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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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ANDREW DI MANSO

*Sacristan*

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*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

### **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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 4/1	\$ 11,709.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$2,616.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

**MON. APRIL 9, 2018**  
Noon In Honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary

**TUE. APRIL 10, 2018**  
8:30 Maria Vergona  
BY: Loving Family

**WED APRIL 11, 2018**  
8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa

**THURS. APRIL 12, 2018**  
8:30 Luciano & Mary Bellocchio  
BY: The Reca Family

**FRI. APRIL 13, 2018**  
8:30 Deceased of  
The Azzarelli Family  
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato

**SAT. APRIL 14, 2018**  
8:30 Ignazia, Concetta, Vincenzo &  
Giovanni Di Rosa  
BY: Francesco Di Rosa  
5:30 PM Alfonse & Jean Cipaldo  
BY: Daughters Debra & Angela

**SUN APRIL 15, 2018**  
8:00 AM Alfred Pipitone  
BY: Mom & Dad  
10:00 Filomena Peruffo  
BY: The Delgado Family  
12:00 Henry Stella  
BY: Clara



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

(4/10, 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 8th is in Loving Memory of ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY

BY: Clara Stella



The Sanctuary Lamps for the Week of April 8th have been Donated

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### BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **MUDBOUND** by Hillary Jordan.

All 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:

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!

**THANK YOU**

I think most of us would agree that our Holy Week Liturgies were uplifting while renewing to our spirits. The word "Liturgy" means the work of the people. Liturgy involves all of us coming together to give praise and thanks to God for our good and for the good of the whole church. The Liturgy of Easter is involved and inspiring. Such liturgy requires the work of many people. I thank all who made Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday most prayerful and most celebratory.

Thanks to:

Thank you to all our parishioners who make all of this possible through your generosity.

Thank you to the Choir, to the Children's Choir, to musicians, to Dr. Evelyn Troester DeGraf and Mr. James Lake.

Thank you to our greeters at the doors, Gertrude.

Thank you to our Hospitality person, Anthony Troiano.

Thank you to our Sacristans, Andy De Manso and Teresa Delgado.

Thank to our Altar Servers.

Thank you to our Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you to all who helped decorate, who helped to create a beautiful environment in this church.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin and our Religious Education Ministers and all the Catechists and all who help with the Catechetical program which has well over 270 children.

Thank you to Edwin & Sondra Rivera and Medical team who keep us healthy.

Thank you to Rose Marie Foglia, our Business Administrator.

Thank you to those who clean up the church, our "dust angels" under the direction of Sister Superior, Linda Masi.

Thank you to Mohammed Rahaman who makes needed repairs and assists in the cleaning.

Thank you to Francesca Rea

Special thanks to John Heyer who certainly gives so much of his time to this parish and thank you to his wife Maria and his family for sharing him with us.

Thank you to our Parish Council and our Finance Committee for their time and work for the good of this parish.

This is truly the most beautiful Church and the most Beautiful Parish because we have beautiful people.

Thank you to all!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

# From the Pastor

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**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**Dear Parish Family,**

**Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. This day is also known as the eighth day or the Octave of Easter. This entire week which we just completed was called Easter Week. The liturgies of these days 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. Each Sunday of the Easter Season will have an Easter theme, however, we must keep in mind 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 his beliefs.**

**Now focus on Jesus. Jesus entered the upper room. Resurrection does not mean resuscitation. Resurrection means risen in the body but changed. It means spirit-filled. It means 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 the 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 his apostles in a similar way that God breathed life into Adam. (Genesis 2:7) Jesus breathes the Spirit into his 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 wounds 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 all his 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 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 so far from the Victory of Christ. If you have been away, come home. If you are here, rejoice in God's Mercy.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

**BISHOP'S APPEAL**

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***

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**K OF C NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**Our Lady of Loreto Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a Night at the Races on Saturday evening, April 14th @ 7:00 PM to be held in Cabrini Hall. Admission is \$10.00 per person and includes pizza and beverages. All are welcome.**

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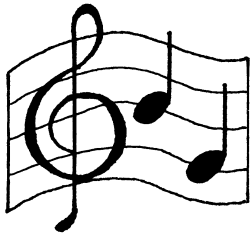


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**SHELTER PET ADOPTION TRUCK  
AT SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH  
10:30 AM-2:00 PM**

**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!**

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**CONCERT**

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**IMAGINE**

**AN EVENING OF MUSICAL FUN**

**A 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.**

**Live Performances by the Three Choirs of Sacred Hearts.**

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**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**

**CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS**

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