

# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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## **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN**

*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**

*Pastor*

**REV. CLETUS FORSON**

*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**

*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon*

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*Director of Faith Formation*

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*Assistant to Faith Formation Director*

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*Pastoral Associate*

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*Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**

*Parish Organist*

**JENNIFER WU**

*Choir Director*

**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.

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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS**

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

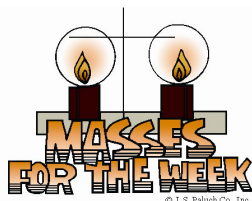
**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00**

**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.**


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- MON. MAY 2, 2022  
8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa
  
- TUE. MAY 3, 2022  
8:30 Lawrence & Rosalie Russomanno  
BY: Loving Family
  
- WED. MAY 4, 2022  
8:30 Lucille Abramo  
BY: Rosetta Pugliese & Family
  
- THURS. MAY 5, 2022  
8:30 Marianna Viola  
BY: Dennie & Marie Forza
  
- FRI. MAY 6, 2022  
8:30 Giovanna & Luigi Barrera  
BY: Loving Family
  
- SAT. MAY 7, 2022  
8:30 Erminia Infantino  
BY: The Delgado Family  
5:00 Mothers' Day Remembrance
  
- SUN. MAY 8, 2022  
8:30 Mothers' Day Remembrance  
10:00 Mothers' Day Remembrance  
Noon Mothers' Day Remembrance



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Sunday Collection 4/24	\$ 1,433.00
	*Envelopes & cash	
	On Line Donations	\$ 3,003.50
	Total Sunday 4/24	\$ 4,436.50
	Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
	Difference:	\$ 9,888.50

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



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



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          | John Lamaestra      |



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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: \$21,055.00**  
**PLEDGED SO FAR: \$29,140.00**

**59 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

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Dear Parish Family,

The Gospel today presents us with themes of recognition of Jesus, reconciliation, rehabilitation and sacraments. The question the Gospel asks is do you love Jesus? This question is personal and intimate. Loving Jesus goes beyond belief in Jesus. Do you love Jesus?

In today's Gospel let us keep our eye on Jesus, the disciple whom Jesus loved and Peter. This is a Gospel of signs, symbols and sacraments. Peter decides to go fishing. Peter, although he had experienced the Risen Lord, seems to be trying to process all that has happened. To accomplish this, he goes back to what is familiar to him. When he spies a figure on the beach, he does not recognize the man, yet when John announces that it is the Lord, Peter is open to the message and jumps into the water and swims to the shore. Baptism is openness to the Gospel. Peter plunges himself into the water. Peter plunging into the water is a symbol of baptism. In short, Peter wants to be emerged in Jesus.

The disciple that announced that the mysterious man on the beach was Jesus is the same disciple who on Easter morning ran with Peter to the tomb and saw the burial wrappings at the tomb and believes that Jesus is risen. Peter, on the other hand, seeing the same wrappings, does not know what to make of the situation. It takes Peter longer to come to grips with the resurrection. The identity of the mysterious man as Jesus is confirmed by many signs; the bread and fish which remind the disciples of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, the manner in which the bread and fish are given to them reminds them of the Supper of the Lord (the Eucharist) the great catch of fish which Peter hauls onto the beach reminds them of the great catch they made early in the ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke 5:1-10. It was this great catch that forced Peter to his knees before Jesus asking Jesus to depart from him for he was a sinful man. It was at this point that Peter realized that Jesus was more than just a great teacher or preacher. Finally, Jesus is recognized as one who serves. Notice that Jesus prepares a meal and serves it to the disciples. Does this not remind us and them of Holy Thursday when Jesus says that those who serve are the greatest? The apostles know that Jesus is present through signs and symbols which Jesus used with them prior to his death and resurrection. Is this not what the sacraments do? The sacraments carry the presences of Jesus for us. This is especially true of the Eucharist. To recognize the Lord in these sacraments one must be faith-filled and truly love the Lord. The disciple whom Jesus loved, recognized Jesus because of his love for Jesus and his deep faith.

## Jesus and Peter

Peter and Jesus shared a friendship and a deep relationship. For Peter, Jesus is not only Lord, he is friend. Peter is asked a serious question by Jesus: "Peter, do you love me more than these?" This is a deep and intimate question. Until this section of the Gospel, emphasized belief in Jesus. Now Peter confesses his love for Jesus three times which rehabilitates him after his three denials and Peter is told three times to feed the flock of Christ. It will be Peter's love and strong faith in Christ that will lead him to die for love and faith in Christ.

## Where are we in this Gospel?

Today the Gospel emphasizes a loving relationship with Christ. We must see Jesus as a real person with whom we have a personal relationship. This relationship is the basis for our faith and moral behavior. This personal relationship is not solitary. It never stands alone. It is never me and God or me and Jesus alone. It is always in community. Our relationship is always in the context of the Eucharist, the Scripture and the Community. When one has a personal relationship with the Lord based in the Sacraments, the Scriptures and the Community, (church) Jesus is seen as real, alive and with us. This love and faith for Christ goes beyond cultural boundaries, it goes beyond family ties. Jesus is not an idea or philosophy of life. Jesus is a person. Notice the behavior of the apostles. They relate to the Lord personally as well as in a group. When you love Christ, being at Mass is a joy, receiving Eucharist is the high moment of your day and living your life for him makes moral decisions easier. For the love of Christ, so many have given their lives. Where are you in your relationship to Christ?

"The Love of Christ impels us."



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to  
Christ

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