

# 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.

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*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. AUGUST 14, 2023**  
 8:30 Vincent Porcelli  
 36th Anniversary  
 BY: Mom, Guido & Family &  
 Roseann & Family
- TUE. AUGUST 15, 2023- ASSUMPTION**  
 8:30 Repose of the Soul of My Donor  
 BY: Louis Pepe  
 Noon In Honor of Our Blessed Mother  
 BY: Figlia Di Monte de Procida
- WED AUGUST 16, 2023**  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for My Liver Transplant  
 3rd Anniversary  
 BY: Louis Pepe
- THURS. AUGUST 17, 2023**  
 8:30 Anna Liguori  
 BY: John & The Liguori Family
- FRI. AUGUST 18, 2023**  
 8:30 Concetta Battista  
 BY: Nieces & Nephews
- SAT. AUGUST 19, 2023**  
 8:30 Anthony Scotto  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 BY: Wife Maureen  
 5:00 PM For a Personal Intention
- SUN. AUGUST 13, 2023**  
 8:30AM Joseph Trovato  
 BY: Lenny & Jo Ann  
 10:15AM Angelina Baio  
 BY: Her Loving Family



Altar Bread & Wine for the  
 week of  
 August 12th has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
**FEANK LO PORTO**  
 BY: His Loving Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 8/6	\$1,873.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$2,905.50
Total Sunday 8/6	\$4,778.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,546.50

\*\*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



*In Need  
of Your  
Prayers*

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 Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo

### American Red Cross-CPR Certification &

### Naloxone Administration Training



The Parishes of St. Mary Star of the Sea & Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen are pleased to sponsor Red Cross training in Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED as well as Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Administration on Sat. 9/23 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We are offering this training free of charge and lunch will be provided. Upon successful completion of the training, participants will receive a 2 year CPR certification from American Red Cross. Training will be held at St. Mary's, 467 Court St. Pre-registration is required as class size is limited to 15 persons. Please call St Mary's at 718 625-2270 or Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen's at 718 596-7750 to register.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are presented both in the Gospel and in the first reading with people who are facing storms. In each reading the characters are told not to be afraid. Both Elijah and the apostles are told that God is the storm. Storms are part of nature and storms can be weather related or they can happen inside our hearts and minds and psyche. Storms are upsetting because we have no control of them and they have the possibility of changing our lives forever.

In the first reading from Kings<sup>1</sup>, Elijah has been involved in a big political storm. He is running to save his life from Queen Jezebel who has vowed to kill him. His crime was that he defeated and killed four hundred of the Prophets of Baal who was a pagan god. Elijah had spoken the truth and now he is running for his life. He is exhausted not only from his travels but also from all the work he has done as a prophet. He requests that God take his life. He is told that God will speak with him and he recognizes the voice of God not in the fire or the storm or the wind where one might expect, but in a small whisper.

God does speak with us, not always in words or in places we would expect, but sometimes in the most unexpected ways at the most unexpected times and from the most unexpected people. Graced moments do happen but one must listen for them. Sometimes a homily speaks directly to you. Sometimes a child will say something quite innocently and you can relate the simple words to what you are presently experiencing. Sometimes silence itself can speak to our hearts. Yet, we must be ready to hear.

In the Gospel reading we are presented with a great portion. This text is important not only for the lesson it teaches us but also for its Christological meaning. This event tells us a great deal about Christ. The story has the apostles in the midst of a storm while they are in the boat. The sea is unpredictable. While the sea can be pleasant, it can also be very threatening. In this case, the sea is threatening the lives of the apostles. They are frightened. Jesus calls out to them saying “take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” Notice what Jesus says. Jesus uses language which appears in the Hebrew text which is used to describe God. In Isaiah 43-10, we read “To know and believe in me and to understand it is I. “In Isaiah 43:13, we read “I am God, yes from all eternity I am He.” In Isaiah 46-4 we read “it is I who have done this.” In Isaiah 49-12 “I it is I who am the first and also the last am I.” Jesus comes to the apostles walking on the water. Look at Job 9:8, we read “He alone stretches out the heavens and walks upon the crest of the waves. In Psalm 77:20 we read “Though the sea was your way and your path through the deeps waters though your footsteps were not seen.” In each of these quotes, the message is only God can control the sea. Jesus, by walking on the waves and calming the sea, is clearly God. The language used by the writer carries the message that Jesus is God incarnate.

Storms come in our lives. Things happen that we cannot control and which may even be unfair. Fear grips us and we do not know what to do. Well, keep your eyes on Christ. Do not sink as Peter did and know that God is in your storm and fear will bring you to a safe shore even if that shore be a surprise. God is forming us always anew. We as Church, we as individuals, must focus on Christ and take courage.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie