
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

MON. MARCH 18, 2019

Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Family

TUE. MARCH 19, 2019

8:30 St. Joseph for the Parish
6: PM Pietro Reca
BY: The Reca Family
Followed by Traditional St. Joseph Table
in Cabrini Hall

WED MARCH 20 2019

8:30 Patricia Richardson
BY: Anthony & Camille Trani

THURS. MARCH 21, 2019

8:30 John & Joseph Cloonan
BY: Loving Family,
Mary Ann, Joe & Amy

FRI. MARCH 22, 2019

8:30 Joan Wantz
BY: The Favorito Family
7:00 Stations of the Cross

SAT. MARCH 23, 2019

8:30 Joseph Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren
5:30 Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Mom

SUN MARCH 24, 2019

8:00 AM Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad
10:00 Carol Baker
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
Noon Dominic Scotto



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
March 17th have been donated

In Memory of

CHARLES & PATRICIA WESTHOFF

BY; Tommy, Valerie & Joseph

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/10	\$ 2,660.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,665.00

**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 17 2019 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
JOAN WANTZ

BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

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 |
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| 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 Therese 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.



Be sure to thank a choir member! The Adult Choir is singing today at the 10:00 AM Mass. Their efforts do so much to enhance our worship experience and we're thankful for the gifts they continue to share with us. Please visit the choir loft anytime to talk about getting involved; your voice would be a welcome addition! Next Sunday, the Youth Choir will sing at the 10:00 AM Family Mass.

Notes on the Pipe Organ (continued from last week): Our instrument's 2000 + pipes are controlled from the console, a beautifully finished wooden "keydesk" where the organist plays upon three (keyboards) and a pedalboard (a keyboard played by the feet), and controls sounds by use of various buttons, levers and pedals. From the console, electrical signals are relayed through a switching system, ultimately opening and closing valves under each individual pipe so that air may flow on time, which is heard as a note in the music. The pipes stand together in their rows and "sing" much like a choir, filling the church with their various sounds. The ranks of pipes are organized into 4 different chambers in the loft, and the air is supplied from a powerful blower high in the church tower.

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 Family:

Today, the Second Sunday in Lent, the readings invite us to consider the topics of trust and faith. Do we trust in the glory that is now hidden from our eyes? Can we trust God? Is it reasonable to believe? In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we meet Abraham. Abraham, as you remember, is called our father in faith because God revealed himself to him and he believed. In the Book of Genesis, we learn that God promised to make Abraham a great nation. When God called Abraham, Abraham was already old. God promised that even in his old age, he would have a son. Abraham believed God. The promise of a son takes a long while to fulfill but it does happen. God made good on his promise. Isaac is born, even though Abraham's wife Sarah was elderly. Isaac understandably is Abraham's pride and joy. Isaac was the sign that Abraham had a future. He has a son who would be his heir.

In today's reading, the unthinkable happens. God puts Abraham to a test. God requests that Abraham sacrifice his only son. Imagine, just imagine the reaction of Abraham. How can this be? God promised that I would have a son? God promised that my descendants would be a great nation? How can God allow this to happen? Was there something greater at stake here which Abraham did not yet see?

In the Gospel, we read about the Transfiguration. This is a mysterious revelation. Peter, James and John witness an event in the life of Jesus in which the curtain between our world and the divine seems to open for a brief moment. The disciples see the glory of Christ. The event has Paschal overtones. They realize that Jesus is the one to whom the Law, represented by Moses and the prophets, represented by Elijah are awaiting. These are the very same apostles who will see the disfiguration of Jesus in his Passion and Death. Imagine their confusion, their questions and their disillusionment. How can the glory of the Transfigured one become the horror of the disfigured one on the cross? How can this happen? Why did this happen? Why would God allow such a thing to happen? This Jesus is the one who they believed, who they loved, who made promises of everlasting life to them. What happened? Was there something that the apostles were missing?

How often have you heard the story? How often have you experienced a moment when all seems lost? How often may you have felt disappointed by God? Do these questions sound familiar? This man was so good to everyone and yet he comes down with cancer. My son was so young and he dies, why? Why not me, not him? We did everything right, we followed the rules, we were honest, we attended Mass, said our prayers, we prayed for protection and what happened? We feel that God is not on our side. Have we missed something?

Abraham, the apostles and we also do miss something. We miss the hidden glory. Abraham was put to the test. God knew Abraham's faith, but did Abraham know his faith? Could he trust? The apostles on the Friday Jesus died had their faith tested. They could not see beyond the cross to the redemption the cross accomplished. We too, when faced with setback, disappointment, innocent suffering, need to keep in mind that somehow God is accomplishing our redemption. We need to remind ourselves and each other that for every cross there is resurrection. We come to Mass to celebrate the Eucharist, to be reminded of the Resurrection of Christ and to help each other see the glory of God in our midst.

Rev. 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)

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done as it is in heaven **March 17th**

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us. **March 31st**

LENTEN VESPERS 4:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil April 7th

Engaging the Soul During Lent

Stations of the Cross

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

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

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