
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:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 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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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.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 3/011	\$ 3,097.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,228.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday during the month of March as follows:

(March 20 and 27th) @

4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. All are welcome! Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Good Friday, March 30th

as well as Easter Monday, April 2nd. Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will not be any staff members present on these two days.

Mark the date!

Lenten Day of Retreat for Altar Servers and their Parents



Date: March 24th, 2018

(Saturday)

Time: 2:00pm - 5:30pm

We will meet in the Rectory.

All Altar Servers and their Parents are welcome!

- MON. MARCH 19, 2018**
 Noon Joseph Solfanelli
 BY: Sister, Marie Trani
 6:00 PM Pietro Reca
 BY: Loving Family
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Table in Cabrini Hall
- TUE. MARCH 20, 2018**
 8:30 For The Intentions of
 The Vergona Family
- WED MARCH 21, 2018**
 8:30 Sue Kelly
 BY: Mike Bannon
- THURS. MARCH 22, 2018**
 8:30 Trudy Testaverde
 BY Rose Palmieri & Daughters
- FRI. MARCH 23, 2018**
 8:30 In Honor of the Holy Cross
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
 For Those Facing Grief & Loss
- SAT. MARCH 24, 2018**
 8:30 Joseph F. Sgro
 BY: Children, Grandchildren &
 Great Grandchildren
 4:00/5:15 Eucharistic Adoration
 For Those Facing Grief & Loss
 5:30 PM Joseph Marchetti & All Deceased of
 The Marchetti Family
 BY: Catherine
- SUN MARCH 25, 2018**
 8:00 Alfred Konig
 10:00 Biaggio Lubrano
 BY: Wife & Children
 12:00 Alice Gabriel
 BY: The Feliciano Family

Sick Relatives & Friends

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, | Mario Austi |
| Brad Hatry | Matthew Ruggiero |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | John Scotto |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
- Addy Wardrope



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COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR APRIL 15TH AT SHSS ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Health Specialists on Sunday, April 15th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church Community Health Fair. Highlights include *American Italian Cancer Foundation "Mobile Care Clinic"* with no cost-on the spot digital mammograms and clinical breast exams for women 40 and over (Call 1 877-628-9090 to make an appointment ahead of time). *NYC Langone Brooklyn* with information on breast and colon cancer screening. *Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield* answering your questions about healthy eating, asthma, depression and diabetes. *NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene* with free blood pressure screening. *Pacific College of Oriental Medicine-Registered Nurses* conducting free auricular acupressure and therapeutic hand massage (M-techniqy) Health Fair will take place in Rectory Hall. Tell your friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

TO ALL

As we hear and meditate on the Passion/Death and Resurrection of Christ during this week and Holy Week, I ask all to keep in mind that these events are the founding events of our faith. Please all remember the following:

“Even though the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ, neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today can be charged with the crimes committed during his passion. It is true that the Church is the new people of God, yet the Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accursed as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. Consequently, all must take care lest in catechizing or preaching the Word of God, they teach anything which is not in accord with the truth of the Gospel message or the spirit of Christ.

Indeed the Church proves every form of persecution against whomsoever it may be directed. Remembering then her common heritage with the Jews and moved not by any political consideration, but solely by religious motivation of Christian charity, she (The Church) deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism leveled at any time or from any source against the Jews.

The Church always held and continues to hold that Christ out of love freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all men, so that all might attain salvation. It is the duty of the Church, therefore, in her preaching to proclaim the cross or Christ as a sign of God’s universal love and source of all grace. (Nostra Aetate 28 October 1965 Vatican II Document)

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The giving of a New Covenant, the establishing of a new relationship between God and humanity is the uniting theme of today's Liturgy of the Word. This New Covenant, this new relationship between God and humanity comes about through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is for this Hour that Jesus has come, the Hour of his glorification through Death to Resurrection.

The Great Paschal Mystery is pointed to in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, the prophet announces that God will make a New Covenant with the people. This new covenant will be different from the past. This new covenant will be written in the hearts of the people. Christianity sees this promise of the New Covenant fulfilled in Christ who is the new covenant. In the second reading from Hebrews and the Gospel, we have an allusion to the prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In Hebrews, we are told that Jesus prayed with tears and supplications. In the Gospel according to St. John, we read that Jesus was troubled because his hour had come. The New Covenant will come to be through the Blood of Christ. Blood means life. The covenant or the relationship we have with God is in Jesus.

In a covenant is a special relationship. During this Lenten Season we read about the covenant between God and the world in the story of Noah. We read about the covenant between Abraham and God in the story of the sacrifice of Isaac. We read about the relationship and covenant with Moses with the giving of the Ten Commandments. In each covenant people both as a group and individually encountered God.

The New Covenant is communal and individual. Our Covenant is not in a written text. Our covenant is not a series of Laws. Our covenant is in a person. It is in the person of Christ Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God that we encounter God and have our New Covenant. The way into this covenant and redemption in Christ is through the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is nourished by the Eucharist. Jesus becomes sin for us. This means that Jesus is the victim of hatred, jealousy, religious self-righteousness, greed for power, rejection. It is because of Christ's faithfulness to the Will of the Father that we will die. The Will of the Father is not willing Jesus' death, but rather the Father wills: love, mercy, justice, peace, joy, goodness, faithfulness, humility, kindness, chastity, gentleness, generosity, self-control, forgiveness. Throughout his life and during his passion, Jesus has been faithful to these behaviors. We are redeemed and forgiven because where humanity was and is unfaithful, Jesus is most faithful. His faithfulness to all God wants redeems our unfaithfulness.

Being a committed member of the Body of Christ calls us to renounce certain behaviors which are against the Gospel and to adhere to other behaviors which foster the Gospel. This commitment can cause us to make difficult choices for the Gospel and to suffer for those choices. This suffering can take the form of being ostracized by your peers, being mocked by the nominal Catholic or unbeliever and even being rejected by others we love.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENT at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen

Engaging the Mind during Lent

Why do Catholics Do That?

(30 minute discussions at 11:15AM over three Sundays in the Main Church)

The Church Calendar as the Image of Christ's Life-March 18 with Nancy Arkin

Engaging the Soul During Lent

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM in the Church

March 23

Stations for those facing **Grief and Loss**

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays from 4:00-5:15 PM in the
Church

March 24

For the Intentions of those facing **Grief & Loss**

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains;

Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy;

Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 24 at 11AM in Rectory Hall

Children 2 and under free, Children 3-13 years old \$5, Everyone 13-99 years old \$15.00 RSVP by March 19th by completing the form found at the Entrance of the Church or by e mailing family@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH WITH LA TAVOLATA DI SAN GIUSEPPE

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH FOLLOWING THE 6:00 PM MASS

We invite everyone to participate in the Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Tavolata by bringing a specialty dish of your own on March 19th in Cabrini Hall. Contact Concetta Lo Presti-Mazzella with any questions at 917-364-7421.

INFORMATION SHEET

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