

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.

Rectory: 108 Carroll Street

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REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE

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REV. CLETUS FORSON

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REV. NGOZI

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Deacon

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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.

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. **APRIL 18, 2022**
8:30 Lucy Di Mauro
 BY: Joseph Di Mauro

- TUE. **APRIL 19, 2022**
8:30 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Their Family

- WED **APRIL 20, 2022**
8:30 Aagrina, Concetto & Rosetta Conti
 BY: The Conti Family

- THURS. **APRIL 21, 2022**
8:30 Rita Kristoff & Family
 BY: Marianne Kristoff

- FRI. **APRIL 22, 2022**
8:30 Maria, Debi & Ken Boucher
 BY: Brother & Sister-in-law
 Richie & Susie

- SAT. **APRIL 23, 2022**
8:30 George Magliocco
 BY: Anthony & Camille Magliocco
5:00 Vergona & Polizzi Families
 BY: Loving Family

- SUN **APRIL 24, 2022**
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
10:00 St. Michael Society Mass
 BY: The Society
Noon Madonna dei Maracoli
 BY: The Society

**BOTH SOCIETIES TO USE RECTORY
HALL AFTER THEIR RESPECTIVE
MASSES.**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/03	\$ 2,634.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,302.50
Total Sunday 4/03	\$ 4,936.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,388.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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Rejoice*

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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 | |
| Joan Di Tucci | Terry Daniti |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene | |



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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!



EASTER

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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.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



PARISH GOAL: \$36,274.00
PAID SO FAR: \$15,988.34
PLEDGED SO FAR: \$23,890.00

48 Families

We are hoping to reach \$46,274 this year for our Appeal. Everything over our parish goal will be used to hire engineers to study the possibility of installing air conditioning and air-filtration systems in our Church and in Cabrini Hall.

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

It is because of this Sunday, that we celebrate every Sunday. Every Sunday a is celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. It is because of this great event of the Resurrection that we know who Christ is. Today defines what we understand as the Incarnation of God among us in the life of Jesus. Today announces to us the ultimate victory of good over evil, truth over falsehood and life over death. Our prayer today is; “Alleluia, this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!” Today and through the Easter Season we celebrate the core and the foundations of our faith.

What lessons are we invited to contemplate?

In the Resurrection Jesus is not resuscitated as if returning to a life he had before his death but rather he enters into another way to be. Since we have not experienced a risen life, so for lack of words to capture what we mean by the Resurrection, we say that Christ has a glorified body. This means that while Jesus is the same and is recognized by his disciples he has been changed in a way the Gospel writers cannot quite express.

The Resurrection comes out of the horror of the crucifixion. To appreciate the Resurrection, we must realize the horror of the death of Christ. We must appreciate the total rejection that Jesus experienced. We must realize that Jesus dies totally dispossessed of everything. To realize the lesson of the Resurrection we need to listen to the life of Christ. The Life that is victorious over death is one that is given away in the service of others. It is a life that realizes that nothing we try to possess or hold on to will fulfill our longing for a meaningful life. “I am the Way. The Truth and the Life,” is vindicated in the Resurrection. The Resurrection of Christ calls us to imitate the mind and attitudes of Christ as we see in the Gospel stories. In the end the Resurrection tells us Truth and Goodness will be victorious even if it is rejected, persecuted, buried and destroyed.

As we strive to live in a world of war, racism, hatred, anger, while trying to imitate the love of Christ, Easter tells us our efforts are going to be vindicated if not in our time, then in the future. Easter tells us not to give in to temptations that say doing good, working for reconciliation and not seeking revenge is a waste of time. Easter tells us that humanity is worth saving and worth loving (willing the good of the other) even when rejected. For every cross we face, resurrection is promised. So, for all who want to live the victory of Christ, keep living the truth and we will all sing the song of victory;

“Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



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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 a story of trial as we would know it. The Passion is a theological and Catechetical 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. 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)