

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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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 4, 2022**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa
- TUE.** **APRIL 5, 2022**
8:30 Louis Tabek
 BY: Sister-in-law Gertrude
- WED** **APRIL 6, 2022**
8:30 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
 BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
- THURS.** **APRIL 7, 2022**
8:30 Mary & Luciano Bellocchio
 BY: The Reca Family
- FRI.** **APRIL 8, 2022**
8:30 Holy Cross
7:00 PM Stations of The Cross
- SAT.** **APRIL 9, 2022**
8:30 John & Jennifer Passantino
 BY: Louise & Al
5:00 Dominic, Jennie & Michael Scotto
 BY: Vinny & Anna Scotto
- SUN** **APRIL 10, 2022**
8:30 N Seuju Nagao Nagao
10:00 Joseph, Concetta & Frank Foglia
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
Noon John Paladino
 BY: Melissa, Toni & Sheena



Bread & Wine for the week of
April 3rd has been donated
In Loving Memory of
ERMINIA INFANTINO
BY: Carmela Di Rosa & Family

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 3/27	\$ 1,671.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,020.50
Total Sunday 3/20	\$ 3,691.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,534.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



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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.

Invitation to join us for Morning Prayer
every morning. Go to your cell phone and
get the App Divine Office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, Morning Prayer @ 8:00 AM
Mass @ 8:30, 10 and Noon
Monday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer
@ 8:00 AM, Mass @ 8:30 AM, Sacrament of
Reconciliation from
3:00 PM to 5:30 PM and from 7:00 PM to
9:00 PM
Tuesday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer
@ 8:00 AM, Mass @ 8:30 AM.
Wednesday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer
@ 8:00 AM, Mass @ 8:30 AM
Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer
@ 8:30 AM, Liturgy of the Supper of the
Lord @ 7:00 PM. Adoration from end of
mass until midnight.
Good Friday Morning Prayer @ 8:30 AM,
Liturgy of the Death of Christ @ 3:00 PM in
English, Liturgy of the Death of Christ
@ 7:00 PM in Italian.
Holy Saturday Morning Prayer @ 8:30 AM,
Liturgy of the Vigil of Easter @ 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday, Morning Prayer @ 9:00 AM,
Masses @ 10:00 AM and Noon.



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 | Terry Daniti |
| Joan Di Tucci | |
| 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!



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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: \$ 9,008.00
PLEDGED SO FAR: \$17,080.00

43 Families



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent and the last Sunday prior to Holy Week. The readings call us to recognize the gift of mercy which is not earned nor deserved but given to us by God because of God's graciousness. The responsorial psalm invites us to sing "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." The great thing the Lord has done for us is to show mercy.

The gospel for today is one of the most popular gospel stories. The gospel tells us about the woman caught in the act of adultery; so many people remember the great line: "Let the one without sin cast the first stone." Let us look more closely at this story. What is the message of the gospel? The message is mercy. Show to others the mercy you yourself want. The woman did commit a sinful act. She is not exonerated nor is she excused from the act. She, according to Law, can be stoned. Jesus never says what she did was right or not serious, he tells her go now and sin no more. Thus, even Jesus recognizes her sin but he extends mercy to her. This mercy is given not earned. This mercy is not deserved. This mercy is given by God's graciousness.

With Holy Week so close, this story of the woman caught in the act of adultery may also be seen from the perspective of the story of salvation. The people of Israel were seen as the spouse of God. Israel's relationship with God known as the covenant was often spoken of in nuptial terms by the prophets such as Hosea and Ezekiel. Oftentimes the leaders, the kings of Israel were not faithful to the covenant and therefore the prophets likened this sin to adultery. The major sin which Israel seems to have fallen into was idolatry. Idolatry was seen as an act of adultery to God. So, in some way this woman represents the shattered historical relationship between God and God's people. Yet, God extends mercy to his people. It will be to heal this unfaithfulness that God will give his life.

How can we understand this Gospel? What lessons can we take from this story? As Israel was seen as the spouse of God, so too the Church is seen as the spouse of Christ. The church has not always been faithful to the covenant. Throughout history we have had leadership as well as lay people acting unfaithfully towards the Gospel. This recent scandal is an example of its sinfulness. The church in many areas of its life has been unfaithful. We are a sinful church. On the other hand, many have been faithful to the Lord. Yet, no one is so perfect as not to need mercy. All of us need the mercy of God and all of us need to extend mercy to each other. Remember, mercy is not earned, it is not deserved, it is given for healing and conversion. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ." In short, Paul sees his life saved because of God's gracious mercy. Today, sinners though we are, we are offered a chance to be made anew in the sacraments and in celebration of our faith. Can we accept the mercy of God? Can we share the mercy with others who, like ourselves, do not deserve it and can we sing with the woman caught in adultery: "The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy."

