
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 3/11	\$ 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 27th) @ 4:30 PM in

Rectory Hall. All are welcome!

Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.

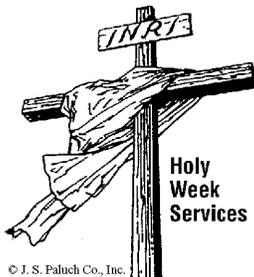


The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Good Friday, March 30th as well as Easter Monday, April 2nd. Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will not be any staff members present on these two days.



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of March 25th is in Loving Memory of ROBERT CAMINITI BY: Valerie, Tommy & Joseph

- MON. MARCH 26, 2018
Noon Rose & John Groccia
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. MARCH 27, 2018
8:30 Pasquale Scotto
BY: Children
- WED MARCH 28, 2018
8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
- THURS. MARCH 29, 2018
HOLY THURSDAY
8:30 Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Solemn Celebration of
The Lord's Last Supper
- FRI. MARCH 30, 2018
GOOD FRIDAY
8:30 Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Liturgy of The Death of Christ
7:00PM Procession
- SAT. MARCH 31, 2018
8:30 Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil
- SUN APRIL 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY
10:00 Easter Mass
12:00 Easter Mass



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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Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) 2018

**‘WE ADORE YOU OH CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE
REDEEMED THE WORLD’**

Dear Parish Community,

Today we begin Holy Week. We call this week “Holy” because we celebrate the events which redeemed the world. This redemption creates humanity anew in Christ. The Liturgies this week while deeply theological and doctrinal, are filled with awe, emotions, sorrow and joy. It is the week to celebrate our faith in Christ. It is the week to be renewed, uplifted and healed.

Today, we proclaim Christ your king with shouts of Hosanna. Palm branches are a sign of victory. Notice that images and icons of martyrs show the particular martyr holding a palm branch. We bring palm to the grave of those we love because the Palm is a sign of Christ’s victory over death. Holy Thursday we contemplate the great love Christ has for us shown in humble service as we hear the gospel of the washing of feet. Participate in the Liturgy of Holy Thursday as we remember in a profound way the institution of the Holy Eucharist. With great love Christ gives himself to us and for us. May we do the same for each other. Good Friday, follow the way of the Cross and listen with an open heart to the Passion of Christ according to Saint John. See in this solemn, sorrowful yet victorious passion the triumph of Christ’s redemptive work. In the simple words uttered by Jesus from the cross: “it is finished.” Jesus completes his mission. We who are baptized, enter into this great victory. On Holy Saturday evening join us at the Easter Vigil. Reflect on the History of Salvation and celebrate the Victory of Christ over death.

The physical, emotional and spiritual sufferings of Christ seem to defy words. How could such inhumanity be committed against a good person? The question can be applied to the sufferings we see going on in the Middle East, in parts of Africa and the Far East. A few months ago a gentleman presented us with a talk on the Shroud of Turin. I was moved by his description of the sufferings of Christ. He spoke of the savage scourging of Christ which frayed his flesh, the dislocation of the right arm of Christ and nailing of his hands to the Cross. This was an inhuman and cruel execution meant to cause untold suffering and humiliation to the victim. The Romans were a very cruel and unfeeling people. Many of us look at the Cross and never really see. We need to think of this suffering, we need to see the faithfulness of Christ and realize that our salvation came at a high cost. Jesus remains faithful to his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Jesus spoke of forgiveness and mercy and practiced the message he preached. According to a Hasidic tale, God is exiled from our world. So, when God appears in our human flesh and presents us with the truth about God, which can challenge our preconceived notions of God, we reject it and exile God. All those who speak out in favor of the exiled God will suffer as God suffers. Jesus is rejected. Those who preach him, who urge us to forgive, urge us to expand our horizons, face the same fate as Jesus. Jesus is faithful to his message to himself and to us. He is even faithful to those who reject him. Yet, there are many, even Catholics, who will pass this Good Friday as another shopping day or as a day to get a jump start on the weekend. We must hold the death of Christ deep in our hearts. I feel that in our modern high tech world, fewer and fewer people are taking these days as days set aside to assist at the Liturgy, days to reflect and days to pray. I hope I am wrong in my estimation. Those who use these days for prayer and reflection will find their souls and spirits renewed.

As I personally reflect on the scriptures for Lent and Holy Week, I am drawn to the great mystery of the Incarnation that is God becoming human in Christ Jesus. That the Word of God became flesh and taught us how to live, how to be merciful and how to forgive is for us a gift. That the Word of God became flesh, suffered and died taking on our infirmities and sins, this goes beyond words. What a mystery is God. What love must God have for us? What does one say or do in the presence of such a mystery? How does one respond to such love? How does one live one’s life when one is constantly becoming aware of the great love of God? Perhaps one lives one’s life in adoration and thanksgiving by striving to follow and to imitate Christ Jesus in acts of mercy and love.

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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*

To The Parish Community,

Today, Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) begins Holy Week. This week is the most important week in the Liturgical Year. Celebrating the redemption which Christ accomplished for us, it also celebrates the re-creation of the world. You are invited to share in these most sacred events by participating at all the Holy Week Liturgies. Through our participation, we enter into these mysteries.

Each day in Holy Week will have its own particular theme or themes. Palm Sunday is made up of two parts. The Blessing and Procession of the Palms recalls and celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The waving of the Palms and the calling out of Hosanna proclaims Christ as King and Victor! Thus the Palm is also a sign of Victory over death. We use Palm as a sign of martyrdom. It is also placed on graves of the dead as a sign of Victory of Christ over death.

Our Easter celebration begins with Holy Thursday. Holy Thursday celebrates and remembers the Supper of the Lord with his disciples on the night before he died. While every Mass remembers and celebrates the Supper of the Lord, Holy Thursday most especially enters into this celebration. The center of Holy Thursday is the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We believe that Jesus is really present in this sacrament. In this sacrament, the Risen Lord abides with us. The sacrament is not a symbol or a sign, it is truly the living presence of Christ. At the end of this liturgy, a time for Adoration will be provided for people to spend time before the Sacrament in praise and thanksgiving for the redemption which Jesus has accomplished for us. This sacrament is attached to the ministry of service. This service is illustrated in the washing of the feet of parishioners. This washing is symbolic of all Christian service. While not completely related to this liturgy, we will present the Holy Oils at this mass. These oils consecrated at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday evening are used for the Sacraments of Sick, Confirmation and in Baptism. They remind us of the constant care and mercy for us.

Good Friday is the day of great silence and prayer in the Church. Good Friday focuses on the Death of Christ. The Cross is the center of the day. While the Cross is always central to our lives, this day it is paramount. The Liturgy is simple. While Mass is not celebrated on this day, the liturgy of the Word and Communion are the center of the liturgy. This day we are called to penance for our sins and thanksgiving for all that Christ has done for us.

Holy Saturday is a day of rest. There are no liturgical celebrations this day. We are called to reflect again on the death of the Lord. It will be on the eve of this day that we will celebrate the Great Easter Vigil, proclaiming the Resurrection of the Lord. Easter Vigil begins in darkness with the blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle, the retelling of the whole story of Salvation from Genesis to the Easter Gospel, followed by the retaking of our Baptismal Promises and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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