

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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Sacristan

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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 25, 2022**
 8:30 Luigi & Carmela Giunta
 BY: Maria & Joseph Bonvino
- TUE.** **APRIL 26, 2022**
 8:30 Nancy Marchionne
 BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus
- WED** **APRIL 27, 2022**
 8:30 Deceased Members of
 The Di Rosa Family
 BY: Carmela Di Rosa
- THURS.** **APRIL 28, 2022**
 8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
 BY: The Bellantuono Family
- FRI.** **APRIL 29, 2022**
 8:30 Amelia Millie Marchese
 BY: Gessler Family
- SAT.** **APRIL 30, 2022**
 8:30 Carmelo De Maio
 BY: Loving Family
 5:00 Richie Lattore
 BY: Connie
- SUN** **MAY 1, 2022**
 8:30 Wendler Family
 BY: Lang Family
 10:00 Brian Connolly
 BY: Callahan Family
 Noon Our Moms & The Moms of Family &
 Friends
 BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus



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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



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On behalf of the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Council #17K, thank you for your generous response to our Lenten collection of toiletries for disaster-relief-efforts ("40 items for 40 days"). Your donations were collected and are now being prepared in kits for those in need.

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Pepe, Grand Knight



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Please join us on Monday, May 9th @ 7PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting will be on June 6th. We will be discussing Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

All are welcome.

We hope to see you there!



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 | Joan Di Tucci |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Terry Daniti |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | |
| Paul & Leona Pensabene | |

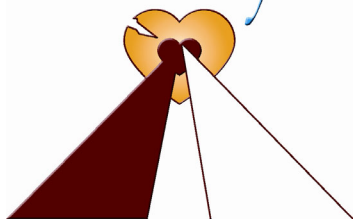


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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

Divine Mercy Sunday



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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.



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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!

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. This day is also known as the eighth day of Easter or the Octave of Easter. This entire week which we just completed was called Easter Week. The liturgies of this past week were all Easter Liturgies. The Gospel readings for each day actually all took place on Easter Sunday. The Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ are too big to be contained in one day. The Church celebrates Easter Sunday for eight days. Today we conclude our Easter Octave celebration and the Easter Season now begins. Each Sunday of the Easter Season will have an Easter theme. However, we must keep in mind that every Sunday of the year is a Paschal Celebration. We come together on Sunday because of the great events of Easter.

Today we conclude our Easter Octave with the celebration of Divine Mercy. Listen carefully to the readings. The apostles are gathered in the upper room. They are a sorry lot. They are filled with worry. They are feeling guilty over abandoning Jesus in his hour of greatest need. They are probably filled with grief over his death. They saw Jesus as their friend and their teacher. Jesus had changed their lives. They may have been angry with Judas for having betrayed Jesus. They may have even been angry with Jesus thinking that they were duped into following him and his message. Now, because of their association with Jesus, they could be considered criminals. In short, they are a wounded, hurt and suffering community.

Now focus on Thomas. He separates himself from the community. He goes off by himself and grieves the loss of Jesus. He is hurt, he is angry and he does not believe any good can happen again. Thomas is wounded. He is isolated from the others in his thoughts, feelings and even his beliefs.

Now focus on Jesus. Jesus entered the upper room. Resurrection does not mean resuscitation. Resurrection means risen in the body, but changed. It means spirit filled. It means that while Jesus is recognizable, he is changed. While the life of Jesus prior to the Resurrection seemed to focus on his humanity, the life of Jesus after Resurrection focuses on his divinity. Jesus is recognized by the apostles as being the same Jesus they knew, but he is changed. Notice that Jesus comes to them and grants them peace. He does not mention their unfaithfulness. He knows how they feel. Jesus not only gives his life for them, he now breathes The Holy Spirit upon them. Jesus breathes new life into his apostles in a similar way that God breathes life into Adam. (Genesis 2:7). Jesus breathes the Spirit into his apostles like the Prophet Ezekiel spoke the Word of God over the dry bones of Israel giving them new life (cf Ezekiel 37). Notice that Jesus shows his wounds on his body to the wounded body of the apostles. It is through the wounds of Jesus that we can peer into and see his divinity. It is from his wounded side and hands that Jesus forgives, bestows mercy and rehabilitates Thomas and all his apostles. At the end of the Gospel passage we see that mercy triumphs. The apostles will proclaim redemption and salvation in Christ Jesus to the world. The only beatitude in the Gospel of John that will be uttered about us. "Blessed are those who have not seen, yet still believe."

Today there are many of us who are wounded. Even the Church, the Body of Christ suffers from wounds. Some of us have long standing issues with the Church leadership. Some of us are angry and hurt enough by scandals of the clergy and the behavior of Catholics to leave the community. Some of us are disappointed in life in general. Some of us are angry with God. Some of us are angry with ourselves. Some of us are or were victims of crime, injustice, hurt and neglect. Some of us have sinned and some of us have made terrible mistakes. All of us are human. All of us are strong and weak at the same time. All of us share both the apostles John's faithfulness to Christ and Peter's denial of Christ. Some have even betrayed both Christ and his Gospel by the way we have lived and acted. Yet, today and in this season, we are reminded that Mercy is available for all who are sorry and who wish to strive to amend their lives. We are a sinful Church, a sinful priesthood and a sinful weak people. We all need Mercy. No one is exempt. No sin is so grave, no tomb so dark and no life so far that the Victory of Christ cannot save. If you have been away, come home. If you are here, rejoice in God's Mercy.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



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)