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most important week in the life of Christ and in the life of the Church. During Holy Week we celebrate the great Redemption which Christ has achieved for us through his faithfulness to the Will of God. Every Catholic, every person who has a relationship with Christ must take this week seriously and join in these great liturgies of the Church. Remember the Liturgies invite each of us to not only be present to the great events, but to sacramentally enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Please join us for these great Holy Week Liturgies.

PALM SUNDAY, April 10th Procession beginning at 2nd Place and Court Street to the Church @ 9:45 am, 10:00 am Mass to follow.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday because the Passion is proclaimed at all the masses. Palms are a sign of victory. Walking with the Palms reminds us that we are celebrating the Victory of Christ over sin and death. Palms may be seen as an ancient “ticker tape”. It was a way to greet a hero. Palm as a sign of victory is illustrated in our parish church. If you look closely at the statues of St. Lucy, and St. Stephen, you will see they hold a palm indicating that they were martyrs who were victorious in giving their lives for the faith. If you look at the sign outside the church bearing the name of the church, you will see at the crest at the top of the sign, palms of victory. We bring Palms to the cemetery and place it on the graves of loved ones professing our faith that Christ is Risen. For us, life and not death have the final word. The Proclamation of the Passion of the Lord is the highest of the liturgies of the word. Many people complain that the reading is too long. It is only once a year that we have such readings. It is good to allow the Passion to wash over you while remembering the great suffering that brought about our salvation.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14th Mass @ 7:00 pm.

The Holy Thursday Liturgy is celebrated in the evening as it recalls in a special way the Last Supper of the Lord. We are invited to be at the table of the Lord which is the altar and share with the Lord these last moments of his life. We are invited to listen and to hear his voice as he gives us the great sacrament of the Eucharist which is the center of Catholic daily and weekly Catholic worship. Jesus gives of himself and gives us himself. How can anyone who loves Christ miss this great liturgy? Following the liturgy, we have adoration of this great sacrament of the Eucharist called the Most Blessed Sacrament until midnight. So come, hear Christ invite you to spend an hour with him. The Eucharist is the heartbeat of the church and the parish. Catholics should long to be part of the Eucharist.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15th, 3:00 pm

The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in English, In Italian @ 7:00 PM Good Friday is the most solemn day in the liturgical calendar of the church. It is the day of great sorrow and great victory. The Cross is central in the Liturgy and in our minds and hearts on this day. It is the day every Catholic must remember and not take lightly. This is the day of the Death of Christ. Why and how does Christ win our salvation? Christ comes to do the will of God. What is the will of God? The Will of God the Father is faithfulness to God’s word. Jesus in his humanity was faithful to all God’s commands. He followed the 10 Commandments, he gave the right interpretation to Mosaic Law, he brought healing, reconciliation, he bore witness to the truth, etc. Where humanity was unfaithful as seen in the story of Adam and Eve, in the unfaithfulness of the Israelites from time to time, Jesus is faithful even in the face of horrible death on the cross. Jesus’ faithfulness redeems sinful humanity. Good Friday is not the day to be in stores, barber shops, the hair salons. It is a day to be reflective and to be in church.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16th EASTER VIGIL @ 8:00 PM

This is the quietest day in the Liturgical Calendar. Mass is not celebrated. The Liturgy of Easter will be in the evening. It is the greatest Liturgy of the Year. It is the Proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ. It is a night when we remember in a special way the History of Salvation beginning with the Story of Creation to the Resurrection of Christ. It is a night for Baptisms of adults and Confirmations of adults and the admission to the Eucharist of adults. It is a wonderful and renewing liturgy. It is a liturgy of great drama and great music and great readings designed to lift our spirits in hope and joy. Please join in this great evening of celebration.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17th, Masses at 10:00 am and Noon.

This is the Sunday upon which all Sundays are based. It is because of this Sunday that we as Catholics worship on Sunday and not on Saturday. This is the first day of new creation, the first day of a world redeemed, the first day of the week. It is the day of Resurrection every week. It was on this day that God created light from darkness. It was on this day that Christ rose and it is on this day that the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

Please be part of this great week of Holy Week. Walk with Christ through these days and you will be spiritually uplifted and renewed.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie