

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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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
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.

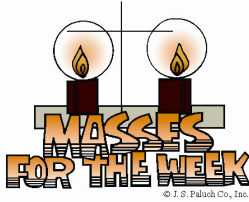
ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

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.

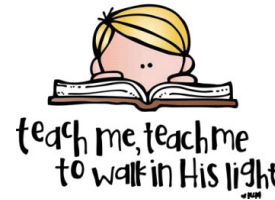
IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



<u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>		
Sunday Collection 1/29		\$2,020.00
*Envelopes & cash		
On Line Donations		\$ 2,304.50
Total Sunday 1/29		\$ 4,324.50
Annual Weekly Expenses*		\$14,325.00
Difference:		\$ 10,000.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

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.

MON. FEBRUARY 6, 2023
8:30 Frank, Lottie & Janet Illiano
BY: Rose Ann Illiano

TUE. FEBRUARY 7, 2023
8:30 Souls in Purgatory
BY: Andy Di Manso

WED FEBRUARY 8, 2023
8:30 Rosetta Pugliese
BY: Erica Tutone

THURS. FERUARY 9, 2023
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph &
Rev. Michael A. Carrano
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

FRI. FEBRUARY 10, 2023
8:30 Angela & Angelo Caria
BY: Daughter Marie

SAT. FEBRUARY 11, 2023
8:30 Gerard McNamee
BY: Kathleen Meehan
5:00 PM Louis D'Angelo
BY: Diane Valentino

SUN FEBRUARY 12, 2023
8:30 Luigi Barrera
BY: Loving Family
10:00 John Edwards
BY Loving Family
Noon Joseph D'Ambruoso
Bellatuono Family



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 Montevecchi |



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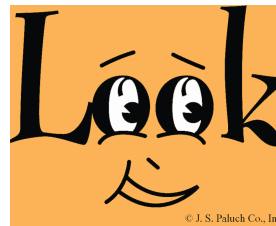
Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for

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 be advised that Tax Letters for 2022 are in process. It is not required to call the Rectory to request one, they are being automatically mailed to all. They are scheduled to be mailed this week and should be received by the end of next week.

We thank you for your continued support of this great Parish for it is through your generosity and support that we are able to sustain our expenses and provide the services we do.

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. From the readings we learn that words to be effective must always be accompanied by deeds, good actions must always spring from proper intentions (purity of heart) and righteous acts are not done to exalt the one who performs them but to glorify God. The Gospel reading tells us that the Disciples of Christ are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58:7-10 tells us how we are the light of the world and salt of the earth. This reading from Isaiah seems to resemble Matthew 25:11f. Both readings speak to us about acts of mercy and charity. These acts done for the glory of God in service to humanity make us like unto Christ.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah gives us a list of good works and acts of mercy which are pleasing to God. This reading was written at the end of Israel's Babylonia captivity (586bc-538bc). This was a period when the Israelites were subjected to deportation to the land of Babylon (present day Iran) lost their city of Jerusalem and saw the destruction of the Temple which King Solomon had built. It was a period of great loss as well as a time of great growth for the Jewish People. When King Cyrus allowed those who wished to return to their native lands, the Jews who did return to the land of Israel were reminded by this passage of what God saw as important. They were not only to observe the Law by making sacrifice and praying, they were to "Share their bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, cloth the naked...remove oppression and false accusations and bestow their bread on the hungry." These other centered behaviors were to grow out of their prayer life and their union with God. These actions and the prayers were for the Glory of God, for the benefit of those being helped and not for the recognition of the one doing these good actions.

It is interesting to me that the passage from Isaiah mentions nothing about ritual, prayer offering or sacrifice. Did Isaiah forget to mention these religious behaviors? I think not. For Isaiah, for Matthew, for the prophets in general and Jesus in particular, works of charity, mercy and kindness flow out of one's prayer life. The closer one is to God, the closer one draws to humanity and to human needs. Look at the saints. St. John Bosco founded homes and schools for children who were abandoned. He was moved to do this because of his love for Christ. St. Francis Cabrini served some of the poorest immigrants in the United States. St. Oscar Romero, Bishop of El Salvador was inspired by his love for Christ to speak out for his people who suffered from the injustices committed by the El Salvadorian government. He spoke out for truth and he was killed for his witness. We remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer the Lutheran pastor who spoke out against the Nazis. We could look to the example of Fr. Titus Brandsma who spoke out against ant-Jewish laws of the Nazis while living in the Netherlands. Closer to home we recall the founders of St. John's Bread and Life program of social services which was founded out of a Vincentian Spirituality which serves meals to many in the poorest of Brooklyn located at 795 Lexington Ave, Brooklyn. Look at missionaries, religious or priests who serve in crime ridden and drug ridden neighborhoods who speak out against drug dealers putting their lives on the line for their people. Their actions and words are for Christ reflected in their people.

Actions, attitudes speak louder than words. Faith without works is dead. So, how do we live out our faith in the worlds in which we live and move and have our being? For whom can we be a voice? For who can we be a sign of compassion, for whom can we be an act of mercy? "You are the light of the world." Are we? Are you?

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.