

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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Sacristan

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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.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 4/18	\$ 1,831.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 3,103.00
Total Sunday 4/18	\$ 4,934.00
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$9,391..00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks
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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.

- MON. APRIL 26, 2021**
8:30 Anne (Babe) Iacono
BY: Grace Finochiaro
- TUE. APRIL 27, 2021**
8:30 Joseph & Jean Bivona
BY: Fran & Destiny Bivona
- WED APRIL 28, 2021**
8:30 In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of St. Louis di Montfort
BY: Louis Pepe
- THURS. APRIL 29, 2021**
8:30 Vincenzo, Concetta, Ignazia & Giovanni Di Rosa
BY: Fransecso Di Rosa
- FRI. APRIL 30, 2021**
8:30 Rosalie Parrillo
BY: Laura Eng & Family
- SAT. MAY 1, 2021**
8:30 In Honor of Our Blessed Mother For the Intentions of Dora Zanzonico
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
5:00 PM Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte & Jenny & Ciro Oliviero
- SUN MAY 2, 2021**
8:30 Vergona & Polizzi Family
BY: Loving Family
10:00 Frances Galea
BY: Nancy Arkin
Noon Theresa & Salvatore Mendolia
BY: Elaine & Ken Longtemps



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.



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

VERONICA "RONNIE" LUBRANO BY: Michael & LouAnne Manus



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MOTHER & FATHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are having a Mother & Father's Day baby shower with donations going to the Sisters of Life. Mother's Day is May 9th and Father's Day is June 20th so you can make a donation between now and June 20th. As we did last year, if you wish to make a donation, please send it directly to St. Andrew's Church, Sisters of Life, 20 Cardinal Hayes Place, NYC 10007. This year the Sisters are in need of diapers, wipes, onesies, booties, baby lotion, shampoo, children's bibles. Other suggestions are other baby clothing such as sleepers, hats and outfits, bottles and blankets. All baby items must be new. Maternity clothing is also very helpful as are Uber gift cards for medical appointments, especially in light of the pandemic. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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 Community,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday. The Good Shepherd loves his sheep. The Good Shepherd is present to his sheep. The Good Shepherd wills the good for the sheep. The Good Shepherd gives of his life, his energy, his entire being for the good of the sheep. The Good Shepherd will even die for his sheep. The sacred texts this week speak to us about gathering, consolation and healing. The Good Shepherd is God. In Christ, who is the Incarnate Word of God, we see the compassion, merciful and yet truthful face of God who cares for and provides for his people.

We read in the Gospel: “I know mine and mine know me.” How are we the sheep of the Good Shepherd? Do we want to be part of the sheepfold of Christ? How do we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? The world is full of voices, with words, communications, cell phones, e-mails, tweets, Face Book, there is too much to hear. How can one know the inner silent voice of the Lord within our hearts? Perhaps the voice of the Lord speaks to us of mercy, love, peace, reconciliation. Perhaps we may recognize the voice of God when we are invited to be people who seek justice for those who lack a voice to speak for themselves. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is calling to us to abandon attitudes and behaviors which do not contribute to our personal well being nor the well being of others. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are told that we are forgiven, that we are loved by God. We all have the vocation to holiness and wholeness of being. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard when we are given hope that life does not end but it does change. Perhaps the voice of the Shepherd is heard leading us through the valleys of darkness and uncertainty of our lives.

Who speaks the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard through the preaching of the Apostles. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, it is Peter who proclaims the Good News and issues an invitation to all to come to faith in Christ. In our day, the voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the proclamation of the gospel as well as in the example of the believing community. We are told in the second reading from the first letter of John that “we are God’s children now. What we shall later be has not come to be revealed. We know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.” We need shepherds to remind us about the things of God.

The voice of the Good Shepherd can be heard in the heart of those discerning a vocation to priestly life, the diaconate or to married life. In our day, we need vocations. Do you speak to your children about a vocation? Do you encourage them to consider ordained ministry as a way of life? The voice of the Good Shepherd may be in one who courageously speaks out for justice for the oppressed, the homeless or the immigrant. The gentle correction given to us by someone who loves us may be the voice of the Good Shepherd reaching out to us. The voice of a parent, friend or anyone who reminds us that we can be better than we are, may be an invitation to a change of life for the better.

The Good Shepherd does speak. How do we listen? Silence and reflection on one’s life is essential to hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. Can we be silent internally as well as externally? Can we learn how to listen without speaking? What is your life saying to you? What do you hear? To whom do you address your questions? God is speaking. Can we listen? We may learn something we do not yet know.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

The Window

Author Unknown

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation, etc.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods when his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look outside the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said "perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy despite our own situation. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. Today is a gift that's why it is called the PRESENT.