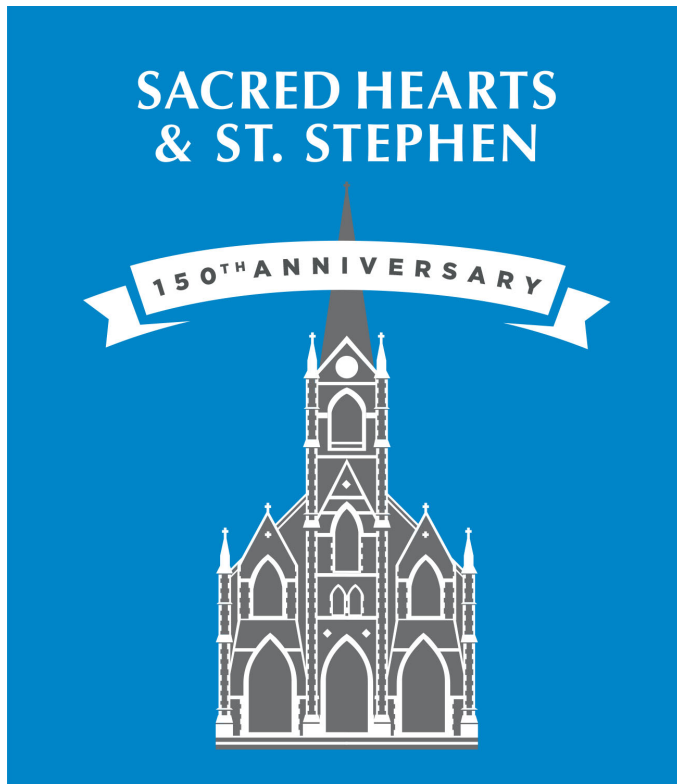


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866***  
***Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary***  
***Founded 1882***

## **MASSES ON SUNDAYS:**

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM  
5:30 PM on Saturday

## **MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Monday 12:00 Noon  
Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM Sat. 8:30 AM

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call  
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## **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.

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## **ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
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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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

**MON. MARCH 28, 2016**

Noon Brett Smiley  
BY: Rosemary & Carolyn

**TUE. MARCH 29, 2016**

8:30 Pasquale Scotto  
BY: Children  
Noon Michael Deaconmanolis  
BY: Joan McGrath & Family

**WED. MARCH 30, 2016**

8:30 Mary Louise & Sante Giulietti  
Noon For the Intentions of  
Nichole & Danny Pacella & Family  
BY: Dorothy Pacella

**THURS. MARCH 31, 2016**

8:30 Giovanni Colella  
BY: Son Vito  
Noon Sammy De Felipe  
BY: Friends, Anna, Susie & Richie

**FRI. APRIL 1, 2016**

8:30 Anna Massie  
Noon Antonio & Gabriela Piro  
BY: The Piro Children & Grandchildren

**SAT. APRIL 2, 2016**

8:30 Giorgio Buono  
BY: Concetta Scotto  
5:30 PM Theresa Bruno  
BY: Loving Family

**SUN APRIL 3, 2016**

8:00 AM Holy Spirit for the People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Lorianne Sgro Zodda  
BY: Rosemary Polito & Family  
11:45 AM Henry Stella  
BY: Claire Penstein

Monday **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
March 28th Mass at Noon

Tuesday  
March 29th Mass at 8:30 AM  
March 29th Noon Mass

Wednesday  
March 30th Mass at 8:30 AM  
March 30th Noon Mass  
March 30th Finance Committee Meeting  
@ 7:00 PM Parish House  
March 30th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Rectory Hall

Thursday  
March 31st Mass at 8:30 AM  
March 31st Mass at Noon  
March 31st Gala Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Parish House

Friday  
April 1st Mass at 8:30 AM  
April 1st Mass at Noon  
April 1st AA Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall  
April 1st Boy Scouts Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Saturday  
April 2nd Mass at 8:30 AM  
April 2nd Confessions at 4:45 PM  
April 2nd Mass at 5:30 PM  
April 2nd AA Meeting  
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday  
April 3rd Mass at 8:00 AM  
April 3rd Mass at 10:00 AM  
April 3rd CCD Classes @ 11:10 AM  
in Cabrini Hall  
April 3rd Mass at 11:45 AM

# Sick Relatives & Friends

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,    | Mario Austi         |
| Raj Sandu,           | Matthew Ruggiero    |
| Michelle Laqueria    | Irene Balen         |
| Dolly Vergona,       | Gladys Zodda        |
| Angelo Vergona       | Valerie Pace        |
| Maria Carmen Morial  | John Nigro          |
| Judith Miller        | Alissa Aquino       |
| Michele Morea        | Mary Tarsio         |
| Carol DeMairo        | Anthony Gambardella |
| Denise Deacomanolis  | Rachel Valenti      |
| Salvatore Gianino    | Judith Latalladi    |
| Rosemary Love        | Lottie Illiano      |
| Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan | Eileen Giannotta    |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of March 27, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of **MARIO & ANNUNZIATA VINCI**

