

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:

8:30 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 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.

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 2:00 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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. MARCH 14, 2022**
8:30 Sr. Barbara Leonardo & Msgr. Anthony S. Dana
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato
- TUE. MARCH 15, 2022**
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Nieces & Nephews
- WED MARCH 16, 2022**
8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Her Parents Carolyn & John
- THURS. MARCH 17, 2022**
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family
- FRI. MARCH 18, 2022**
8:30 Thomas & Peggy McInerney
BY: Their Son Thomas
7:00 PM Stations of The Cross
- SAT. MARCH 19, 2022**
8:30 St. Joseph for the Parish
Noon In Honor of St. Joseph
5:00 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe
BY: Rose Marie Foglia
- SUN MARCH 20, 2022**
8:30 Pietro Reca
BY: The Reca Family
10:00 Lucia Borrometi
BY: The Conti Family
Noon Angela Amato
BY: Salvatore Amato & Family



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Bread & Wine for the week of
March 13th has been donated
In Memory of
JOHN DABBENE
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/07	\$ 2,162.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,617.50
Total Sunday 3/07	\$ 4,779.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,545.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



You're Invited

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Please join us on Monday, on
April 4th in the Parish House.

We will be discussing
Brazil-Marú

By Karen Yamashita All are welcome.
We hope to see you there.



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LENT 2022
40 ITEMS FOR
40 DAYS

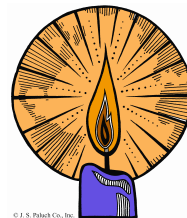
During Lent, this church
is collecting toiletry supplies to create disaster relief
kits for locations in need.

Donations requested:

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Face cloths
- Combs
- Brushes
- Toilet Paper

Donations will be collected during weekends in Lent
from Wednesday, March 2nd to Thursday April
14th. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of
the church.

Please help Faith by works. Show that you care.
Thank you!



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Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
3/13 have been donated
In Memory of
CATHY PALAZZOTTO
BY: Madeline Salvaggio



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 | Gertrude Zagarella |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Salvatore Salerno |
| 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 |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | Phyllis Bracco |
| Joan Di Tucci | Terry Daniti |



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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

Attention



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Tax letters have been mailed to all parishioners. Any parishioner who donated to our parish in the year 2021 whether on line, in person or

by mail, will receive this letter. Please give the letter a chance to reach you as you know the mail delivery in our area leaves much to be desired.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support of this great parish. We are grateful for all you do to help sustain us.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of 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 and 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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PARISH GOAL: \$36,274.00
RAISED SO FAR: 7,800.00
14 Gifts Received Thus Far



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Second Sunday in Lent, the readings invite us to consider the topic of trust and faith. Do we trust in the glory that is now hidden from our eyes? Can we trust God? Is it reasonable to believe? In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we meet Abraham. Abraham as you remember is called our father in faith because God revealed himself to him and he believed. In the Book of Genesis we learn that God promised to make Abraham a great nation. When God called Abraham, Abraham was already old. God promised that even in his old age he would have a son. Abraham believed God. The promise of a son takes a long while to fulfill but it does happen. God made good on his promise. Isaac is born, even though Abraham's wife Sarah was elderly. Isaac understandably is Abraham's pride and joy. Isaac was the sign that Abraham had a future. He has a son who would be his heir.

In today's reading, the unthinkable happens. God puts Abraham to a test. God requests that Abraham sacrifice his only son. Imagine, just imagine the reaction of Abraham. How can this be? God promised that I would have a son. God promised that my descendants would be a great nation. How can God allow this to happen? Was there something greater at stake here which Abraham did not yet see?

In the Gospel we read about the Transfiguration. This is a mysterious revelation. Peter, James and John witness an event in the life of Jesus in which the curtain between our world and the divine seems to open for a brief moment. The disciples see the glory of Christ. The event has Paschal overtones. They realize that Jesus is the one to whom the law, represented by Moses and the prophets, represented by Elijah are awaiting. These are the very same apostles who will see the disfiguration of Jesus in his Passion and Death. Imagine their confusion, their questions and their disillusionment. How can the glory of the Transfigured become the horror of the disfigured on the Cross? How can this happen? Why did this happen? Why would God allow such a thing to happen? This Jesus is the one who they believed, who they loved, who made promises of everlasting life to them, what happened? Was there something that the apostles were missing?

