

**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*  
*Brooklyn, N.Y 11231*  
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**REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE**  
*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**  
*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MRS. NANCY ARKIN**  
*Director of Faith Formation*

**JOHN HEYER, II**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**  
*Administrator/Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**  
*Parish Organist*

**JENNIFER WU**  
*Choir Director*

**EVELYN TROESTER DEGRAF**  
*Choir Director Emerita*

**ANDREW DI MANSO**  
*Sacristan*

**MICHAEL J. ENG**

**DONALD J. GLOCKNER, JR.**  
*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.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS](http://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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**MON. APRIL 5, 2021**  
 8:30 Anna Massie

**TUE. APRIL 6, 2021**  
 8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John

**WED APRIL 7, 2021**  
 8:30 AM Mary & Luciano Bellecchio  
 BY: The Reca Family

**THURS. APRIL 8, 2021**  
 8:30 Rosemarie & Frank Dellaporte &  
 Jenny & Ciro Oliviero

**FRI. APRIL 9, 2021**  
 8:30 Joseph & Elizabeth Trovato  
 BY: Lenny & Jo Ann Trovato

**SAT. APRIL 10, 2021**  
 8:30 Giovanni Barerra  
 BY: Tina & Nick

5:00 PM Joseph & Lia Cerato  
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia


**SUN APRIL 11, 2021**  
 8:30 AM Deceased of Vergona & Polizzi Families  
 BY: Loving Family

10:00 John Edwards  
 BY: Loving Family

Noon Philip & Kathleen Foley  
 BY: Daughter Mary & Family

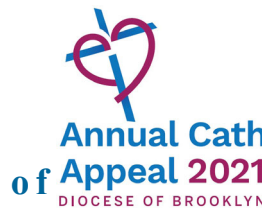


FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Sunday Collection 3/21	\$ 2,303.00*
	*Envelopes & cash	
	On Line Donations	\$ 3,438.00
	Total Sunday 3/21	\$ 5,741.00
	Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
	Difference:	\$8,584.00
**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.



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         | 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         | 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         | RoseMary Lamaestra  |



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Bread & Wine for the week of April 4th has been donated

In Loving Memory of

ANNE (BABE) IACONO

BY: John Selvaggio & Family



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

April 4th have been donated

In Loving Memory of

Our Son

MICHAEL BOMBOLINO

Love, Mom & Dad

**MARCH..IN LIKEA LION  
OUT LIKE A LAMB?**

In the United States March brings awareness of a few health battles that we must battle like “lions” with the proper awareness, diagnosis and treatment, for our health to be gentle as a “lamb.” This March let us focus on the safety and bring awareness to :

- **Brain injury**
- ◇Adults and children should be properly fitted for helmets.
- ◇Buckle up for safety in all moving vehicles.
- **Poison Awareness**
- ◇Check for expiration dates on all medication and foods.
- ◇Lock cabinets and doors where you store poisonous cleaners and bio-hazardous material.
- ◇Locate and post the poison control numbers on your fridge and in your phones for humans and animals.
- **National Sleep Awareness**
- ◇Take a nap!
- ◇Go to bed at the same time each night and wake up the same time each day.
- ◇Rest in between
- ◇Set the temperature to be cool in the bedroom (promotes sleep)
- ◇Shut the TV, turn on calm music
- ◇Leave your cell phone in another room

**Specific Days of Awareness**

- Kick Butt Day on Friday March 19th
- ◇Great day to stop smoking! Ask a friend or family member to join in support!
- ◇Do not be shy, prayer helps!
- ◇Reach out for support!
- <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/smoking-nyc-qa.html>
- Call 866-NY-QUITS (866-697-8487)
- American Diabetes Alert Day March 23rd
- ◇Know your A1C and fasting glucose levels
- ◇Exchange white for brown in bread, flour, pasta
- <https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/articles/budget-friendly-meal-plan-and-tips.html>
- <https://www.diabetes.org/>
- <https://diabetes.org/newsroom/press-release/COVID-19-brings-crisis-of-access-for-millions-living-with-diabetes>

In closing, let us remember March 1 marks one year since the first US diagnosis of COVID-19.

This March came upon us...wet, windy and weeping and my prayer is for March to go out as Sunny Spring!

Sondra Rivera, RN

# From the Pastor

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EASTER 2021

Dear Parish Family,

While this has not been an easy year, I am called to hear this Good News of the Gospel message that Christ is Risen in my present situation. So, what am I hearing? Where is my soul and my spirit this year? What meaning does this Gospel

have for me?

To answer some of these questions Father Cletus and I have been sharing thoughts and even sharing our personal faith. Our attention is drawn to three important parts of the Easter liturgy. The first is the Pascal Candle, the second is the Eucharist and the third is the Cross. At the lighting of this candle on Holy Saturday Night, we sing "Light of Christ." The flame of the candle is fragile and can be extinguished by the wind. Yet when that happens, the candle is relit immediately. I have come to see the lighting of the candle as an external sign of the faith and hope that resides in the depths of our spirit and our soul. Darkness surrounds the candle, yet the light from that candle is not overcome by the darkness because the faith residing in our spirits will not allow it. The darkness of the pandemic, the darkness of our losses, the darkness of scandal, the darkness of disappointment, the darkness of our sins, the darkness of depression will not extinguish this Paschal light. So, this candle expresses the deep and undeniable faith we have in Christ and in his victory over death in all of its forms.

The second part of the Easter Liturgy to which we are drawn is the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center of our lives as Catholics. We believe that the Eucharist is an encounter with the Risen Lord. It is Jesus. The Eucharist is not a sign or a symbol of Christ. The Eucharist is Christ. The Sacrament is both individual and communal. When we receive the Eucharist, we are in union with Christ and in union with the whole Church. We are not alone. We stand with Christ and with all who believe in Christ throughout the world as well as with those who have entered eternity. This sacrament is essential for Catholic life. How can a believer or a lover of Christ separate from the Eucharist? The celebration of the Eucharist is a sure indication of the truth of the Resurrection of Christ. If Christ is not risen why would believers celebrate such a ritual? Why would the Eucharist become the mainstay of Catholic life? Why would the day of worship change from Saturday to Sunday?

The Eucharist says it all. In the Eucharist we see Jesus' self-giving for us. In the Eucharist is the call to us to be disciples of Christ by giving of ourselves for others. When we the disciples of Christ live the Eucharist, we become living signs of hope and life for each other. The Eucharist is a mystery. It cannot be truly captured in words. Suffice to say it is our lifeline to God and eternity.

Finally, the great sign of the Cross, the symbol of the Victory of Christ reminds me that for every Cross in my life there is a resurrection. It reminds me for every dark night there is a bright day and for every suffering which seems meaningless, there is an abundance of life lessons. St. Paul preached Christ Crucified. If that message is not one of Risen hope, I do not know what is.

The message of Resurrection is that the love of God for us is victorious, brings us in union with God, new hope and life in abundance on both sides of eternity.

Blessed Easter, Joyous Paschal Season

*Mgr. Guy A. Massie*

*Fr. Cletus Forson*



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 Catecaital 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) deplores 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)