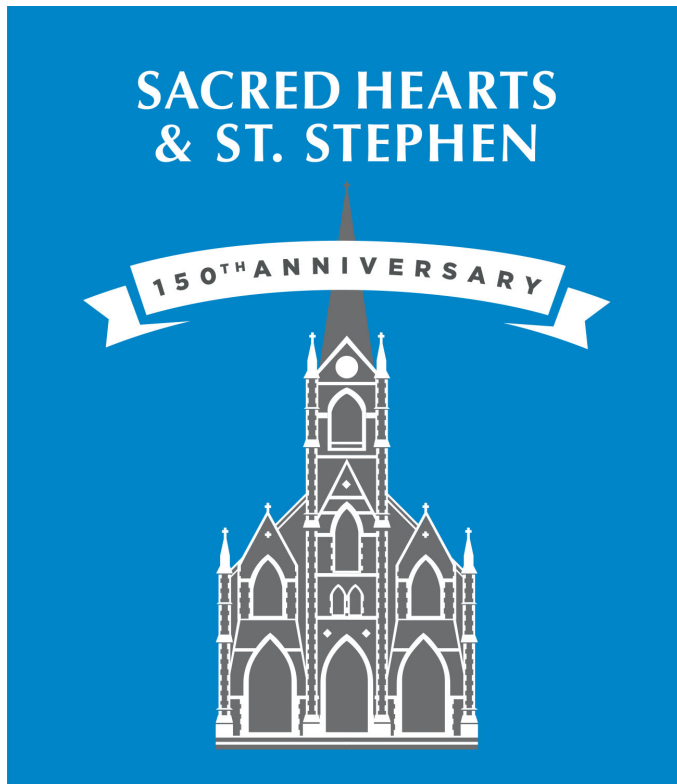

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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.

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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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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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. APRIL 11, 2016

Noon For the People of the Parish

TUE. APRIL 12, 2016

8:30 Giorgio Buono
BY: Concetta Scotto

Noon Deceased Members of
Avanzo & Groccia Family
BY: Loving Family

WED. APRIL 13, 2016

8:30 Sara, Vincenza & Jo Jo Azzarelli
BY: Carmela DiRosa

Noon Vicky Puglise
BY: Loving Family

THURS. APRIL 14, 2016

8:30 Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad

Noon Damiano, Yolanda & Danny DeLosa
BY: RoseMary Polito & Family

FRI. APRIL 15, 2016

8:30 Antoinette DiBuglione
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

Noon Living & Deceased of
The Zanzonico Family
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico

SAT. APRIL 16, 2016

8:30 Brett A. Smiley
BY: The Delgado Family

5:30 PM Antonietta Barone
BY: The Delgado Family

SUN APRIL 17, 2016

8:00 AM John Vincent Verderame
BY: Mom & Dad

10:00 AM Margaret De Pirro
BY: Friends & Family

11:45 AM Felice & Carmela Furfaro
BY: Grandchildren

Monday

April 11th Mass at Noon

Tuesday

April 12th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 12th Noon Mass
April 12th Adult Faith Formation Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House
April 12th Columbiette Meeting
@ 7:45 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

April 13th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 13th Noon Mass
April 13th Religious Ed Classes
@ 3:45 PM Cabrini Hall
April 13th Youth Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:00 PM
April 13th Children's Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:45 PM
April 13th Adult Choir Rehearsal
@ 6:45 PM
April 13th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday

April 14th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 14th Mass at Noon
April 14th K of C Council Meeting
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Friday

April 15th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 15th Mass at Noon
April 15th AA Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall
April 15th Boy Scouts Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Saturday

April 16th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 16th Confessions at 4:45 PM
April 16th Mass at 5:30 PM
April 16th AA Meeting
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday

April 17th Mass at 8:00 AM
April 17th Mass at 10:00 AM
April 17th CCD Classes @ 11:10 AM
in Cabrini Hall
April 17th Mass at 11:45 AM
April 17th Ghostlight Concert & wine reception
@ 7:30 PM Church

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:

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
Richie Boyle	Kathleen Gunderson



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

April 10, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of
GIORGIO BUONO

Requested by:
The Patti & Manus Family

When He was on the Cross

I'm not on an ego trip, I'm nothing on my own, I've often slipped. Just common flesh and bone. But I'll prove some day just why I say that I'm of a special kind for when He was on the cross. I was on His mind. A look of love was on His face. Thorns upon His head. Blood was on His scarlet robe, It had stained it crimson red and though His eyes were on the crowd that day, He looked ahead in time for when he was on the cross, I was on His mind. He knew me, yet He loved me, He whose glory makes the Heaven's shine. So unworthy of such mercy, but when He was on the cross I was on His mind.

TRIP TO PENNSYLVANIA SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE SAMSON

Our Parish trip to Samson is on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. For those participating, please be advised as follows: The Mass for April 20, 2016 will begin at 8:00 AM instead of 8:30 AM. The bus will pick up all attendees in front of our church (or possibly on Hicks Street) and will begin boarding at 8:45 AM. Tickets for the show will be distributed on board the bus. Light refreshments will be provided on board the bus shortly after we begin our journey. You may bring your own snacks as well. We ask that you please arrive on time so the bus can leave by 9:00 AM. It is also requested that you kindly leave the first two seats on the left hand side of the bus empty.



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**I AM THE CHURCH,
YOU ARE THE CHURCH,
WE ARE THE CHURCH
TOGETHER!!**

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We also build a relationship with Jesus through the Sacred Text. Hearing and reading the Gospel, meditating on the Gospel portion and imaging ourselves in the story adds to our growing personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus becomes more real to us the more we meditate on the Gospel message. To truly know Jesus, is to truly love Jesus in our hearts.

Jesus is encountered in the community of the Church. Wherever two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, he is present. Thus, coming to Church, participating in the liturgy, listening with our hearts to the Sacred Text, praising the Lord in hymns and psalms, enhances our relationship with Christ. The reason we gather together is Christ in whom we profess our faith and love. When we love the Lord, coming to Eucharist is a joy. Avoiding sin becomes easier because we have discovered that following the Lord is not a matter of rules, but a loving relationship. Therefore, I come to Mass because I love Jesus and want Jesus in my life. I am charitable because I love Jesus. I forgive because of my love for Jesus. I speak out against an injustice because I love Jesus who loves his people. Every relationship has rules, yet if I love my children, I do for them out of love not because I can be reported to the police if I do not properly care for my children.

St. Theresa (the Little Flower) saw love as the cause of all the saints. It was for love of Jesus that the apostles and saints preached the Gospel. It was for the Love of Jesus that the martyrs gave their lives. So also with us. It is for the Love of Jesus that we serve, worship and follow the Gospel. Sin becomes less attractive if we see it as a denial or a betrayal of our love for Christ. How do you deny one you love? How sad it must have been for Peter to realize his sin of denial of one he loved.

The apostles encountered Christ. In the encounter with Christ, they were meeting God. Faith calls us to a loving relationship with the Lord. Loving Christ means following Christ and doing what Christ requests of us. In the Gospel, Peter is asked to love Christ by feeding Christ's flock. We love Christ by living the Gospel. The key to a life in the Spirit is one's faith in Christ and one's Love for Christ. This love is lived out in a personal relationship in the context of the sacraments especially the Eucharist, the sacred Scripture and the community of the church. Following this simple path in all that one does and all that one chooses not to do is governed by the love one has for Christ. Thus participating at Eucharist, striving to be merciful, avoidance of evil, service to others, while at times difficult and even sacrificial, become expressions of love for Christ. It is the Love of Christ and for Christ which transforms religious obligation into a deep expression of love, gratitude and faith. We love Christ by living Christ.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



Dear Parish Family:

Do you love Jesus is the question for our consideration. We may believe in Jesus but do we love Jesus? Peter is asked in the Gospel: Peter do you love me? Do we love this Jesus enough to trust Jesus with our lives?

What does it mean to have a personal loving relationship with Jesus? As Catholics, do we encourage a personal loving relationship with Jesus? What does the word “personal” mean in this question? Is this not more of Christian Fundamentalist approach to Jesus? If we have a personal relationship with Jesus, does such a relationship include others? If Christ is mediated to us through the teachings of the Church’s tradition, the Sacred Text and the Sacraments, what do we mean by the question: “do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?”

I shall like to address these questions by looking at today’s Gospel. Today, the Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel presents us with the story of the rehabilitation of the apostle Peter. Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus three times during the Passion, is presented with the memory of his denial. Embarrassed, guilty and hurt, Peter must face this gaping wound in his heart and soul. While he is forgiven, Peter still must address the issue. Peter is reconciled by professing his love for Jesus. Peter’s faith was not in question. He had the faith, but his deep loving relationship with Christ was in need of repair. Unlike Thomas from last week’s Gospel, whose faith was wounded, Peter’s heart needed to be healed. Peter is reconciled to the Lord through his profession of love for Christ. Peter had to face himself and his self disappointment in his denial of Christ. It is the Love of Christ for Peter and the love of Peter for Christ which wins the day. Peter is made the chief shepherd of the community. It will be the love that Peter has for Christ which will give him strength to lead and to die for the faith.

What does a personal relationship with Jesus mean? It means I recognize the Risen Christ as a person who is as present to me as I am to myself or to another person. Jesus is not a teaching, a picture on the wall or simply a name learned in history or in religion class. God for us is not an impersonal set of rules to follow. God for us is not a distant power source or a faceless entity somewhere in the heaven. No, for us Jesus is the face of God up front and personal. For me, the face of God, Jesus, is not distant but close at hand. For Peter, Thomas, Mary Magdalene and the remaining apostles, Jesus is a real person with whom they interacted and with whom each had a personal as well as a communal loving relationship.

Are Catholics encouraged to have a personal loving relationship with Christ? Yes we are. Notice that the apostles had both a personal, that is one to one, relationship with Christ as well as a communal relationship with Christ. The same is true for us. Therefore as Catholics, we are never alone. We are to have a personal relationship with the Lord in the Eucharist. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we receive communion along with everyone. Communion brings us into a close encounter with Jesus and into communion with everyone else who has received the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center of our loving relationship with Jesus.

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