

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:

8:30 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON
5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM
Adoration: 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

Rectory: 108 Carroll Street
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Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

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EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF
Choir Director Emerita

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.

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.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/11	\$ 2,399.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 3,028.00
Total Sunday 4/11	\$ 5,427.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$8,898.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
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- MON. APRIL 19, 2021
8:30 Joseph & Josephine Patti
BY: Loving Family

- TUE. APRIL 20, 2021
8:30 Agatina, Rosetta & Concetto Conti
BY: The Conti Family

- WED APRIL 21, 2021
8:30 AM Ronnie Lubrano
BY: Laura & Michael Eng

- THURS. APRIL 22, 2021
8:30 Carmela & Luigi Giunta
BY: Joseph & Maria Bonvino

- FRI. APRIL 23, 2021
8:30 Frank Foglia
Birthday Remembrance

- SAT. APRIL 24, 2021
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
5:00 PM Deceased Members of Our Family
BY: Clara Stella

- SUN APRIL 25, 2021
8:30 AM Ann "Babe" Iacono
BY: Diane Valentino
10:00 St. Michael Society *
BY: Devotees
Noon Madonna dei Maracoli *
BY: Devotees

* Both Societies to use Rectory Hall afterwards.

Financial Stewardship

For those who are financially able to continue to support the parish during this time, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving so that we may be able to continue the ministry of the church during this critical time.



of **Appeal 2021**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission our parish and the daily work of the

Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
- Catholic Charities
- Hospital, College & Prison Chaplains
- Diocesan Vocations Office
- Catholic Migration Services
- Office of Faith Formation
- Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy
- Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our Parish Goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

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Pray For

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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, | Helena Rolla |
| Brad Hatry | Louis Pepe |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | RoseMary Lamaestra |
| 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 | Kristin Quail |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| John Esposito | Abigail Memmesheimer |



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Bread & Wine for the week of April 25th has been donated

In Loving Memory of JOHN GALLAGHER

BY: Connie Ponsiglione & Family



HAPPY SPRING!

April began quiet as a lamb as we rejoice in this Easter Season!

National and World themes of Awareness in the month of April

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Autism Awareness (April 2) Go blue!
- World Health Day (April 7) "Building a fairer, healthier world."
- Donation Life Blue & Green Day (April 16th)
- Meningitis Day (April 14th)

**Healthcare Decision Day (April 16th)
What are your 5 wishes?**

Wish 1: Who will honor your medical treatment choices?

- Designate a Health Care Agent (2 people) you trust to honor your medical choices and make health care decisions when you can no longer make them yourself.

Wish 2: Treatment Options

- The kind of medical treatment you want or do not want including medication, nutrition, holistic and alternative care options.

Wish 3: Comfort Care

- You choose the type of comfort care including pain control through medication, mind, body and soul treatments and or holistic and alternative therapies.

Wish 4: How do you want to be treated?

- In illness and end of life care, where do you want to have care for home, hospice and hospital? Equally important is respect to your spiritual and or religious care, prayer and the respect of visitors and celebrations.

Wish 5: Talk to your family and friends. What do you want them to know?

- Share your thoughts with family and friends by speaking with them or writing a letter. Offer and accept love and forgiveness. Offer yourself through the sacrament of confession.
- Discuss practical matters:
 - ◊ Memorial or burial
 - ◊ Donating your organs: Donation Life Blue & Green Day (April 16)
 - ◊ Donating your body to science

Sondra Rivera, RN

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

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. This is a bold statement on Peter's behalf. In this statement, Peter is saying that God who in Exodus describes himself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob raised Jesus. This is an oath before God that God did in fact raise Jesus. If this oath is not true, Peter could be killed for making this claim if it were false. Why would Peter say it were not true? Peter strongly states that accepting Jesus is not a break with the Covenant of Moses but a continuation and 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 this text 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 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 to the two dejected disciples. Jesus shows the disciples how to read the text. Jesus is in the 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 past negativity. Suffering, disappointment, worry may come to us, but in and through these real human experiences, God is really present. Every experience is directed to our deeper conversion to the mind and heart of Jesus, even 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.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

HELLO, THIS IS GOD. I will be handling ALL your problems today.

Please remember.....I will not need your help!

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it into the SFGTD Box (something for God to do). It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please contact me in prayer to be sure it is the proper resolution.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the many who have been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the person in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed his/her family.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the person with special needs who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes they had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose, be thankful. There are those who did not live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember.....things could be worse, you could be them!

Because I do not sleep or slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need me, I am only a prayer away.

Love Eternally, The Lord your God