

# SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH



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*St. Stephen's – Founded 1866*  
*Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary*  
*Founded 1882*

### MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM 10:15 AM & 12 NOON

\* No Noon Mass on Sunday for July & August, will resume on September 10th.

5:00 PM on Saturday

### MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Mon 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)*

JOHN L. HEYER, II

*Deacon & Pastoral Associate*

MR. EDWIN RIVERA

*Deacon*

MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY

*Director of Faith Formation*

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.

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month

@1:30 PM (except for July and Aug @ noon)

Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

### 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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# Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. JULY 17, 2023**  
8:30 For the Healing and Health of Frank D'Amico, Jr.  
BY: Louis & Alex Passantino
- TUE. JULY 18, 2023**  
8:30 Concetta Battista  
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- WED JULY 19, 2023**  
8:30 Rev. Msgr. Celsus Collini  
BY: A Friend
- THURS. JULY 20, 2023**  
8:30 Joseph Di Covello  
BY: Beverly Di Covello
- FRI. JULY 21, 2023**  
8:30 John Piano  
RB: The Reca Family
- SAT. JULY 22, 2023**  
8:30 For the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Diane & Anthony Geritano  
BY: Son Frank
- SUN JULY 23, 2023**  
8:30AM For The People of the Parish  
10:15AM Iselsa Diangson  
BY: Children & Grandchildren

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

**PARISH GOAL:** \$36,274.00  
**PLEDGED:** \$56,050.00  
**PAID:** \$34,694.00  
**# OF DONORS:** 111

Thank you for your continued support of this appeal. All funds over goal are returned to our Parish to help defray our operating expenses.

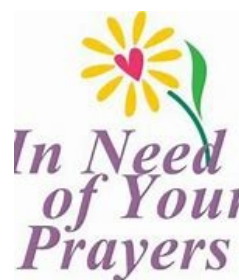
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 7/10 \$1,955.00  
\*Envelopes & cash  
On Line Donations \$3,042.50  
Total Sunday 7/10 \$5,022.50  
Annual Weekly Expenses\*\* \$14,325.00  
Difference: \$ 9,302.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially: Jonelle Bernardo, Sarina



Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laquercia, Irene Balen, Santina Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Carol DeMairo, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony

Tilocca, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy DeMarino, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Louis D'Angelo, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Celeste Internicola, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Dominick Aiello, Jr., Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan

Hannan, Evan Marra, Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevocchi



If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or are seeking full union (Baptism) with the Catholic Faith, you are invited to an inquiry session regarding the OCIA (formerly RCIA) on 8/27 after the 10:15AM Mass. You may also contact Msgr. Massie or Deacon Edwin at 718 596 7750. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is also for baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. OCIA is also for those who have been away for a while and for anyone who seeks to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Here we are in the summer of 2023. Summertime is a growing season. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green. The Church is decorated in green. Green is the color of spiritual growth and life. Many of the crops which were sown in the spring will grow through the summer and be harvested in the fall. Today's readings speak to us of sowing and harvesting. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are told that God sends his Word to the world and God's Word will accomplish all that God wishes to accomplish. The gospel tells us the parable of the sowing of seed and the harvesting of the produce. St. Paul tells us in the reading from his letter to the Romans that all creation is groaning as it awaits the fullness of redemption.

In the first reading we are told that God has sent his Word and the Word will accomplish all that God wills. For us the Word of God is not only God's spoken Word but a person. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. Jesus comes and plants the seeds of redemption through his preaching and his example. Yet we still await the fullness of redemption. In the Lord's Prayer, known as Our Father which was given to us by the Word of God, who is Jesus, we still pray thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. When will the Kingdom of God come? When will we finally cooperate with the redemption that Jesus has already accomplished for us? We need to keep in mind that God sends his Word eternally not just once. Our belief is that in time, the Word of God will be victorious. We pray with the faith and hope that all that God wills for us and the world will come. We are convinced that God's will and kingdom are good.

What do we learn from these readings? Firstly we learn not to give up. Our job, my job, the vocation of the church is to proclaim the Gospel. Sometimes we are gratified and see a difference in the life of people due to the message of the Gospel and the celebration of the Sacraments. Sometimes people do convert to deeper meaning of Life in the Spirit due to our efforts. We must keep in mind that it is God who works through us to accomplish great things. At other times we will not see positive results of ministries. In fact, we may feel our work for the Gospel is in vain. Perhaps you may imagine yourself as a priest or a religious or a parent who teaches, gives good example and finds that their parishioners or students or children have rejected the value system which was passed on to them. Will these young people realize the importance of the values which were to pass on in time? Who knows? One thing is for sure, we must continue to live and give witness by our words, actions and attitudes of all that we are convicted of as being true. We must never give up on living the Gospel message, on truth, on integrity, on honesty, on mercy, on respect and on recognizing every human being as a person worthy of God given dignity. This we must do even if all those around us reject all for which we stand.

Secondly if we have faith than we must believe that the evil will be ended, people can change and will proceed to witness to the Gospel with charity for all with conviction God can do great things through us. Thirdly we can do this only in the context of prayer, sacred text, the Eucharist and the Church community. This will be a great support reminding us of faith and hope and that we are not alone.

Yes, the WORD OF GOD will accomplish great things through us, with us and in us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie