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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

- MON. MARCH 11, 2019**  
 Noon Michael Colandrea  
 BY: Melania Lubrano
- TUE. MARCH 12, 2019**  
 8:30 Filippo & Maddalena Vicari  
 BY: The Reca Family
- WED MARCH 13 2019-**  
 8:30 Buddy Hudson  
 BY: Carolyn & John
- THURS. MARCH 14, 2019**  
 8:30 Sr. Barbara Leonardo &  
 Msgr. Anthony Danna  
 BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
- FRI. MARCH 15, 2019**  
 8:30 Virginia Marks  
 BY: Sandy Mendes  
 7:00 Stations of the Cross
- SAT. MARCH 16, 2019**  
 8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John  
 5:30 Mario & Annunziata Vinci  
 BY: Their Grandchildren
- SUN MARCH 17, 2019**  
 8:00 AM Lourdes Dizon  
 BY: The Schmitt Family  
 10:00 Lucia Borrometi  
 BY: The Conti Family  
 Noon Pasquale Liguori, Sr.  
 BY: Loving Son John &  
 The Liguori Family

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/03	\$ 3,274.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,051.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
 Month of February totaled \$ 2,766.35

## 40 DAYS OF CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17000 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent—"40 Days of Cans for 40 Days of Lent." The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the food pantry at the Movement Pentecostal Christian Church on Summit Street. Donations of canned food will be collected beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donations boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Pepe, Grand Knight  
 Knights of Columbus #17000



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 March 10, 2019 has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
**REV. AEDAN MCKEON O.P.**  
 BY: Marie Caria

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019**

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**  
**RAISED: \$ 6,030.00**

The 2019 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 Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy,  
 Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.*

Please remain assured that your gift to the  
*Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the  
 settlement of abuse claims or for anything other  
 than their above listed intended purpose.*

# 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        |
| Judith DeArmen       | John Nigro          |
| Judith Miller        | Alissa Aquino       |
| Diane Barchuk        | Addy Wardrope       |
| Carol DeMairo        | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rev. Michael Carrano | Anthony Turco       |
| Roe Gambardella      | Elizabeth Foley     |
| Ann Curcuru          | Dora Zanzonico      |
| Lamar McNabb         | Anna Maria Marino   |
| Carol Montelbano     | Gina Salta          |
| Anthony Manfre       | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby        | Louis Janicke       |
| Louann Gambardella   | Robert Janicke      |
| Dominick Piro        | Dominick Aiello     |
| Erica Concino        | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Terese Pugliese | Mark Carles         |

## BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday April 1, 2019. We will be discussing **DAVID & GOLIATH** by Malcolm Gladwell All are welcome. Meetings take place in the Parish House @ 7:00 PM.

## CHOIR NEWS

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Thanks for all your kind words of encouragement in recent weeks as each of the choirs has sung at Sunday Mass. The Parish Adult Choir will sing at next Sunday's 10:00 AM Mass.

**Notes from the Organist:** I'm often asked about our Church's pipe organ, and so would like to provide here some answers to FAQ's. The instrument you hear most at Sunday Masses is a real pipe organ, not an electronic imitation. It was installed in 1952. It makes its sound by blowing air through pipes, much like blowing a whistle. The 45 pipes you can see in the loft are for display only (they do not sound) but they are very much like the over 2,000 pipes that do sound, ranging in size from one inch to sixteen feet tall. The sounding pipes are just out of sight, behind the display façade. I'll be sharing more information about this venerable old instrument in the coming weeks.

## UPS AND DOWNS

After 2 1/2 years since beginning our church elevator project, on Friday, February 22nd, the NYC Buildings Department certified our church elevator for regular use. This is a great moment in the history of our parish as we make our worship and community space accessible to all who wish to worship regardless of their physical abilities. However, we have not yet completed our project. The installation of the automated door openers at the Hicks Street side and in the church have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed in the next 3 weeks. New signs for each floor and the outside of the building have been ordered and will be installed soon. Lastly, the marble wall covering in the lobby of the church and finishing paint around each of the landings must also be finished. At this time, it is once again appropriate to thank in a special way our architects Baxt Ingui Architects, P.C. who have donated of their services to this project including their project management staff. Remember that it is our support of the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign which has allowed this work to be done. We still need your financial support in order to complete all aspects of this project. Parish donors have already paid \$581,665 of the \$783,765 pledged to the campaign. If you have made a pledge to Generations of Faith please continue to make your payments allowing us to fully fund our parish elevator. We look forward to updating you further in the days ahead.

St. Joseph



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**Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Heritage Committee invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Joseph with the traditional Tavolata di San Giuseppe on Tuesday March 19, 2019. Mass @6:00 PM followed by Tavolata in Cabrini Hall.**

According to the legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to St. Joseph, foster father of the Infant Savior, and asked his intercession before the throne of God. Their prayers were answered with the ending of the dreadful famine. A special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of the Saint. Wealthy families prepared huge buffets, they then invited the less fortunate people of the village, especially the homeless and the sick to partake in the meal. This celebration became the tradition now known as Joseph's Table or La Tavolata di San Giuseppe. We invite everyone to participate in the SHSS Tavolata by bringing a specialty dish of your own on 3/19. Contact Concetta Lo Presti-Mazzella with any questions or if you would like to help. 917 364-7421

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,,

“ We adore you O Christ and we Bless you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”

Lent invites us to love Christ more deeply.

The First Sunday in Lent invites us to focus on our personal relationship with God. This personal relationship needs to be lived out in the context of the Eucharist, the sacred text, tradition and in the community of the church. While our relationship with Christ is personal, it is not solitary. We are always to see ourselves in relationship with community. Each Sunday, the first reading taken from the Hebrew Scripture will speak to us about the covenant relationship we have with God. A covenant is a relationship. For us, this is more than a contract, it means both sides are invited to give all it takes to be faithful to the relationship. At Mass we hear about the New Covenant ultimately the New Covenant is Jesus. In Jesus, in his life, suffering and death, we see graphically what faithfulness to the relationship between God and humanity means.

The Covenant we have with God is Jesus. In Jesus, humanity and divinity meet. Each of us enters into this relationship with God through Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. Each of us keeps this Baptismal relationship alive in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The guide post of our covenant relationship with God are stated in our baptismal promises. During Lent, we are invited to re-examine these promises so that we may better renew them at Easter, correct our shortcomings in fulfilling them and recommitting ourselves to Christ and his mission. To assist us in our Lenten self examination, I invite you to look, read and study these promises: Do you reject sin (everything contrary to the Gospel) so as to live in the freedom of children of God? Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin? Do you reject Satan, the father of sin and prince of darkness? Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried and rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting?

The following are questions to consider while reflecting on these promises:

- In our world today, what does it mean to reject evil and sin? What is evil? How does one reject it? How does one recognize sin in one's life? What does it mean to believe in God? What does it mean to believe in Jesus? How does one believe? What is required? What does the communion of saints mean? What do we mean by the resurrection of the Body? What do we mean by the holy catholic church? Each Sunday we try to address these questions. Recognize them in the selected Sunday Scriptures.

I wish you a blessed and spiritually uplifting Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Lent is a great season of hope. It is the time of the year that the earth itself is preparing for new life. Lent is a call to renewal, renewal of our spirits, our lives and our very being. The practices of Lent are motivated by renewal and hope. Fasting and abstinence from food is an ancient Lenten practice. Fasting is found in many Christian and non-Christian communities for both spiritual growth and social justice awareness. Fasting means not eating. This can be done in many ways. One may fast from eating in between meals. One may fast from eating a particular food for a period of time. For example one may fast on bread or sweets, etc. The fasting need not be a painful experience. The purpose of the self denial is to remind you that Christ gave up his life willing for you. This fasting you are doing is to gently remind you of this article of our faith. Secondly, fasting can help the poor. The money saved from fasting which you otherwise might of spent can be given to the poor or given to help someone else.

To help you with the Fasting and Abstinence, the Catholic Church requires all from the age of 14 and over not to eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent. This is to remind us of the death of Christ on a Friday. Those ages from 14 to 59 are asked to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. This means that one may only eat one main meal. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

While fasting is commendable and should be done, I also urge you to do positive acts for Lent. This is a season which invites us to make room for God in our busy lives. It is time to pray in new ways. I may suggest that you pray the Stations of the Cross perhaps two stations a week until Easter. While focusing on the sufferings of Christ, ask yourself where you may be in this particular station. For example, the first station Jesus is condemned to death. For a meditation, think of acceptance of things and situations which we cannot change. How difficult acceptance of loss or change can be. Another meditation, have you or someone you know suffered an injustice? Has someone you know been condemned to death due to a cancer or a terrible sickness which is unfair? If so, then you have found your prayer for this first station of the Cross.

I suggest reading Sacred Text. Perhaps read the Lenten Gospels proclaimed each day at mass during Lent. This will keep you in line with the praying Church. As you read, ask yourself Where am I in this gospel? What stands out in this gospel for me? Sit with the Gospel for ten minutes a day. It will be a great experience.

I highly recommend that you join the parish on the days we have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of Christ with us. I ask that you take time to sit in silence in the presence of the Lord. Allow this mysterious and wonderful sacrament to contemplate you and you to contemplate the Lord. Allow this to be a time of growth for your spirit.

**Engaging the Mind during Lent**

**Let us Pray in the words Jesus gave us;**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name	<b>March 10th</b>
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done as it is in heaven	<b>March 17th</b>
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses	
As we forgive those who trespass against us.	<b>March 31st</b>

**LENTEN VESPERS 4:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	<b>April 7th</b>
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**Engaging the Soul During Lent**

**Stations of the Cross**

**March 8th** English /Italian  
**March 15th** English/Italian

**March 22nd** The Stations of St. Francis of Assisi

**March 29th** Contemporary Prayer Service centered on Passion  
**April 5th** Stations re-enacted by the **Children** of the Parish

**April 12th** Stations in the Ignatian spirituality

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Mondays 11 AM-Noon in the Chapel**

**March 11th** for the intentions of  
....those who do not believe in God  
.....those who do not believe in Christ

**March 18th** For the intentions of  
....the unity of Christians.  
.....the Jewish People

**March 25th** For the intentions of our Catechumens

**April 1st** For the Intentions of  
.....The Pope

.....All orders and degrees of the faithful

**April 9th** For the intentions of those in tribulation

**April 15th** for the intentions of  
.....those in public office  
.....the Church

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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