
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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 3/05	\$ 3,180.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,145.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

- MON. MARCH 12, 2018**
 Noon For the People of the Parish
- TUE. MARCH 13, 2018**
 8:30 Buddy Hudson
 BY: Carolyn & John
- WED MARCH 14, 2018**
 8:30 Sr. Barbara Leonardo, Sr. MT &
 Rev. Anthony S. Danna
 BY: Joe Cerato & Louis Pepe
- THURS. MARCH 15, 2018**
 8:30 Larry Scotto
 BY His Family
- FRI. MARCH 16, 2018**
 8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
- 7:00PM Stations of the Cross**
 The Passion According to Mark
- SAT. MARCH 17, 2018**
 8:30 Pasquale Liguori, Sr.
 BY: Beloved Son John &
 The Liguori Family
- 4:00/5:15 Eucharistic Adoration**
 For Those Who Seek Healing
- 5:30 PM Louise, Ciro & Vincent Balzano**
 BY: The Geritano Family
- SUN MARCH 18, 2018**
 8:00 Lucia Borrrometi
 BY: The Conti Family
- 10:00 Theresa & Loreto Schiano &**
Lee Andrew Hirsch
 BY: Daughter & Mom



We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday during the month of March as follows:
 (March 13, 20 and 27th) @

4:30 PM in Rectory Hall. All are welcome!
 Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Good Friday, March 30th as well as Easter Monday, April 2nd.

Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will not be any staff members present on these two days.

Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast will be held in Rectory Hall on Sunday, March 18th following the 10:00 AM Mass . Hot Buffet Breakfast @ \$20.00 per person. For reservations and more information, e-mail KofC585@aol.com.



Mark the date!

Lenten Day of Retreat
 for Altar Servers and
 their Parents

Date: March 24th, 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 2:00pm - 5:30pm

We will meet in the Rectory.

All Altar Servers and their Parents are welcome!

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 Laqueria | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | John Scotto |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |
| Carol Montalbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Addy Wardrope | |

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, March 12th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **NOBODY'S FOOL** by Robert Russo. All are welcome!



**Bread and Wine for the week of March 11th has been donated
In Memory of
SUEY (GUHM) DONG
By: M/M Michael Eng & Family**

EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER SAVES LIVES!

Mobile Care Clinic will be here at Sacred Hearts/ St. Stephen Church, 125 Summit St. on Sunday, 4/15/18 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM to provide no cost digital Mammograms & Clinical Breast Exams. Woman aged 40 and over who currently live in New York City and have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months are eligible. No cost involved. No co-pays required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients are welcomed! This event is hosted by Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen. For an appointment please call 718 596-7750 (Between the hours of 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM) or 1-877-628-9090 anytime.

REPENTANCE, RECONCILIATION, RECOLLECTION, REFLECTION, RENEWAL, RESURRECTION

THE GREAT AND HOLY SEASON OF LENT.

This is a season which invites us to self examination before the Lord. Lent is both a journey to a deeper personal conversion to the Lord as well as a call to us as the community of the Church towards a deeper conversion to the Gospel of Christ. As a community, the Church universal reminds us that fasting, Almsgiving (charity) and Prayer are three columns of this season of grace. As a Catholic Community united throughout the world, we will abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. As a Catholic community united with the Church throughout the world, we will fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating only one main meal. These regulations are applied to all ages 14 to 59. These regulations are minimal. We encourage all to fast and practice self denial at this time so as to meditate on the great things God has done for us through the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. (Some may be unable to fast for health reasons. We encourage those who cannot fast to practice another act of self denial as would be in keeping with their situation.)

DO NOT TRIVIALIZE THIS SEASON, RATHER MAKE A TIME OF TRUE INTROSPECTION. Lent is a time for REPENTANCE, RECONCILIATION, RECOLLECTION, REFLECTION, RENEWAL, RESURRECTION. What in your life do you need to change? What bad habits do you need to address? What behaviors in your life enhance your relationships with the Lord and others and what behaviors hinder those relationships? Who do you need to forgive? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness? To whom have you been unjust? Do you love the Lord Jesus enough to ask for the grace to truly change?

Fasting helps us to self deny in a culture which needs instant gratification. Fasting and using the money saved from buying favorite foods which we have given up can be used to donate to a charity.

Prayer places us always in God's presence. Prayer unites us with the Lord. Prayer need not have words. It can be a silence in the Divine Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer can be a reflection on the Scripture reading. Prayer can just be a call for mercy. Too many words in prayer can be distracting. **LENT IS A GREAT SEASON FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY. MAY IT BE THAT FOR ALL OF US. PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN FOR PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT SHSS.** (Readings, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Reconciliation times)

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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“The Lord God then called to the man and asked: Where are you? (Genesis 3-9)

“Our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you, O Lord.” (St. Augustine)

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The scriptures are more a story of God’s longing for a relationship with us rather than our longing for a relationship with God. In the Book of Genesis 3:9, ER we read: “The Lord God called to the man asking: Where are you?” This one line sets the theme for the entire Biblical story. The theme of Covenant (relationship) continues. Today, the first reading from II Chronicles reminds us of God’s constant love and God’s faithfulness to his people even when they ignored the covenant and were unfaithful. In the second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, we are told that God is rich in mercy. Paul reminds us that our redemption is the result of God’s graciousness toward us, not a reward for our faithfulness as if we earned our redemption. God is faithful to us even when we are not faithful to him. In the Gospel from Saint John, we are reminded “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” The responsorial psalm urges us to remember God’s faithfulness.

Perhaps we can liken God’s covenantal relationship to humanity and to us as that of the love of a parent. The parent loves his/her child. The love is unconditional. The parent wills the good for the child. While the love for the child is unconditional, approval for everything the child does is not always present. The parent may love the child, but disapprove of the child’s behavior. The child has done nothing to earn the love of the parent, the love is given. Approval has to be won. In the first reading, God loved his people but their wanderings and unfaithfulness to the covenant caused them to suffer from the nations around them. Their neglect of the covenant caused them to be less than they were called to be. Their errors caused God suffering in the sense that a parent suffers when their child suffers, even if the suffering is the fault of the child. The suffering of the parents whose child becomes involved in crime or drugs is an example. The parent will do anything to help the child. The parent is present even when the child rejects the parents. In the same way, God, through the prophets, calls his people back.

What is it that allures us from God? For what are we searching? Could we be looking for our own identity? Could we be searching for security in a very unsure world? Can we be wanting to exert our independence? Are we searching for some meaning in our lives that goes beyond our everyday life? Are we in need to be told that we are loved? Do we need to know that our lives matter in the lives of others? Are we searching for relief of stress? Are we looking for inner peace? Do we feel unfilled? Do we seek to answer these feelings and questions by developing habits which dull our senses such as drinking, gambling, drugs, pornography, consumerism, binging on food or television and other outrageous behaviors? Is there emptiness in our hearts that we may sometimes feel and ignore? The answer to all of this is found in a quote:

“ Our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you, O Lord” (St. Augustine)

The Spiritual life is lived between God’s calling to us, “where are you?” and our response, “Our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you O Lord.”

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENT at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen

Engaging the Mind during Lent

Why do Catholics Do That?

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

The Church Calendar as the Image of Christ's Life-March 18 with Nancy Arkin

Engaging the Soul During Lent

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM in the Church

March 16

Contemporary Prayer Service centered on
The Passion according to Mark

March 23

Stations for those facing **Grief and Loss**

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays from 4:00-5:15 PM in the
Church

March 17

For the Intentions of those who seek **Healing**

March 24

For the Intentions of those facing **Grief & Loss**

The 2018 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 Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy;

Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 24 at 11AM in Rectory Hall

Children 2 and under free, Children 3-13 years old \$5, Everyone 13-99 years old \$15.00 RSVP by March 19th by completing the form found at the Entrance of the Church or by e mailing family@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

Looking for an Encounter? *Are you searching for an uplifting spiritual encounter this lent?*

Join us on Friday, March 16th at 7PM in the main church for a contemporary musical experience reflecting on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. All are Welcome!

INFORMATION SHEET

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