
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 4/8	\$ 2,872.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,453.00

** Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday during the month of April as follows:

4/17, 4/24 @ 4:30 PM in

Rectory Hall. All are welcome!

Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of April 15th is in

Loving Memory of

DOM & MOLLY VASTANO

BY: Phyllis & Linda

HOPE AND HEALING

The annual Diocesan Mass of Hope and Healing, sponsored by the Diocesan Survivors Advisory Committee, will take place on Wednesday, the 25th of April @ 7:00 PM at the parish of St. Nicholas of Tolentine (located at 150-75 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, N.Y.). The main celebrate will be Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn. All are invited to gather on this day, to pray for healing for all those who have been impacted by childhood sexual abuse.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting baby shower gift donations to be distributed by 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 unwrapped in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 8th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event.

- MON. APRIL 16, 2018**
 Noon Deceased of The Valentino, Masi & Orsino Families
- TUE. APRIL 17, 2018**
 8:30 Angie & Eddie Samperisi
- WED APRIL 18, 2018**
 8:30 Josephine & Joseph Patti
 BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
- THURS. APRIL 19, 2018**
 8:30 A personal Intention
- FRI. APRIL 20, 2018**
 8:30 Agatina, Concetto & Rosetta Conti
 BY: The Conti Family
- SAT. APRIL 21, 2018**
 8:30 Deceased Members of
 The Azzarelli Family
 BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- 5:30 PM Angelina, Fred & Preston Geritano
 BY: The Geritano Family
- SUN APRIL 22, 2018**
 8:00 AM Eileen Coen
 10:00 Theresa & Loreto Schiano &
 Lee Andrew Hirsch
 BY: Daughter & Mom
- 12:00 Madonna dei Miracoli
 BY: Devotees

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 |
| 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 Montelbano | Rev. Michael A. Carrano |
| Addy Wardrope | John Nigro |
| | Judith DeArmen |



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COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR APRIL 15TH AT SHSS ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Health Specialists on Sunday, April 15th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church Community Health Fair. Highlights include *American Italian Cancer Foundation "Mobile Care Clinic"* with no cost-on the spot digital mammograms and clinical breast exams for women 40 and over (Call 1 877-628-9090 to make an appointment ahead of time). *NYC Langone Brooklyn* with information on breast and colon cancer screening. *Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield* answering your questions about healthy eating, asthma, depression and diabetes. *NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene* with free blood pressure screening. *Pacific College of Oriental Medicine-Registered Nurses* conducting free auricular acupressure and therapeutic hand massage (M-techniqy) Health Fair will take place in Rectory Hall. Tell your friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

ECUMENICAL CONCERT

Join us as we pray together in anticipation of the Feast of Pentecost with music provided by the choirs of various Christian communities including Interdenominational, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Greek and Melkite. Save the date of Friday, May 18th @ 7:30 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. The musical program for the evening is a retrospective for the Easter Season, following-via music & narration-the journey from Holy Thursday through Pentecost. All are welcome!

YOUTH MASS

Come and join us for our Youth Mass to be held on Sunday, April 29th at Noon here at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. Our young people from all parishes are welcome. For more information, contact Laura, our Youth Minister at 718 596 7750.

Annual Memorial Candles

If you wish to remember a loved one or have a particular devotion to one of the saints, annual memorial candles are available at the rectory. All candles may have a plaque with the inscription of your choice written on it. The cost for the candle is \$100.00 per year (with a one time \$10.00 charge for the plaque). If you are interested, please contact the Rectory Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9-5 and speak with Rose Marie Foglia. We will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

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Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season. The Gospels will tell us about the Easter experiences of the apostles and the early Christian Community or the Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter boldly and confidently proclaimed the death and Resurrection of Christ. Peter says that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob glorified Jesus. Peter boldly states that accepting Jesus is not a break with the Covenant of Moses but a continuation and a fulfillment. Notice the great change in Peter who denied knowing Jesus in the Passion narrative. Now he boldly preaches about the Resurrection of Jesus. The second reading from 1John explains that the death of Jesus is redemptive. The way we can be sure we know Jesus is by living in obedience to the command of Jesus, which is to love God and others for the sake of God.

