Survivors
 5:00 PM Joseph & Lia Cerato
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia

SUN FEBRUARY 5, 2023
 8:30 Carmela Teresa Ruggiero
 BY: The Reca Family
 10:00 Louis Valentino, Jr.
 BY Diane
 Noon Kathleen Moran
 The Troiano 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 | John Primavera |
| Kathy Parasimo | Butch Montevicchi |

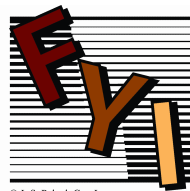


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SACRED HEARTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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 Community,

The Beatitudes dominate today's scripture readings. In the past few weeks, we have been told that Jesus was preaching in the villages and the synagogues. Today we are told the content of his message. The Beatitudes present us with the summation of the message of Jesus. As the weeks pass, we will see how the Gospel will illustrate these Beatitudes. In Matthew 25:11, we will learn that the identity of the poor one, the merciful one, the meek one, the peacemaker and the persecuted one is none other than Jesus.

The Beatitudes are counter cultural. The Beatitudes turn the world upside down. They invite us to see reality from God's perspective. God sees things differently from the way we see. Contrast the Beatitudes with the so called American Dream. We have been taught that to be poor is not a blessing. The secular culture in which we live would rather say: "blessed are the rich, they have power." Are peacemakers blessed in our society or are they seen as compromisers, weaklings and lacking back-bone? Does our secular society value mercy? Might society not see the merciful as bleedings hearts who will be the victims of fraud? Do we see the pure of heart as inspiring or do we see them as naïve people? Do we see those who are persecuted for the sake of the Kingdom of God as blessed? Might we see them as strange radical thinkers who are upsetting the status quo with their call for peace, justice, fairness and the right of life for all?

Jesus stands in the midst of the Beatitudes. To be poor is to be able to be humble and admit that we need to be saved by God from our sins and from ourselves. We do not win our own salvation. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah, the word humility appears three times. The word humility means the truth. It means the truth about oneself. It means the truth about a situation. Truth admits one's God given talents and it also admits one's weakness. To be poor means that we see all we have as a gift owing all to God. To be poor means that we know we own nothing and all we have will be left to another. To be poor means we need help, we are not self sufficient. How different from the American Dream. To be merciful means to allow our heart to be moved with pity for another. To truly be merciful to another, one must also have experienced one's own need for mercy. Recognizing one's own need for mercy is an act of humility. To be merciful is to enter into another's pain and relieve it if possible. To be merciful is to be most Christ like because his heart was moved for the suffering of others. To be of a pure heart means to have a purity of intention. It means to do good for God and others because this is God's desire. It means acting without a hidden motive of need for reward or recognition. To suffer for one's convictions for the Kingdom of God, for justice, for peace, for the rights of life for the unborn, the dying, the sick, the elderly, is to be willing to conform oneself to the image of Christ who was faithful. To suffer for the Kingdom means to live for others and not for oneself only.

The Beatitudes give us the essentials of Christ's message. The Beatitudes call us to a constant life long inner conversion of the heart. The morality that Jesus gives throughout the Gospel is an interior morality which proceeds from our hearts to our actions. "In a word, the true morality of Christianity is love. And love admittedly runs counter to self-seeking it is an exodus out of oneself and yet this is precisely the way in which man (woman) comes to himself (herself)" Benedict XVI. How different from our secular society which measures success by what one has acquired rather than by what one has given away.

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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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