

# 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. CLETUS FORSON**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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

**REV. NGOZI**  
*Prison Chaplain (In Residence)*  
**JOHN L. HEYER, II**

*Deacon & Pastoral Associate*  
**MR. EDWIN RIVERA**

*Deacon & Coordinator of OCIA*  
**MRS. MICHELE TWOMEY**

*Director of Faith Formation*  
**ROSE MARIE FOGLIA**  
*Office & 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

Office closed Saturday & Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

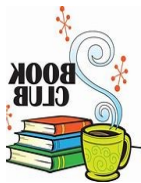
**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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- MON.** April 20, 2026  
8:30 Joseph & Josephine Patti  
BY: Loving Family
- TUE.** April 21, 2026  
8:30 Theresa Solfanelli  
Anniversary Remembrance  
BY: Daughters Marie & Palma
- WED** April 22, 2026  
8:30 Jo Ann Martino  
BY Friend
- THURS.** April 23, 2026  
8:30 Gaetano DiManso  
BY: Frances & Lucia Antonelli
- FRI.** April 24, 2026  
8:30 For Blessings Received
- SAT** April 25 2026  
8:30 The People of the Parish  
5:00 PM Alfonse & Jean Cipaldo  
BY: Daughters Angela & Debra
- SUN** April 26 2026  
8:30 People of the Parish  
10:15 St. Michael Society\*
- \* To use Cabrini Hall afterwards



Please join us on Tuesday 5/5/26/  
@ 7:00 PM in  
the Parish House for an informal  
discussion

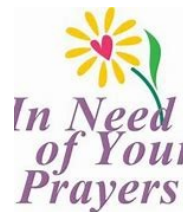
We will be discussing Convent Wisdom  
by Ana Garriga.  
All are welcome!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sun 4/12	\$8,506.00
* Envelopes	
On Line Donation	\$2,726.00
Total Sunday	\$4,810.00
Annual Weekly Expenses	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$9,515.00
**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, Michelle Laquercia, Irene Balen,, Salvatore Salerno, John Primavera, Diane Barchuk, Addy Wardrope, Anthony Gambardella, Anthony Turco, Elizabeth Foley, Ann Curcuru, Lemar McNabb, Carol Montelbano, Julia Magno, Anthony Manfre, Emma Hukerby, Kristin Quail, Mark Carles, Erica Concino, MaryAnn Kinczel, Susan Hannan, , Hector Jimenez, Darren Munio, Sophia Rotunno, Frances Marra, Philip Saraceno, Salvatore Aleo, Michael Ostrowski, Kathy Parasimo, Butch Montevocchi, Louann Gambardella, Edna Lamboy , Angelo Sardinha, Pamela Rosenberg, Morgan Spurlock, Charlotte Ackerman, Jami Domanoski & unborn infant, Joan Sawaya, Mary Martir, Marcella Gatti Beverly DiCovello, Michael DiMeglio, Christopher Iacono, Jackie Leone

## MASS COUNT

4/11 & 4/12

5:00	61
8:30	48
10:15	175

Total: 284

Live Stream: 1014

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2026

PARISH GOAL	\$43,891.00
PLEGGED	\$ 26,069.00
PAID	\$ 16,713.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT AND  
GENEROSITY!**

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the third Sunday of Easter. We are now in the Easter Season which will continue until Pentecost which this year is May 24th. Today's readings are inspiring and uplifting. Today we shall focus on the gospel and relate the other readings to this great gospel message. This is my favorite Easter story.

In today's Gospel we meet two dejected, sad, mournful and disillusioned disciples. The two are leaving Jerusalem. They are discussing all that happened to Jesus as they were walking. In the midst of their discussion Jesus approaches but he is not recognized by the sad disciples. He inquires as to the topic of their discussion. The two, while they are surprised that he does not know about all that happened to Jesus, fill him in. At this point Jesus addresses some question to the disciples. Ascertaining their answers, Jesus begins to teach them. Jesus explains the scriptures to them regarding the messiah. They reach an inn and they invite Jesus to stay. He does stay and while they were eating he takes bread, blesses it and gives it to them. With this gesture they recognize who the stranger is where upon Jesus vanishes.

There are many lessons we can take from this story. Firstly, the disciples perhaps had a narrow understanding of the term messiah. Jesus explains the role of the messiah as being redemptive. Jesus uses the sacred text which was known to the two men to reveal his identity. Is this not similar to the first part of the liturgy in the Catholic Church? We read the Word .. We seek to understand the text so that we may find meaning in our own lives here and now. Jesus draws near as they are discussing. When we study sacred scripture from Acts of the Apostles Peter is explaining the sacred text to his own people. It is most important that we understand the scripture. Understanding the text helps our faith to grow..

Secondly, as the three are walking they come to an inn and they seat themselves at a table. Jesus takes bread, blesses it and gives it to them. In this action they recognize Jesus ( the term breaking of the bread is an ancient term referring to the Eucharist. ) Upon recognizing Jesus, they with burning heart get up and return to Jerusalem and share the good news of having encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Is this not similar to our experience of Mass? After hearing the Word, we celebrate the Eucharist. It is during the celebration of the Eucharist that Jesus becomes visibly and really present under the appearances of bread and wine. We Catholics believe that Jesus is really present not symbolically present. In the Eucharist we celebrate, receive and adore Christ present. In the Eucharist we encounter the Risen Christ. So, when the two recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, it emphasizes the real presence of Christ. We meet the Risen Christ in the Sacraments, in the Word, in the gathering of the people and most especially in the Eucharist.

Thirdly, the Emmaus Gospel gives us two prayers. The first is said by the disciples who think their traveling companion is going on further. They say "stay with us." We can say the same prayer when evening approaches, when some darkness is surrounding us, when we are confused, when we are sad. This word inspired the Italian hymn "Resta Con Noi." Secondly, the Gospel teaches us to be open to the lessons of the scripture. The disciples confess that their hearts were burning in them. When we are moved by the sacred text we know it. This happens when the text seems to speak directly to you. Lastly when the disciples recognized Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus vanishes from their sight. While they may not see him he vanished into them. They are on fire with the Good News of the Resurrection. This is a big change. When we met them, they were running away. Jesus found them, healed them and changed them for the better. He can do the same for you if we allow him. Now they are running to Jerusalem to share the Good News. When was the last time your faith made you excited enough to share it? In the end one never knows who one will meet on our life journey. Some we meet can fill our lives with joy and hope.. Some we meet can teach us how to attain that joy and hope. Perhaps one day we will meet the one who is joy and hope.