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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  
5:00 PM on Saturday

**MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Monday 12:00 Noon  
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

**Adoration:** Monday @ 11:00 AM  
First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 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.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00  
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. March 16, 2020  
 Noon Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John  
 1:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing-Parish House  
 7:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House

TUE. MARCH 17, 2020 ST. PATRICK  
 8:30 Louis Pernice  
 BY: Andy Di Manso  
 1:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House  
 7:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House

WED MARCH 18,2020  
 8:30 Lucia Borrometi  
 BY: The Conti Family

THURS. MARCH 19, 2020 ST. JOSEPH  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving to The Sacred  
 Heart of Jesus & St. Stephen &  
 St. Joseph  
 BY: Annette  
 6:00 PM Pietro Recca  
 BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

FRI. MARCH 20 ,2020  
 8:30 For The Intentions of Rose Palmieri  
 BY: A Friend  
 7:00 PM Stations of The Cross

SAT. MARCH 21, 2020  
 8:30 For The People of The Parish  
 4:00 PM Faith Scripture Sharing Parish House  
 5:00 Adeline Runfola  
 BY: Louis & Angela Napoli

SUN MARCH 22, 2020  
 8:00 For The People of the Parish  
 10:00 Bridget Scannavino  
 BY: A Friend  
 Noon Dominic Scotto

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 3/08	\$ 2,297.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,005.00
Total Sunday 3/08	\$ 3,302.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 11,023.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Bread & Wine for the week of  
 March 15th has been donated

In Loving Memory of

**JOHN EDWARDS**

**BY: Laura & Michael Eng  
 & Family**

## 40 DAYS OF CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:

As we approach Lent 2020, please reflect on  
 this: *Follow me, I will show you the way.....*

Once again, the Bishop Thomas V. Daily council  
 #1700 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food  
 drive for Lent. The canned food that will be  
 collected will be donated to the **St. John's Bread  
 & Life Program** food pantry. Donations of canned  
 food will be collected at SHSS (125 Summit St.)  
 beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing  
 through every weekend during Lent. Donation  
 boxes will be placed in the rear of the church.  
**Please help us help others.** *Follow me I will show  
 you the way.*

## NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus of our O L of Loretto  
 Council invites you to a Night at the Races on  
 Saturday, April 25th @ 7:00 PM in Cabrini Hall.  
 Advance tickets are \$15.00, \$20.00 at the door.  
 Ticket includes food and beverages and a cash bar.  
 This event will support The Feast of the Sacred  
 Heart and Our Lady of Loretto Council. Flyers will  
 be in the back of the church for more information.

# 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            | Louis Pepe          |
| Michelle Laquercia    | Irene Balen         |
| Dolly Vergona,        | Gloria Heyer        |
| Judith DeArmen        | John Nigro          |
| Judith Miller         | Alissa Aquino       |
| Diane Barchuk         | Addy Wardrope       |
| Carol DeMairo         | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca       | Anthony Turco       |
| Roe Gambardella       | Elizabeth Foley     |
| Ann Curcuru           | Dora Zanzonico      |
| Lamar McNabb          | Louis D'Angelo      |
| Carol Montelbano      | Gina Salta          |
| Anthony Manfre        | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby         | Louis Janicke       |
| Louann Gambardella    | Robert Janicke      |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr.  | Mark Carles         |
| Erica Concino         | Bernadette Janicke  |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Kristin Quail       |
| Helene Rolla          |                     |

**Free Seminar on Estate and Legacy Planning**  
**Sunday, March 29th**  
**11:15 AM to 12:15 PM in**  
**Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen**  
**Transfiguration Chapel**

Do you need to understand more about wills and trusts? Are you confused about tax-free charitable contributions and assets? Do estate plans matter? Join us for this free workshop and learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs and promote the legacy of your faith for future generations. Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, in partnership with the Heaton Smith Group, this free seminar will be held right after the 10 o'clock mass between 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM in Transfiguration Chapel. Enter through the Blessed Mother Altar. Parishioners will leave with an information packet that includes actionable steps to ensure that their planning goals are fully represented in their estate planning documents. **Please call the Rectory at 718 596-7750 to confirm your attendance.**

## LENT FEBRUARY 26-APRIL 4

**Recitation of the Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday @ 7:00 PM**

**Children's Re-enactment of The Passion of Jesus**  
**Friday April 3 @ 7:00 PM**

**Contemporary Adoration & Reflection Service**  
**With John Heyer II**  
**Music by Alverlis**  
**Friday, March 27 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Fellowship to Follow**

**SCRIPTURE/FAITH SHARING**  
**(In Parish House**  
**108 Carroll St.)**

**Mondays @ 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**  
**With Msgr. Guy Massie**

**Tuesdays @ 1-2:30 PM**  
**& 7-8:30 PM**  
**With Nancy Arkin**  
**(except 3/10)**

**Saturdays @ 4:00 PM**  
**With Edwin Rivera**  
**(except 3/28)**

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The Gospel for the next three Sundays introduces us to the Women at the Well, The Man Born Blind and Lazarus. These three Gospels make up ancient baptismal catechism. Each Gospel for the next three weeks present us with a short story about a person who has come to faith in Jesus. Each story invites us to answer the question posed by Jesus to his followers: “Who do you say I am?” Each of us must answer this personal question for ourselves.

