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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 15, 2019**  
**Noon** Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
**BY: Family**

**TUE. APRIL 16, 2019**  
**8:30** Joseph & Anna Esposito  
**BY: M/M Louis Napoli**

**WED APRIL 17, 2019**  
**8:30** Shannon Molloy  
**BY: Camille & Anthony Trani**

**THURS. APRIL 18, 2019**  
**8:30** Morning Prayer  
**7:00 PM** Solemn Celebration of  
 The Lord's Last Supper

**FRI. APRIL 19, 2019**  
**8:30** Morning Prayer  
**3:00 PM** Liturgy of The Death of Christ  
**7:00** Procession

**SAT. APRIL 20, 2019**  
**8:30** Morning Prayer  
**8:00 PM** Easter Vigil

**SUN APRIL 21, 2019**  
**10:00** Easter Sunday Mass  
**Noon** Easter Sunday Mass



**The Sanctuary Lamps for the  
 Week of April 14th have been  
 donated**  
**In Memory of**  
**MICHAEL BOMBOLINO**  
**BY: Rose Marie Foglia**

## 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 14, 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: \$ 6,030.00**

The 2019 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 Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy,  
 Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.*

Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their above listed intended purpose.

# 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      |
| Dominick Piro         | Dominick Aiello     |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Mark Carles         |

Louis Pepe

## MUSIC NEWS

Many thanks to the Bellantuono family for the recent donation of the lovely wooden music stand, so well-suited to the church décor. Thank you!

**Choir News:** all three choirs are now preparing for the great liturgies of Holy Week, which contain some of the loveliest music of the year. We hope you will be there with us!

**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.

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND

### EASTER

|                 |             |                             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Thurs.</b>   | <b>4/18</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b>              |
|                 |             | <b>Morning Prayer</b>       |
|                 | <b>4/18</b> | <b>Last Supper 7:00 PM</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>4/19</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b>              |
|                 |             | <b>Morning Prayer</b>       |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>4/19</b> | <b>3:00 PM</b>              |
|                 |             | <b>Passion of the Lord</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>4/19</b> | <b>7:00 PM</b>              |
|                 |             | <b>Procession</b>           |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>4/20</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b>              |
|                 |             | <b>Morning Prayer</b>       |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>4/20</b> | <b>8:00 PM Easter Vigil</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>4/21</b> | <b>10:00AM Easter Mass</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>4/21</b> | <b>12:00 PM Easter Mass</b> |

**PASSION SUNDAY ( PALM SUNDAY) 2019  
“WE ADORE YOU OH CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU  
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE  
REDEEMED THE WORLD”**

Dear Parish Community:

Today we begin Holy Week. We call this week “Holy” because we celebrate the events which redeemed the world. This redemption creates humanity anew in Christ. The Liturgies this week contain deep theological and doctrinal insights, they are filled with awe, emotions, sorrow and joy. It is the week to celebrate our faith in Christ. It is the week to be renewed, uplifted and healed.

Today we proclaim Christ our King with shouts of Hosanna. Palm branches are a sign of victory. Notice that images and icons of martyrs show the particular martyr holding a palm branch. We bring palm to the graves of those we love because the Palm is a sign of Christ’s victory over death. Holy Thursday we contemplate the great love Christ has for us shown in humble service as we hear the gospel of the washing of the feet. Participate in the Liturgy of Holy Thursday as we remember in a profound way the institution of the Holy Eucharist. With great love, Christ gives himself to us and for us. May we do the same for each other. Good Friday, follow the way of the Cross and listen with an open heart to the Passion of Christ according to St. John. See in this solemn, sorrowful and yet victorious passion, the triumph of Christ’s redemptive work. In the simple words uttered by Jesus from the cross: “ it is finished.” Jesus completes his mission. We who are baptized enter into this great victory. On Holy Saturday evening, join us at the Easter Vigil. Reflect on the History of Salvation and celebrate the Victory of Christ over death.

The physical, emotional and spiritual suffering of Christ seems to defy words. How could such inhumanity be committed against a good person? The question can be applied to the sufferings we see going on in the Middle East, in parts of Africa and the Far East. In the Eastern Catholic magazine, Sophia, I read an article on the Passion of Christ. I was moved by his description of the sufferings of Christ. He spoke of the savage scourging of Christ which frayed his flesh, with hooks that removed pieces of flesh, the dislocation of the right arm of Christ and nailing of his hands to the Cross. This was an inhuman and cruel execution meant to cause untold suffering and humiliation to the victim. The Romans were a very cruel and unfeeling people. Many of us look at the Cross and never really see. We need to think of this suffering, we need to see the faithfulness of Christ and realize that our salvation came at a high cost. Jesus remains faithful to his mission to proclaim the kingdom of God. Jesus spoke of forgiveness and mercy and practiced the message he preached. According to a Hasidic tale, God is exiled from our world. Most of us want a God or a Jesus we like. We want God to act as we would. So, when God appears in our human flesh and presents us with the truth about God, which can challenge our preconceived notions of God, we reject it and exile God. All those who speak out in favor of the exiled God will suffer as God suffers. Jesus is rejected. Those who preach him who urge us to forgive, urge us to expand our horizons, face the same fate as Jesus. Jesus is faithful to his message, to himself and to us. He is even faithful to those who reject him. Yet, there are many Catholics who will pass this Good Friday as another shopping day or as a day to get a jump start on the weekend. We must hold the death of Christ deep in our hearts. I feel that in our modern high tech world, fewer and fewer people are taking these days as days set aside to assist at the Liturgy, days to reflect and days to pray. I hope I am wrong in my estimation. Those who use these days for prayer, reflection, will find their souls and spirits renewed.

As I personally reflect on the scriptures for Lent and Holy Week, I am drawn to the great mystery of the Incarnation that is God becoming human in Christ Jesus. That the Word of God became flesh and taught us how to live, how to be merciful and how to forgive is for us a gift. That the Word of God became flesh, suffered and died taking on our infirmities and sins, this goes beyond words. What a mystery is God. What love must God have for us. What does one say or do in the presence of such a mystery? How does one respond to such love? How does one live one’s life when one is constantly becoming more aware of the great love of God? Perhaps one lives one’s life in adoration and thanksgiving by striving to follow and to imitate Christ Jesus in acts of mercy and love.

**WE ADORE YOU OH CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS  
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

**Engaging the Soul During Lent**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**

April 15th

For the intentions of those in public office  
.....the Church

**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) deploras 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)

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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