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# **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

### **CONFESIONS:**

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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# MASSES for the Week

**MON.** APRIL 29, 2019  
 Noon Theresa Cosenza  
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia

**TUE.** APRIL 30, 2019  
 8:30 Vincenzo, Concetta, Ignazia  
 & Giovanni Di Rosa  
 BY: Francisco Di Rosa

**WED.** MAY 1, 2019  
 8:30 Violet Massie

**THURS.** MAY 2, 2019  
 8:30 Evelyn Pellecchia & Son Jerry  
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
 BY: Rose Palmieri & Daughters

**FRI.** MAY 3, 2019  
 8:30 Leona Zagami  
 Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)  
 BY: Loving Family

**SAT.** MAY 4, 2019  
 8:30 Ruby Gaudino  
 BY: Friends from Chic  
 5:30 PM Nurses' Mass

**SUN** MAY 5, 2019  
 8:00 Alfred Pipitone  
 BY: Mom & Dad  
 10:00 Josephine & Costantino Pipitone  
 BY: Children  
 Noon Anna Ruggiero  
 BY: Family

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The Sanctuary Lamps for the  
 Week of April 28th have been  
 donated  
 In Memory of;  
**Antonino Di Nieri**  
 BY: Terri Scotto

## 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



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 April 28, 2019 has been donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
**Joseph & Jean Bivona**  
 BY: Fran & Destiny Bivona

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019**

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	<b>\$32,306.00</b>
<b>RAISED:</b>	<b>\$35,474.00</b>

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.

## CHANCE FOR MEMORIALS

Did you notice the new vestments during our Holy Week and Easter services?

Memorials for these vestments are available to dedicate the vestment set which are used during the Easter and Christmas Season as follows:

Main Celebrant Chasuble	\$1,000.00
4 Con-Celebrant Chasubles	\$600.00 each
2 Dalmatics (For Deacons)	\$1,400.00 each

If you are interested, kindly call the Rectory and speak with Rose Marie Foglia for more details.

## 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:

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 Wardrobe
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardella
Rev. Michael Carrano	Anthony Turco
Roe Gambardella	Elizabeth Foley
Ann Curcuru	Dora Zanzonic
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

Do you know someone in the parish choirs? Be sure to thank them for all their hard work and dedication! Mille grazie to our Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Adult Choir for their beautiful singing at the Holy Week liturgies! The Youth Choir will be here again next Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 AM Mass.

**Notes on the Pipe Organ:** As detailed in this column before Easter, our venerable old pipe organ is suffering from years of wear and tear, dust and water damage. Thank God for our choirs and instrumentalists, who so fabulously brought the Holy Week music to life, despite the limited capabilities of the organ in its current condition. Restoration of the instrument has been examined, and is an expensive undertaking. It may be worth it. 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 assets we have, and its 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.

### 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

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Dear Parish Family.,

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. This day is also known as the eighth day of Easter of the Octave of Easter. This entire week which we just completed, was called Easter Week. The liturgies of this past week were all Easter Liturgies. The Gospel readings for each day actually all took place on Easter Sunday. The Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ are too big to be contained in one day. The Church celebrates Easter Sunday for eight days. Today we conclude our Easter Octave celebration and the Easter Season now begins. Each Sunday of the Easter Season will have an Easter theme. However, we must keep in mind that every Sunday of the year is a Paschal Celebration. We come together on Sunday because of the great events of Easter.

Today we conclude our Easter Octave with the celebration of Divine Mercy. Listen carefully to the readings. The apostles are gathered in the upper room. They are a sorry lot. They are filled with worry. They are feeling guilty over their abandoning Jesus in his hour of greatest need. They are probably filled with grief over his death. They saw Jesus as their friend and their teacher. Jesus had changed their lives. They may have been angry with Judas for having betrayed Jesus. They may have even been angry with Jesus, thinking that they were duped into following him and his message. Now, because of their association with Jesus, they could be considered criminals. In short, they are a wounded, hurt and suffering community.

Now focus on Thomas. He separates himself from the community. He goes off by himself and grieves the loss of Jesus. He is hurt, he is angry and he does not believe any good can happen again. Thomas is wounded. He is isolated from the others in his thoughts, feelings and even his beliefs.

Now focus on Jesus. Jesus entered the upper room. Resurrection does not resuscitate. Resurrection means risen in the body but changed. It means spirit-filled. It means that while Jesus is recognizable, he is changed. While the life of Jesus prior to the resurrection seemed to focus on his humanity, the life of Jesus after resurrection focuses on his divinity. Jesus is recognized by the apostles as being the same Jesus they knew but he is changed. Notice that Jesus comes to them and grants them peace. He does not mention their unfaithfulness. He knows how they feel. Jesus not only gives his life for them, he now breathes The Holy Spirit upon them. Jesus breathes new life into this apostles like the Prophet Ezekiel spoke the Word of God over the dry bones of Israel giving them new life (cf Ezekiel 37). Notice that Jesus shows his wounds on his body to the wounded body of the apostles. It is through the wound of Jesus that we can peer into and see his divinity. It is from his wounded side and hands that Jesus forgives, bestows mercy and rehabilitates Thomas and the apostles. At the end of the Gospel passage, we see that mercy triumphs. The apostles will proclaim redemption and salvation in Christ Jesus to the world. The only beatitude in the Gospel of John will be uttered about us. "Blessed are those who have not seen, yet still believe."

Today there are many of us who are wounded. Even the Church, the Body of Christ, suffers from wounds. Some of us have long standing issues with the Church leadership. Some of us are angry and hurt enough by scandals of the clergy and the behavior of Catholics, to leave the community. Some of us are disappointed in life in general. Some of us are angry with God. Some of us are angry with ourselves. Some of us are or were victims of crime, injustice, hurt and neglect. Some of us have sinned and some of us have made terrible mistakes. All of us are human. All of us are strong and weak at the same time. All of us share both the apostles; John's faithfulness to Christ and Peter's denial of Christ. Some have even betrayed both Christ and his Gospel by the way we have lived and acted. Yet, today and in this season, we are reminded that Mercy's is available for all who are sorry and who wish to strive to amend their lives. We are a sinful Church, a sinful priesthood and a sinful weak people. We all need Mercy. No one is exempt. No sin is so grave, no tomb so dark and no life is so far from the Victory of Christ. If you have been away, come home. If you are here, rejoice in God's Mercy.

A Blessed Easter Season !

**THANK YOU**

The Parish is the Body of Christ in our community. It takes all of us working together to create the Most Beautiful Church and the Most Beautiful Parish in Brooklyn.

Thank you to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations uplifting, inspirational and prayerful.

Thank you to our Music Director, James Lake and our Choir Director Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraf.

Thank you to all the members of the Choir and to all the members of the Young People's Choir.

Thank you for your time and all your work.

Thank you to our greeters, Gertrude Zagarella and Anthony Troiano and all who so warmly greet our parishioners and visitors.

Thank you to Andrew DiMando and Theresa Delgado, our sacristans.

Thank you to all our Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you to our Altar Servers.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin and all our Catechists and all the volunteers who help in our Wednesday and Sunday Schools.

Thank you to John Heyer and all those who helped to create a prayerful and seasonal environment in our church. The flowers are beautiful.

Thank you to our dust angels under the direction of General Superior Linda Masi and all who help the church look bright and clean.

Thank you to our Deacon, John Paul for his wonderful singing and help he gave us in these past few months.

Thank you to all our parishioners whose love and support help this parish to stand tall.

Thanks to all.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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