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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. APRIL 22, 2019**  
 Noon John & Rose Groccia  
 BY: Son and Daughter-in-law
- TUE. APRIL 23, 2019**  
 8:30 Filomena, Pasquale & Larry Scotto  
 BY: Family
- WED. APRIL 24, 2019**  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
- THURS. APRIL 25, 2019**  
 8:30 Personal Prayer Intentions
- FRI. APRIL 26, 2019**  
 8:30 Michael Bombolino  
 BY: Louis & Angela Napoli
- SAT. APRIL 27, 2019**  
 8:30 Ruby Gaudino  
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia  
 5:30 PM Ramona Mugno  
 BY: Daughter, Debbie
- SUN. APRIL 28, 2019**  
 8:00 Mildred Sonnick  
 BY: Husband & Children  
 10:00 St. Michael Society\*  
 Noon Madonna dei Maracoli\*\*  
 BY: Devotees

\* Will use Rectory Hall after the 10:00 AM Mass  
 \*\* Will use Rectory Hall after the noon Mass

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/31	\$ 3,512.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,813.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

On Line Giving for the  
 Month of March totaled \$ 3,273.06

## 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  
 April 21, 2019 has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
**Deceased & Living Members of  
 THE DI SCHIAVI FAMILY**  
 BY: Palma & Gino

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

**PARISH GOAL: \$32,306.00**  
**RAISED: \$35,474.00**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew drive last weekend. Thanks to your generosity and that of those parishioners who made their pledges prior to this weekend. Currently pledged \$35,474.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so as all donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal over our goal will be returned 100% back to the Parish.



**The Sanctuary Lamps for the  
 Week of April 21st have been  
 donated  
 For the Deceased & Living  
 Members of  
 THE DI MEO FAMILY  
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# 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      |
| Camille Limardi       | Dominick Aiello     |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Mark Carles         |
- Louis Pepe

## MUSIC NEWS

**Notes from the Organist:** I'm often asked about our church's pipe organ, and so would like to continue here with a description of its current condition. Our magnificent old instrument still sounds every week, but just barely. It's approaching 70 years old, and due to the wear and tear of age, dust and water damage, it has developed many ailments: keys that won't connect to pipes that won't sound, cracks and leaks that howl, whistle and hiss. The organist must take care not to use certain sounds, not to play certain notes, to avoid standard combinations of tones which simply don't work right now. What we hear each Sunday is a mere shadow of what our pipe organ once was. Most organ music is completely unplayable in this condition, and even our beloved hymns have to use sound combinations that would normally be considered unacceptable-often sounding either anemic, strident or cloying. As detailed in recent articles, it's a large and complicated instrument, so repairs of these ailments is not easily accomplished. But we are nearing a point where something will have to be done. More on this next week.....

## 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.

## MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting baby shower gift donations to be donated to the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely choose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate the gifts in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 12th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event.

# From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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Today, Easter is the first of all Sundays. It is because of this day that Christians of all denominations worship on Sunday. It was this great event, the Resurrection of Christ which inspired Christians to move the day of worship from Saturday, the day of rest, to Sunday, the first day of the week. It was on Sunday that Christ arose and it was on the first day of the week that light was created from darkness. It is a day of hope. Life conquered death. It is the day that light overcame darkness. It is the day that death was no longer forever.

During Holy Week and the great Liturgies of Holy Week, I found myself thinking of a hand wrestling match. In my spiritual imagination, I saw Christ the power of all that is good, hand wrestling with evil. The match seems intense. On Good Friday, it seems that the hand of evil and sin were winning. We were plunged into darkness of death and the tomb. Yet, in one great move of his hand, Christ slams the hand of evil down and he wins. In the midst of told suffering, pain and death, Christ wins the victory. To this great struggle fought by Christ and his great victory, we rejoice and say: Amen! Alleluia!

In the midst of my singing Alleluia, I am made painfully aware that the battle between good and evil continues. This also means that the victory of Christ must continue. Around me swirl reports of white supremacist, the rising up of anti-Semitism in Europe and the United States, the rising number of school shootings, serious health issues for many of our parishioners, lack of vocations and rising up of scandals in the very Body of Christ ( the Church). On a personal level we experienced disappointments, setbacks, heartaches, loss and even difficulties having faith to mention nothing of having the loss of hope. This seems to be the state of where we are as a church, a parish and a nation. We are not in a good place. It is at times like these that we must remember Easter. I called to mind these words from the Easter Proclamation sung at the Easter Vigil: "The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to the mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty."

The celebration of Easter never comes too early nor does it come too late. It comes when we most need it. Easter begins in the darkness of the tomb. It begins in our dark nights of the soul. The victory of Christ continues in our present day. The wounds of the Church will heal, the truth that makes us free will have the last word, our nation will wake up to the dangers of racism, anti-Semitism and violence, our pains will cease, we will see our loved ones once again and our disappointments will bear fruit and in the end, all our crosses will experience resurrection. It gives us the reason to have hope, not wishful thinking or even positive thinking. Our hope is based on the sure foundation that Christ is Risen. For every Cross there is Resurrection even it if is on the other side of life. Yes, it seems that tough times will not end. Yet, it is not God who is holding back the victory of good. Perhaps the world with preoccupation of power and money is not open to the victory already won. In the end, Christ wins.

So, why am I here preaching, celebrating the sacraments, encouraging hope? Why do I stay in a church rocked by scandal and disappointment? Why do I continue to challenge the dark forces of our world and community? I do this for more than one reason: I believe in the Resurrection of Christ. Christ my hope is risen. Join us in this great faith and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday. It gets you through the dark days and even brings us to new hope and new life.

Happy Easter!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**TO ALL**

The Jewish People and the Passion narratives present us with a need for a pastoral note. The Passion Narratives in no way justifies anti-Semitism nor any persecution of the Jews of our day or any other day. Keeping with the Teachings of the Catholic Church as explained at Vatican II in the document Nostra Aetate (In Our Time), I remind you that writing of the Passion is not story of trial as we would know it. The Passion is a theological and Catechaitcal document. These events were written after the Passion and reflect a time period which was not contemporary with the Passion but with later history when The Jewish Community of Jerusalem was dividing between those who accepted Jesus and those who did not. This divide caused families and friendships to split apart. I ask you to be mindful of the quote below from Vatican II. As we hear and meditate on the Passion/Death and Resurrection of Christ during the next few weeks, I ask all to keep in mind that these events are the founding events of our faith. Please remember the following:

Even though the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ, neither all Jews indiscriminate 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 accused 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 whomever 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 clarity, she (the Church) deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism leveled at anytime 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 of Christ as a sign of God's universal love and source of all grace. (Nostra Aetate 28 October 1965 Vatican II Document)

**American Italian Cancer Foundation**

**Early Detection of Breast Cancer Saves Lives!**

**The Mammogram Bus will be here Sunday, April 28th. Come in for a no cost Mammogram and Clinical Breast Exam:**

**Eligibility:**

**Woman age 40-79**

**Currently living in New York City**

**No Mammogram in the past 12 months**

**OUR SERVICES ARE NO COST.**

**No co-payments required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients also welcomed.**

**Hosted By:**

**Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church**

**125 Summit St. Brooklyn, New York 11231**

**Sunday April 28, 2019**

**For an appointment call:**

**718 596 7750 or 1 877 628 9090**

**Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services**

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