

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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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/14	\$ 1,852.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 4,265.50*
Total Sunday 3/14	\$ 6,117.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 8,207.50

* Includes a one time donation of \$1,800.00

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

MON. MARCH 21, 2022
8:30 For A Personal Intention

TUE. MARCH 22, 2022
8:30 Michelle Cohen
For Good Health
BY: Connie & Paul Gessler

WED MARCH 23, 2022
8:30 Josephine & Joseph Patti
BY: Their Loving Family

THURS. MARCH 24, 2022
8:30 Joseph Sgro
BY: Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

FRI. MARCH 25, 2022
8:30 In Honor of Our Lady
7:00 PM Stations of The Cross

SAT. MARCH 26, 2022
8:30 Pat Basciano
BY: Nancy, Douglas & Natalie Chang
5:00 Agnes Scolaro
BY: Beverly

SUN MARCH 27, 2022
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Anna Scotto
10:00 Agnes Scolaro
BY: M/M Anthony Tadduni
Noon Tim & John Cirilli
BY: Palma & Gino



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Please join us on Monday, April 4th in the Parish House. We will be discussing Brazil-Maru 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!

Bread & Wine for the week of March 20th has been donated

In Memory of
GEORGE MAGLIOCCO
BY: Rose Romano & Family



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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 | 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: \$9,600.00



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the Third Sunday of Lent, the Lenten message is loud and strong: “Repent and hear the Good News.” Repentance is for all of us. No one is exempt. The Pope, the Bishop, the Priest, the Religious, the Lay Person, are all called to repent. Repent means to convert, to come to a deeper relationship with God. Repent means to realize that our final goal is God.

In the first reading from Exodus we have the story of the great theophany. God reveals God’s name of Moses. God has come down because he is concerned about the enslavement of his people, the Hebrews. What do we learn in this reading? The first thing we learn is God’s Name. God’s name is I AM. God is a mystery. God is a person. God’s name tells us that no idol can be made of God. God is. While this God will become incarnate and known as Jesus, God is a mystery who we need to experience in order to know. This journey of knowing God is a journey of the soul. Everyone has his or her own land of oppression. Each has his or her own land of Egypt which we need to leave in order to make things right. This journey leads us to true freedom which is the result of having a right relationship with God. While the Israelites will have their Exodus to the promise land, each one of us has his or her own exodus story. To know God and to see God is our life goal.

The second thing we learn is that God is concerned for the oppressed. Any form of oppression is wrong according to the mind of God. True freedom comes from a deep relationship with God. It was the oppression of the Israelites that caused God to come down. If God comes down to us, we go up to God. It is not a surprise that this was a favorite book of black slaves in our country. Oppression comes in many ways. There is physical oppression, mental oppression, emotional oppression, spiritual oppression. There are many forms of slavery. There is moral slavery seen when one is tethered to behaviors which rob one’s dignity while using other people. We see this in addictions, pornography, the sex trade, the drug trade and alcoholism. There is the oppression of hatred and self hate. There is the oppression of idolatry, superstitions, the making of money, power, influence in or life goals. In God’s revelation to Moses we learn the way to true freedom is found in a deep relationship with God.

In the Gospel reading we are told that we have a limited amount of time to set the relationship with God right. Jesus addresses a topic of unexpected death due to accidents or earthquakes. Why these things happen Jesus does not mention but he does say we need to be prepared to meet God at any time. The parable of the fig tree addresses our timeline. The tree is given time to produce fruit. If after it has been cared for by the gardener it still refuses to produce fruit, it was to be taken down. So, we are the tree. The Word of God, the sacraments, the love of those around us addresses us and directs us for our own good. If we cannot listen, we too run out of time. As I said on Ash Wednesday and on the first Sunday of Lent, “ it is Lent again for the first time. For some of us it will be our last Lent, for others it will be one of many Lenten seasons and for others it is their first Lent.

Where are we this Lent, with God, others and ourselves?

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