
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 25, 2019**
 Noon Felice & Anna Tesoriero & Family
 BY: Grandchildren
- TUE. MARCH 26, 2019**
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
- WED MARCH 27 2019**
 8:30 Pasquale Scotto
 BY: Children
- THURS. MARCH 28, 2019**
 8:30 Antonino Di Nieri
 BY: The Favorito Family
- FRI. MARCH 29, 2019**
 8:30 Caterina Deserio
 BY: Her Sister Anna
 7:00 Stations of the Cross
- SAT. MARCH 30, 2019**
 8:30 John Cloonan & Joseph Cloonan
 BY: Loving Family,
 Mary Ann, Joe & Amy
 5:30 John Scotto
 BY: Rosemary Polito & Family
- SUN MARCH 31, 2019**
 8:00 AM John Cerato
 BY: Louis Pepe
 10:00 Salvatore Lubrano
 BY: The Delgado Family
 Noon Josephine Azzarello DeFelice
 BY: Afflitto Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of March 24th have been donated

In Memory of
AGNES SHIN
 BY: Chris Taylor

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/17	\$ 3,212.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$11,113.00

**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 24 2019 has been donated
 In Loving Memory of
LORIANNE SGRO ZODDA
 BY: The Hoerburger Family

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 Therese Pugliese | Mark Carles |

Louis Pepe



Many thanks to the Sacred Hearts Youth Choir for singing at today's Family Mass!

Notes on the Pipe Organ (continued from last week): Our instrument's 2,000-plus pipes were made specifically for our church's acoustic. To achieve their distinctive sound, they are made in a variety of shapes—cylinders, cones, rectangular box-like columns—and from a variety of metals and wood. Each type of pipe is made in many sizes, so that a complete scale from low to high can be played with a consistent sound. We are fortunate to have inherited such a magnificent instrument from the previous generations of this parish. To purchase a comparable authentic pipe organ nowadays would cost several million dollars. The organ is one of the most valuable physical assets we have, and its ongoing work is to inspire all who hear it.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about DAVID AND GOLIATH by Malcolm Gladwell. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on Monday, May 6th. We will be discussing THE JAPANESE LOVER by Isabelle Allende. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family:

Today, the Third Sunday of Lent the Lenten message is loud and strong; “ Repent and hear the Good News.” Repentance is for all of us. No one is exempt. The Pope, the bishops, the priest, the religious, the lay person are all called to repent. Repent means to convert, to come to a deeper relationship with God. Repent means to realize that our final goal is God.

In the first reading from Exodus, we have the story of the great theophany. God reveals God’s name of Moses. God has come down because he is concerned about the enslavement of his people, the Hebrews. What do we learn in this reading? The first thing we learn is God’s name. God’s name is I AM. God is a mystery. God is a person. God’s name tells us that no idol can be made of God. God is. While this God will become incarnate and known as Jesus, God is a mystery who we need to experience in order to know. This journey of knowing God is a journey of the soul. Everyone has his or her own land of oppression. Each has his or her own land of Egypt which we need to leave in order to make things right. This journey leads us to true freedom which is the result of having a right relationship with God. While the Israelites will have their Exodus to the promised land, each one of us has his or her own exodus story. To know God is to see God is our life goal.

The second thing we learn is that God is concerned for the oppressed. Any form of oppression is wrong according to the mind of God. True freedom comes from a deep relationship with God. It was the oppression of the Israelites that caused God to come down. If God comes down to us, we go up to God. It is not a surprise that this was a favorite book of Black slaves in our own country. Oppression comes in many ways. There is physical oppression, mental oppression, emotional oppression, spiritual oppression. There are many forms of slavery. There is moral slavery seen when one is tethered to behaviors which rob one’s dignity while using other people. We see this in addictions, pornography, the sex trade, the drug trade. There is the oppression of hatred and self hate. There is the oppression of idolatry, superstitions, the making of money, power, influence our life goals. The God revealed to Moses is one of true freedom found in a deep relationship with God.

In the Gospel reading we are told that we have a limited amount of time to set the relationship with God right. Jesus addresses a topic: unexpected death due to accidents or earthquakes. Why do these things happen? Jesus does not mention, but he does say we need to be prepared to meet God at any time. The parable of the fig tree addresses our timeline. The tree is given time to produce fruit. If after it has been cared for by the gardener, it still refuses to produce fruit, it was to be taken down. So, we are the tree. The Word of God, the sacraments, the love of those around us, address us and direct us for our own good. If we cannot listen, we too will run out of time.

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)

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 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 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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