In today’s Gospel we meet the Woman at the Well. I invite you to notice two points in the story; first, the progression of growth in faith and secondly, the sharing of proclamation of the faith. As we begin the story, Jesus meets this unnamed woman. She seems aloof and when Jesus seeks to engage her in conversation she seems distant, defensive and even rude. Notice that the conversation has two levels. She is speaking about the water in the well. Jesus is speaking about water which is a symbol for God. The woman is speaking about physical thirst, Jesus is speaking about the soul’s thirst for God. The soul thirsts for things which only God can satisfy. Notice also the symbol of thirst. Thirst refers to the Israelites’ thirst in the desert. Notice also that Jesus thirsted on the cross. Thirst is a major symbol in this story. As Jesus continues to press the conversation, the woman comes to recognize Jesus as a Jewish man. When Jesus reveals knowledge he has about her, she softens her approach and she calls him a holy man or a prophet. Finally at the end of the story, the woman recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. Her faith grew through her personal encounter with Jesus. Realizing who Jesus is, she is filled with joy and proclaims Jesus to her neighbors. Do we realize for what and for whom we thirst? Do we realize who Jesus is? If so, what difference does it make in our everyday lives?

The Woman at the Well teaches us a great deal. She comes seeking water. Water in an arid climate is a lifeline. There are two levels of the conversation. While women collected water at the beginning of the day prior to the heat, this woman comes at midday. Midday is the hottest time of the day. Since the well was a social gathering place for the town, could this woman have been avoiding running into the neighbors? Why did this woman have five husbands? Was her life always seeking love in the wrong places? What was her life like? Was she mistreated? Was she a former slave? Was her life dry? Was she at a turning point in her life? Was it the middle of the day of her life as she meets Jesus? While the woman realized that Jews and Samaritans were separated by many social issues and religious differences, we learned from Jesus that a time was coming when true worshippers would worship in spirit and truth. While Samaritans believed that the holy place for worship was Mt. Gerezin and Jews held that the Holy place was the temple in Jerusalem, we learn that the true temple is Jesus. It is in Jesus that we encounter God. It is through Jesus that we are changed. Ultimately, Jesus changes her life. She then tells her neighbors all about all that Jesus had done to her.

The Woman at the Well is a symbol for all who are searching for change, who long for something greater, or who are on the verge of despair. When was the last time you spoke to someone about Jesus and your faith in him? We are invited to convert from non-reflective religious behaviors to a living celebration of our faith in Christ Jesus.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

### **THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR LENT**

- Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass, fully familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.
- Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you will “fast” from during Lent and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.
- Take something on—40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.
- Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week. Masses are often more intimate and shorter than Sunday Mass.
- Instead of turning on a streaming service for your next binge-watching session, read the entire Gospel of St. Mark in one sitting. As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus’ life and the cross, a central Lenten symbol, plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross somewhere.
- Unplug from your cell phone or turn off your car radio on your commute. The silence may be jarring at first, but you may find that you are able to concentrate better and will be more observant of your surroundings.
- Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
- Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent. Serve a meal at your local soup kitchen. Visit the elderly. Stock shelves at a food pantry.
- Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole.
- As a part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (immigration, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child poverty) Give money to an organization related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person.

### **LENTEN THOUGHTS:**

Lent is a time to reflect, to repent, to reconcile, to renew and to experience resurrection. Lent is a journey from where we are in our life in the Spirit to where God is leading us. As on any journey, we need to be prepared. We must be open to God’s Grace. The goal of Lent is Resurrection. While the Cross is central to Lent, we must always focus on the Resurrection. It is through the victory of the Risen Christ and the Gifts of The Holy Spirit that we have the courage and strength to seek change in our lives. We begin Lent by asking the Lord to accomplish in us his work for his glory, our good and the welfare of the church.

The guide for our Lenten journey is our Baptismal Promises. The way is through Prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving). Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are all called to holiness. Through prayer, fasting and acts of charity, we move from conversation with the Lord to self denial and to compassion for others. The Baptismal Promises we are asked to consider for the next six weeks are:

- Do you reject sin?
- Do you reject the glamour of evil?
- Do you reject Satan, the prince of darkness and father of lies?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, died and was buried and rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the living and the dead?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come?

By reflecting on our Baptismal Promises, we can come to realize how we have sinned, the compromises we have made and the rationalizations we may have made to avoid facing the truth about ourselves. By freely affirming the faith, we have the opportunity to make the faith in Christ Jesus our own by seeking to live in witness to Christ Jesus.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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