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# **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:**

8:00 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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 3/18	\$ 3,109.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,216.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

MON. APRIL 2, 2018

Noon Anna Massie

TUE. APRIL 3, 2018

8:30 Filomena, Pasquale & Larry Scotto  
BY: Family

WED APRIL 4, 2018

8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John

THURS. APRIL 5, 2018

8:30 For The Poor Souls in Purgatory  
BY: Florentina B. Haagard

FRI. APRIL 6, 2018

8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
BY: Rosemary Polito & Family

SAT. APRIL 7, 2018

8:30 Anthony John Frangioni  
BY: Karen Trentacoste  
5:30 PM M/M Salvatore Pellecchia & Son Jerry  
BY: Rose Palmieri & Children

SUN APRIL 8, 2018

8:00 AM Anna Ruggiero  
BY: Family  
10:00 Deceased Members of  
The Piro & Senese Family  
BY: The Piro Children  
12:00 Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Family  
BY: Grandchildren



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

(4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24) @ 4:30 PM in

Rectory Hall. All are welcome!

Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



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The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Easter Monday, April 2nd.

Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will not be any staff members present on these two days.



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of April 1st is in Loving Memory of JENNY & FRANK SACCO  
BY: The Sacco Family



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the Week of April 1st have been Donated In Loving Memory of JANET CACCIOPPOLI

BY: Olivia & Emilio Cuomo & 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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**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**EASTER IS THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE!**

**EASTER IS THE REASON WE CAN SAY THAT DEATH IS NOT AN END  
BUT A CHANGE**

**Dear Parish Family,**

The Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ is the life line of the Church. This mystery is the reason for our hope. Christian Hope is founded on the Resurrection of Christ. From darkness, betrayal, defeat, injustice, excruciating suffering, abandonment and total destruction, the Resurrection of Christ destroys all evil and brings new life. The Resurrection is the foundation of our redemption and the reason for our hope. It was not the Cross that claimed Christ, rather it is Christ who claimed the Cross. It is not death that destroyed Christ, it is Christ who destroyed death.

Easter invites us to make a commitment to the faith. In the first reading of each of the Lenten Sundays, we were presented with the various covenants which were made between God and the Israelites. We read the story of Noah, Abraham and Moses. Each of the Lenten Sunday stories asked us two profound questions: Do you believe? How will your life change because of your answer to the first question? If Easter hope is going to affect our lives, then we must choose to believe. We must choose light over darkness, hope over despair and joy over sadness. With the help of the community, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we can choose to be people of hope, mercy and love in the world which may oppose such beliefs and sentiments. So, only you and I can roll away the stone of darkness and choose light. Only you and only I can roll away the stone of hopelessness and choose hope. Only you and I can roll away the stone of anger and vengeance and choose peace and reconciliation. The grace of Easter helps us to roll away the stones of our lives. We can be a negative person or a positive person. In the Light of the Risen Christ, we can discern truth and we can discern how to communicate that truth.

Easter is a great time for those of us who are mourning the loss of a loved one or who may have the feeling of hopelessness or abandonment. Listen to the sacred text which speaks to us of loss and hope. If you are struggling to raise from addiction, to conquer bad habits or going through any form of rehabilitation, see in the celebration of Easter new strength.

The Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches have a great prayer for Easter. May this prayer remind us that Christ conquers death in all its forms. May this prayer move us to choose to raise with Christ through all our sufferings.

**“Christ is Risen from the dead and by his death  
he has trampled upon death and he has given life to those who are in the tomb.”**

**Fear not come out of the tombs of fear and sadness and allow CHRIST to heal your heart. The retelling of the victory of Christ can move us from the pain of OUR personal Good Fridays to the HOPE of our personal Easter. Only you and I can roll away the stone**

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST OUR HOPE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA**

**PASCHAL BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS!**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

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:

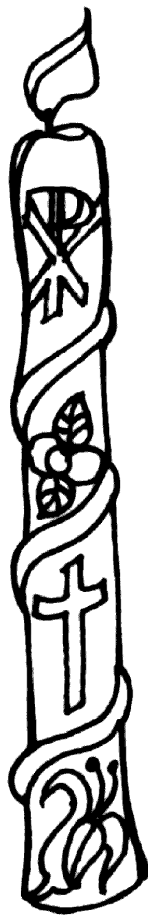
*Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains;  
Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of  
Faith Formation; Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy;  
Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation*

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### K OF C NIGHT AT THE RACES

Our Lady of Loreto Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a Night at the Races on Saturday evening, April 14th @ 7:00 PM to be held in Cabrini Hall. Admission is \$10.00 per person and includes pizza and beverages. All are welcome.

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**Alleluia!**  
**Christ**  
**is**  
**risen!**

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