The Gospel for today is a wonderful and inspiring narrative. We actually learn a great deal about early Christian liturgy and early Christian belief. I shall like to propose the following points of study in this gospel.

1. Christ is Risen physically, 2. Christ is present in the community of believers, 3. Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text and 4. The Risen Christ brings about change in those who believe.
1. Christ is Risen physically. It is true that the body of Christ is changed after his Resurrection and is no longer subjected to the laws of time and space, yet he is the same Jesus known to the disciples before the Resurrection. Since God becomes incarnate in Jesus, God is always incarnate even in the Resurrection.
2. "Where ever two or three are gathered in my name there I am in their midst." The dejected disciples in the gospel are gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. They are confused, fearful and perhaps disillusioned. They probably are grief-stricken and filled with guilt. While they are speaking among themselves, two other disciples join them announcing how they saw Jesus on the road and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. While they are speaking, Jesus enters the room. In the midst of speaking about Jesus, Jesus is made present. When we discuss the scriptures, Jesus is present. This is called the Liturgy of the Word. This is the first part of the Mass.
3. Christ is really present in the Eucharist and in the sacred text. I cannot emphasize enough the belief we have in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe and so does his text believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of Bread. This term Breaking of Bread is an ancient name for the Eucharist. Jesus is recognized in the Breaking of Bread. When we receive the Eucharist, we are meeting a person. We are meeting Jesus. We are in union and communion with God. Do we think about communion as the highest moment of our day? Do you really believe you are encountering the Lord Jesus? At adoration, do we think and believe that you are in the presence of the Divine? In the text, Jesus explains the sacred text of the prophets, psalms and other biblical writings. Our faith is nourished with scripture and sacrament.
4. The Risen Lord brings about change in the believer. The two disciples say "were not our hearts burning in us?" They change direction and go back to Jerusalem no longer afraid, no longer hopeless, no longer dejected. They are filled with new life. For all of us, the Risen Lord once allowed into our hearts and minds can affect change in attitudes, inner conversion and change in the direction of our lives. The key is to want to change for the better, to want to be healed, to want to let go of the past negativity. Suffering, disappointment and worry may come to us, but in and through these real human experiences, God is really present. Every experience is molded to our deeper conversion to the mind and heart of Jesus even in pain.

The Risen Lord is present here with us and through us as we try to live in the light of his presence. The Risen Lord is present in the Eucharist. The Lord is present in the Word. In short, today's Gospel told the story of the Mass. It told about the scripture and it told us about the Eucharist. Imagine for all these centuries, the Church in one way or another has been proclaiming the Word and recognizing the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread. Wow! This is a good reason to believe in the Resurrection of Christ.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

BISHOP'S APPEAL

On April 28th and April 29th we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal at all of our Masses. If 50 parishioners pledge \$150.00 each to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal!

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*

SHELTER PET ADOPTION TRUCK
AT SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH
10:30 AM-2:00 PM



Animal Care Centers of NYC will be at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church with Great Shelter Dogs and Cats available for adoption! Animal Care Centers of NYC adoptions include; vaccinations, spay/neuter, a pre-registered microchip, an identification tag, a collar and a certificate for a free initial exam at participating veterinarians. Come find your forever friend!



IMAGINE

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL FUN

A CONCERT
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Benefit Party to further the Music Ministry at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 6:30 PM in Cabrini Hall, 125 Summit St.

Buffet Dinner @ \$30.00 per person.

Tickets can be purchased after all masses at the doors of the church.

Live Performances by the Three Choirs of Sacred Hearts.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We will meet at the entrance to the Church (on stairs) on April 19th @ 8:15 AM. PLEASE BE ON TIME! 8:30 AM SHARP.

We are leaving WITH you or WITHOUT you!
Please be on time to take your seats on the bus.

See you all then!

INFORMATION SHEET

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