

# 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 10:15 AM

5:00 PM on Saturday

**MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Mon 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  
Brooklyn, N.Y 11231  
718-596-7750 tel*

**REV. MSGR. GUY A. MASSIE**  
*Pastor*

**REV. ANTHONY ONWUGBENU**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**REV. NGOZI**  
*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*

**JOHN L. HEYER, II**  
*Deacon & Pastoral Associate*  
**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**  
*Deacon*

**MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY**  
*Director of Faith Formation*

**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**  
*Business Manager*

**JAMES LAKE**

*Parish Organist*

**ANNIE FLOOD**

*Choir Director*

**ANDREW DI MANSO**  
*Sacristan*

**MICHAEL J. ENG**

**ROSEMARY POLITO**  
*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

**BAPTISMS:**

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting.

Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday of the month

@1:30 PM . Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

**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](http://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 14, 2025**  
 8:30 Agatina, Concetto & Rosetta Conti  
 BY: Conti Family  
 Reconciliation Monday from 3-5 at St. Mary's  
 From 7-9 at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen

**TUE. APRIL 15, 2025**  
 8:30 Concetta Napoli  
 Birthday Remembrance  
 BY: M/M Louis Napoli  
 6:00 PM Holy Hour

**APRIL 16, 2025**  
 8:30 AM Blessings for Dr. John Romanelli  
 Upon His Retirement

**THURS. APRIL 17, 2025**  
 8:30 Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM Solemn Celebration of  
 The Lord's Last Supper

**FRI. APRIL 18, 2025**  
 8:30 Morning Prayer  
 3:00 PM Passion of Christ  
 7:00 PM Procession

**SAT. APRIL 19, 2025**  
 8:30 Morning Prayer  
 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**SUN. APRIL 20, 2025**  
 8:30 Easter Sunday Mass  
 10:15 Easter Sunday Mass

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

GOAL	\$39,901.00
PLEGDED	\$12,855.00
PAID	\$ 7,258.00

Please help us reach goal and remember that all funds over goal are returned to our Parish to assist in overhead expenses and continued programs and ministries. Please send your pledge in today. Thank you for continued support and generosity.

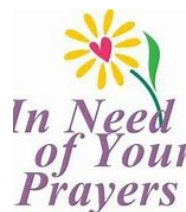
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 4/6	\$3,005.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donation	\$1,708.00
Total Sunday 04/6	\$4,713.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	*\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 9,612.00

\*\*Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks

Please remember in your prayers the members of our Parish who are hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially: Jonelle Bernardo, Sarina Mukhi, Brad Hatry, Gertrude Zagarella, Michelle Laqueria, Irene Balen, Santina



Garbellotto, John Nigro, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Tilocca, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Cathy DeMarino, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Celeste Internicola, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Dominick Aiello, Jr., Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan Hannan, Evan Marra, Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevecchi, Louann Gambardella, Jack DiCostanzo, Edna Lamboy, Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Joseph Pugliese, Jr. Jami Domanoski & unborn infant

## MASS COUNT

FOR 4/5 & 4/6

5:00 PM	52
8:30 AM	51
10:15 AM	264

TOTAL: 367

825 Watched On Line



## CALLING ALL NURSES

Are you interested in a special Nurses' Mass? If so, please meet fellow parish nurses Sondra and Rosanna on Sunday at the back of the church after the 10:15 Mass. You can also reach out to us via email or text message/phone for more details. Nursing students are welcome too! We'd love to hear from you.

Sondra 718 812 0686 The Nursesmass@gmail.com  
 Rosanna 347 366 1386 rosie@gmail.com

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Community,

Today, Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) begins Holy Week. This solemn week recalls the redemption of the world through the Passion, Death & Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. No Catholic who has a relationship with the Lord can lightly excuse him/herself from participating in the liturgies of Holy Week. Through participation in the liturgies of this week, we enter more deeply into the redemption of Christ Jesus.

The Passion of the Lord is the central theme of the liturgy. As the Passion is proclaimed, listen to it with devotion. Allow this story to sink deeply into you. Let the story wash over you. This is the story of our Passion to redemption. This is the story of salvation. While this narrative is the story of Christ, it is also our story. We hear about love, betrayal, goodness rejected, faithfulness not recognized. We hear about fear, pain, loss, destruction, abandonment and alienation. Everyone at one time or another suffers similar feelings. Yet in the end, the Cross gives way to new life. What was regarded as hopeless becomes hope filled. The sign of death (the cross) becomes the sign of victory of life.

What does it mean to say Christ died for us? What does it mean to say we are redeemed in the blood of Christ? Christ is the incarnate word of God. In Christ's humanity, we recognize our own humanity. Where our humanity has been unfaithful to God's will, the humanity of Christ was faithful until death, even death on the Cross. What is the will of God to which Christ is faithful? The Will of God is found in the commandments, the prophets, the Beatitudes, how God wishes us to live for the common good and our own good. Thus, the humanity of Jesus redeems our unfaithfulness. Our sins are forgiven through the merits and faithfulness of Christ.

I offer for your reflection for Holy Week the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. (2:6-11) This reading gives us thought provoking and heart moving meditation on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It offers to all of us an image of Christ to be imitated. Notice how the humble attitude of Christ atones for our pride. Notice that in his wounds our spiritual wounds of pride, hatred, jealousy, power struggles, abuses of relationships, misuse of sexuality, selfishness and self centeredness find healing. In his pouring out of his blood ( life ) for us we are reminded that we are created for God. In his condemnation to death, we are reminded how conditioned the world may be to finding true goodness a threat. We are reminded that human nature can be selectively blind to the truth. In the political power surrounding his death we can see how human nature strives to protect its own interest even at the expense of life and truth.

This week let us pray, reflect, reconcile and give praise to God who has not abandoned us to our own devices but saves us from those things which alienate us from him. I pray with you this week and the days ahead that we may rise above our weaknesses and the delusions of our world and pray.

**We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**