Requested by:  
**Children**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of March 27, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of:  
**SYLVIA BELLO**

BY: Angela Favorito & Carolyn Sgro Zodda



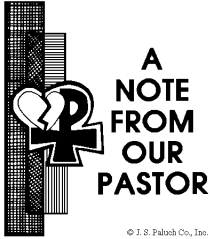
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## TO ALL

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 story of trial as we would know it. The Passion is a theological and Catechaitcal 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 during the next few weeks, 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 whomsoever 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 charity, 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



Dear Parish Community,

Today's joyful message is the key and cornerstone of our faith. It is because of this great and glorious event that Christians of every denomination gather for worship on the first day of the week, that is Sunday and not the seventh day of the week, Saturday. It is on Sunday that Christ is risen up. It is on this first day of the week God created light from darkness, it is on the first day of the week, Sunday, that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost. Sunday is our weekly Holy Day and the Risen Christ is the reason for our existence. Jesus risen is the joy and hope of all who long for the Good and seek truth and love and mercy.

Easter defines more clearly the great mystery of the Incarnation. The Incarnation means God becoming human in the person of Jesus. The Resurrection tells us clearly who Jesus is. He is God and man. Easter is a great reason for our hope. In the Gospel, we see that Jesus addresses such topics as the truth, he speaks of compassion, peace, joy, mercy, judgment, redemption and eternity. Jesus speaks about the fatherhood of God, the supremacy of love (that is willing the good for the other) over religious law. We see in the behavior of Jesus, his deep and personal relationships with people. We also recognize that Jesus faces great opposition from many in the religious establishments of his time. In the Gospel, we are invited to live life now and in eternity. We learned through Jesus that with God, there is no death for God is life and life in the fullest.

The message of Jesus gave many hope, yet we see that Jesus was greatly opposed. He was opposed by many of the religious authorities of his time. Jesus was seen as a threat to the Romans who were occupying the land of Israel at the time of Jesus. Ultimately, Jesus is crushed. He dies a terrible death at the hands of the Romans, he is rejected by many of the religious authorities of his time. Throughout his life and even his sufferings, Jesus remains faithful to his message, to his father and he does not give in to the temptations of hatred or retaliation. Jesus not only preached but practiced that message he preached. His faithfulness stands in sharp contrast to the unfaithfulness of Adam and Eve. Story or parable that it may be, the Genesis story seeks to address the problems of evil and questions of sin. While humanity in the characters of Adam (everyman) and Eve (every woman) may have been unfaithful, Jesus is faithful to God. Thus he redeems all humanity.

Jesus also is the symbol of every person who seeks to do the good and live in harmony with God as spoken of in the first Psalm and are persecuted for their efforts. Jesus represents all those who are seeking the good and whom the world does not understand. Jesus represents all those who seek peace, reconciliation, justice, kindness, compassion and mercy and who seem defeated, cast out and who are marginalized in our society. Easter is a Victory celebration that Love does win out over hatred, that truth ultimately is victorious over lies, that mercy and compassion make life worth living, that peace, in the end wins out over war and personal distress, that giving and living for others gives our lives true meaning and in the end **LIFE TRIUMPHS OVER DEATH**. Even if the good is sometimes eclipsed by darkness and evil, even if we see the good somewhat defeated, the Resurrection of Christ tells us that the good will win out. For every cross we face and suffer, we will have a resurrection as sure as day follows night and spring follows winter.

**IT IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS THAT GIVES US HOPE, ENERGY TO LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.**

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

GOD'S MOST AMAZING GRACE

If there had been another way,  
Do you think He would have died?  
No other man could take his place,  
Not even if one tried.  
God did not ask for volunteers,  
But even if He had,  
Would you have said, "Take me instead?"  
Folks would have thought you mad.  
None of us was good enough,  
To take his place upon that cross,  
None of us was rich enough,  
To have paid that high a cost.  
It's hard to believe a loving God,  
Would sacrifice His Son,  
But, it had to be that way, you see,  
He was the only One.  
He took our sin along with Him,  
As directed from above,  
None of us so generous,  
We would offer that much love.  
He said He would leave the tomb,  
He would ascend to heaven,  
Three days later He was gone,  
Hallelujah! He was Risen!  
You could not substitute,  
You could not take his place,  
He took ours-the only way,  
God's most amazing grace!  
This is the day the doves returned,  
The greatest day on earth,  
The day the stone was overturned,  
The sign of man's rebirth.  
This is the day He left the tomb,  
The day the angels hailed,  
This is the day the lilies bloomed,  
The day to lift the veil.  
This is the day that Mary's tears,  
Upon her cheek were dried,  
The day the angels quelled her fears,  
By singing He's alive!  
This is the day that Christ was seen,  
Walking on the road,  
In the flesh, no, not a dream,  
In a white and holy robe.  
This is the day He spoke aloud,  
Hear, see, touch-He's real,  
The day He rose up in the clouds  
God's truth for man revealed!

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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