How often have you heard the story? How often have you experienced a moment when all seems lost? How often may you have felt disappointed by God? Do these questions sound familiar? This man was so good to everyone, yet he came down with cancer. My son was so young and he dies, why? Why not me, not him? We did everything right. We followed the rules, we were honest, we attended Mass, said our prayers, we prayed for protection and what happened? We feel that God is not on our side. Have we missed something?

Abraham, the apostles and we also do miss something. We miss the hidden glory. Abraham was put to the test. God knew Abraham's faith, but did Abraham know his faith? Could he trust? The apostles on the Friday Jesus died, had their faith tested. They could not see beyond the cross to the redemption the cross accomplished. We too when faced with setback, disappointment, innocent suffering, need to keep in mind that somehow God is accomplishing our redemption. We need to remind ourselves and each other that for every cross there is a resurrection. We come to Mass to celebrate the Eucharist, to be reminded of the Resurrection of Christ and to help each other see the glory of God in our midst.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Lent is a great season of hope. It is the time of the year that the earth itself is preparing for new life. Lent is a call to renewal; renewal of our spirits, our lives and our very being. Lent is a time to grow in our personal relationship with Christ through scripture readings and reverent reception of the Eucharist. It is time to know the Lord in a deeper and more meaningful way. So let us try to move from cultural Catholicism to convicted Catholicism.

The practices of Lent are motivated by renewal and hope. Fasting and abstinence from food is an ancient Lenten practice. Fasting is found in many Christian and non-Christian communities for both spiritual growth and social justice awareness. Fasting means not eating. This can be done in many ways. One may fast from eating in between meals. One may fast from eating a particular food for a period of time. For example, one may fast on bread or sweets etc. The fasting need not be a painful experience. The purpose of the self denial is to remind you that Christ gave up his life willing for you. This fasting you are doing is to gently remind you of this article of our faith. Secondly, this fasting can help the poor. The money saved from fasting which you otherwise might of spent can be given to the poor or given to help someone else. Above all, your Lenten practices should move your prayer life to be more Christ centered and more merciful to others. If this is not happening, change your prayer routine.

To help you with the Fasting and Abstinence, the Catholic Church requires all aged 14 and over not to eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent. This is to remind us of the death of Christ on a Friday. Those ages 14 to 59 are asked to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. This means one may only eat one main meal. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

While fasting is commendable and should be done, I also urge you to do positive acts for Lent. This is a season which invites us to make room for God in our busy lives. It is time to pray in new ways. I may suggest that you pray the Stations of the Cross perhaps two stations a week until Easter. While focusing on the sufferings of Christ, ask yourself where you may be in this particular station. For example, the first station Jesus is condemned to death. For a meditation think of acceptance of things and situations which we cannot change. How difficult acceptance of loss or change can be. Another meditation: have you or someone you know suffered an injustice? Has someone you know been condemned to death due to a cancer or a terrible sickness which is unfair? If so, then you have found your prayer for this first station of the Cross.

I suggest reading Sacred Text. Perhaps read the Lenten Gospels proclaimed each day at Mass during Lent. This will keep you in line with the praying Church. As you read, ask yourself where am I in this Gospel? What stands out in this Gospel for me? Sit with the Gospel for ten minutes a day. It will be a great experience. I highly recommend that you join the parish on the days we have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of Christ with us. I ask you to take time to sit in silence in the presence of the Lord. Allow this mysterious and wonderful sacrament to contemplate you and you to contemplate the Lord. Adoration of the Sacrament will make celebration of the Eucharist more meaningful. Allow this to be a time of growth for your Spirit.

I wish you a fruitful Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie