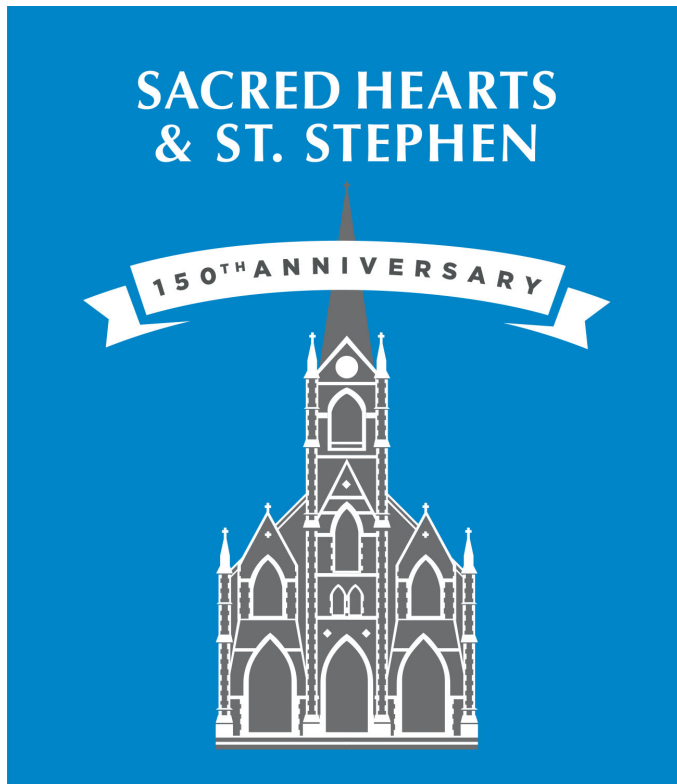

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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.

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.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. APRIL 18, 2016

Noon Loving Parents
Domenica & Anthony Pellicano
BY: Daughter Rita

TUE. APRIL 19, 2016

8:30 Donata & Frank Delre
BY: Son-in-Law Vito

WED. APRIL 20, 2016

8:00 Concetto, Agatina & Rosetta Conti
BY: The Conti Family

THURS. APRIL 21, 2016

8:30 Antoinette DiBuglione
BY: The Reca Family

FRI. APRIL 22, 2016

8:30 Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Loving Mom

SAT. APRIL 23, 2016

8:30 Steve Vergona & Frank Foglia
BY: Loving Family
5:30 PM Dominic Balzano,
Carmela & Dominic Costanzo,
Christina & Nicola Marchese,
Francesca & Antonio Caminiti
BY: Mom & Loving Family

SUN APRIL 24, 2016

8:00 AM Giorgio Buono
BY: Concetta Scotto
10:00 AM St. Michael Society
BY: Devotees
11:45 AM Madonna dei Miracoli
BY: Devotees

Monday

April 18th Mass at Noon
April 18th Rosarians Meeting @ 7:30 PM
Rectory Hall

Tuesday

April 19th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 19th Rebuilt Workshop
@ 7:00 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

April 20th Mass at 8:00 AM
Trip to Samson in Pennsylvania @ 8:45 PM
(Meet Bus in Front of Church or on Hicks St.)
April 20th Religious Ed Classes
@ 3:45 PM Cabrini Hall
April 20th Youth Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:00 PM
April 20th Children's Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:45 PM
April 20th Adult Choir Rehearsal
@ 6:45 PM
April 20th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday

April 21st Mass at 8:30 AM
April 21st 150th Dinner Committee Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Friday

April 22nd Mass at 8:30 AM
April 22nd AA Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall
April 22nd Boy Scouts Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Saturday

April 23rd Mass at 8:30 AM
April 23rd Confessions at 4:45 PM
April 23rd Mass at 5:30 PM
First Holy Communion (2 children)
April 23rd AA Meeting
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall
April 23rd K of C Nite at the Races
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Sunday

April 24th Mass at 8:00 AM
April 24th Mass at 10:00 AM
April 24th CCD Classes @ 11:10 AM
in Cabrini Hall
April 24th 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:

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
Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan	Eileen Giannotta
Richie Boyle	Kathleen Gunderson



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

April 17, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of
HAYDEE VINCI

Requested by:
Loving Family

EVERY GIFT WAS HANDED BACK

This year I stopped to contemplate the kind of gift I'd bring to lay at the nail-scarred feet of my Gracious Heavenly King. He's given my very life and the blessings I hold dear, but I can't come up with anything appropriate I fear. Every time I give him something, he more than doubles the return. I gave to him my weakness, His strength he then confirmed would always be there for me to securely hold on to. I gave him my shattered life, He gave me life anew. I gave him my pain and heartbreak, all that troubled my weary soul, he gave me hope and happiness and made my body whole. I gave him all my doubts and fears, the things that stood in the way of my daily service in his name. He made them go away. I offered him my feeble voice to sing his praise in song, he filled my heart with a melody that will last my whole life long. I offered him my hands to serve, to help out those in need, he gave me the talent to use these tools so that I would succeed. I gave him my life completely to show His light in a world of night, he gave me a wonderful testimony a way to share his light. I offered him my eyes to see all that they could take in, he showed to me a world of fear, unhappiness and sin. For every gift I gave to him, he handed back to me instructions for their uses, endless possibility. To reach a world that needs to find the Savior that I found, so on and on I serve, for to Him in love I'm bound.

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.

24 Things to Always Remember and One Thing to Never Forget

Your presence is a present to the world. You're unique and one of a kind. Your life can be what you want it to be. Take the days just one at a time. Count your blessings, not your troubles. You'll make it through whatever comes along. Within you are so many answers. Understand, have courage and be strong. Don't put limits on yourself. So many dreams are waiting to be realized. Decisions are too important to leave to chance. Reach for your peak, your goal and your prize. Nothing wastes more energy than worrying. The longer ones carries a problem, the heavier it gets. Don't take things too seriously. Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets. Remember that a little loves goes a long way. Remember that a lot...goes forever. Remember that friendship is a wise investment. Life's treasures are people...together. Realize that it's never too late. Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. Have health and hope and happiness. Take the time to wish upon a star. And don't ever forget...for even a day...how very special you are!

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

I wish you a Blessed and Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Shepherds are people who care for their sheep. They live with the sheep. They protect the sheep. They comfort the sheep. The foundation for their dedication to the sheep is their love for their flock. It was from the sheep that the shepherd obtained the wool for his clothing and milk for his nourishment. The

shepherd served the sheep.

Jesus self identifies as the Good Shepherd. He applies all of the requirements of the shepherd to himself. Jesus gathers his flock, calls his sheep by name and even lays down his life for his sheep. We are his flock. Jesus corrects, is watchful and protects his sheep. Jesus accomplishes his shepherding by calling shepherds to act in his place. These shepherds are our bishops, pastors, priests, religious and dedicated lay people who serve us. Those who act in the place of the Good Shepherd must know the Good Shepherd, learn from the Good Shepherd, be dedicated to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the congregation, correct firmly but kindly and always serve the flock. At times, the shepherd may even have to lay down his life for his flock or congregation.

In today's Gospel, we are told that Christ calls us by name. We are invited to hear the voice of the Shepherd in our hearts. How do we know that voice? In a world of many voices found on the internet, Facebook, television, newspapers and all social media, how do we discern the voice of the Good Shepherd? With the advice and expectations placed on us by friends and family, how do we recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives? Who helps us to hear the voice of Christ in our hearts and souls?

To recognize the voice of Christ, one must know the Lord Jesus. We must listen to the Gospel and observe keenly the behavior of Jesus in the Gospel. Notice that Jesus acts mercifully even when he is correcting someone or calling people to see beyond their present situation. Notice that Jesus, while sent only to the Children of Israel, is kind to outsiders. Notice that Jesus serves others. No task is beneath him. He washes the feet of the apostles. Notice he seeks to reconcile situations and people by helping them to find and face the truth. Notice that Jesus gave of himself even to the point of death. So, how can we discern the voice of the Good Shepherd? The voice of Jesus calls us to recognize the image of God in all people. The voice of Jesus calls humanity together. The voice of Jesus invites us to give of ourselves, to serve without care for recognition or compensation. The voice of Jesus invites us to grow in self knowledge, in forgiveness and mercy. The voice of the Good Shepherd invites us to come together, to learn from differences and to build with him the Kingdom of God. The voice of Jesus invites us to discipleship.

We are invited to hear the voice of the Lord through contemplating the Gospel and other sacred text. The voice of the Lord is spoken in the Tradition of the Church, especially in the writings of the Fathers. The voice of God is found in being involved in our local parish community. It is found in the city of the poor and the joy of the young. The voice of God is discerned for us by good and spiritually minded priests, sisters and bishops, parents and teachers and it is found in the depths of our innermost being,

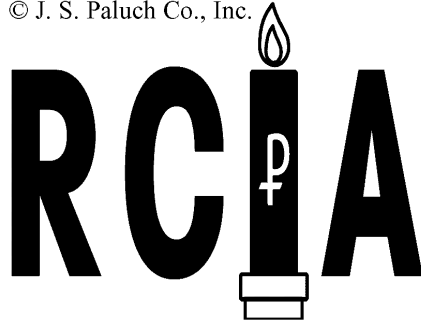
In our day and age, we need priests who can explain the text to us and help us to hear the voice of the Shepherd. We need your sons, grandsons and nephews to be men for Jesus. We often hear the complaint that this priest does not speak clearly, this other priest has a heavy accent and why do we not have American priests? Well, we need you and all of us to encourage our young people to consider a life of service for the Lord. The lure of big money, popularity, sex, glamour and self-centered behavior has made our young deaf to the call of the good Shepherd. Recent poor examples of priestly life has deterred many from pursuing a vocation. Invite young people who you think may have a vocation to consider the possibility that God may be calling him or her to a life of unity with Him and service to us. The future of our Church depends on us, our prayers and our calling young people to service. If they have a vocation, it is the greatest gift God can give to us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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