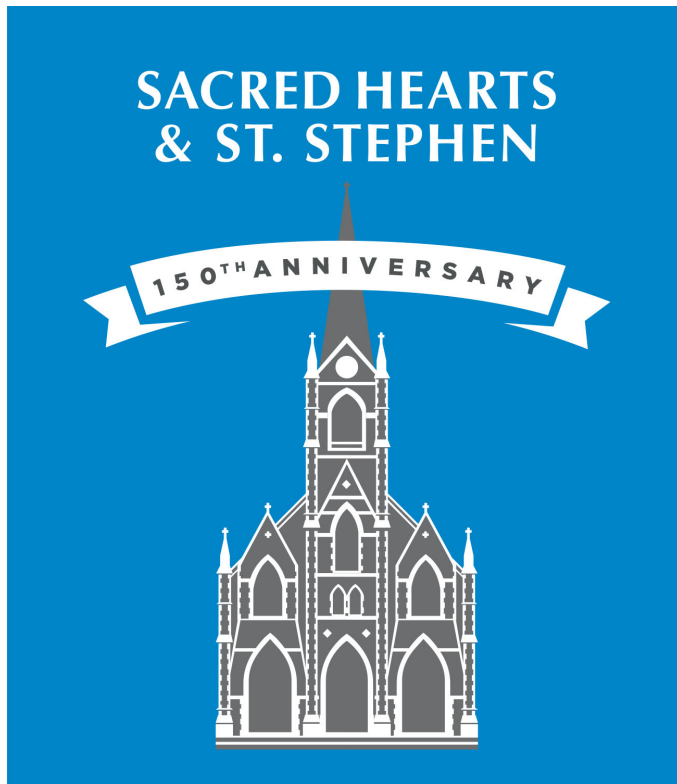

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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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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 25, 2016

Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

TUE. APRIL 26, 2016

8:30 Antoinette DiBuglione
BY: Rosemary Polito

WED. APRIL 27, 2016

8:00 Antoinette DiBuglione
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato

THURS. APRIL 28, 2016

8:30 In Thanksgiving for The Intercession of
St. Louis Demontford
BY: Louis Pepe

FRI. APRIL 29, 2016

8:30 Vincenzo, Concetta, Ignazia &
Giovanni Di Rosa
BY: Francesco Di Rosa

SAT. APRIL 30, 2016

8:30 Anthony Grosso
BY: Guy & Bea DiManso
5:30 PM For the Intentions of
Joanne & Marty Feeney
BY: Dorothy Pacella

SUN MAY 1, 2016

8:00 AM Deceased Members of
The Wendler Family
BY: Theresa
10:00 AM Jerry Pellecchia
BY: Rose, Dana & Evelyn Palmieri
11:45 AM Anthony D. Scotto
BY: Loving Wife Maureen & Family

Monday

April 25th Mass at Noon
April 25th Finance Committee Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Tuesday

April 26th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 26th K of C LI Assembly
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Wednesday

April 27th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 27th Youth Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:00 PM
April 27th Children's Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:45 PM
April 27th Adult Choir Rehearsal
@ 6:45 PM
April 27th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday

April 28th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 28th K of C Council Meeting
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Friday

April 29th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 29th AA Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall
April 29th Boy Scouts Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Saturday

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

Sunday

May 1st Mass at 8:00 AM
May 1st Mass at 10:00 AM
First Holy Communion (3 Candidates)
May 1st CCD Classes @ 11:10 AM
in Cabrini Hall
May 1st 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 24, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of
ROBERT MERRICK

Requested by:
Camille & Anthony Trani



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of April 24th have been donated in memory of

LOTTIE ILLIANO
By: M/M Joseph Zagami



MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting baby shower gift donations to be distributed by the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely chose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: Diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate the gifts unwrapped in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 8th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event.

A PRIEST IS ALWAYS WRONG BECAUSE...

If he begins his mass on time,
his watch is advanced:
If he begins a minute late, he keeps people waiting
If he preaches too long,
he makes people get bored:
If his homily is too short, he is unprepared.
If he owns a car, he is luxurious:
If he does not own a car,
he does not go with the times.
If he goes out to visit families, he is always out:
If he does not, he has no time for them.
If he asks for donations, he is a moneymaker:
If he does not do it, he is too proud and lazy.
If he takes his time in the confessional,
he is too slow:
If he makes it too fast,
he has no time for his penitents.
If he renovates the church, he throws away money.
If he does not do it,
he allows everything to rot away.
If he is with the youth, he forgets the old.
If he is seen with woman, he is a playboy:
If he goes with men, he is not normal:
If he is young, he has no experience:
If he is old, he should retire.
As long as he lives,
There are always people who are better than him.
But if the Priest dies...
there is nobody to take his place.

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

I wish you a Happy and Blessed Fifth Sunday of Easter. As we journey through the Easter Season, the readings today begin to move us from the Resurrection to the next Easter event which is the sending forth of the Holy Spirit known as the Great Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty days since the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Listen carefully to the readings and notice the references made to the coming of

the Holy Spirit. Today Jesus gives us his hallmark of discipleship. For Jesus the sign of discipleship is love.

What does this love mean? Is it emotional? Do I have to like everyone? Is not this kind of soft theology? Love means effectively willing the good of the other. The reason we effectively will the good of the other is because we are followers of Jesus. We do not love because we are looking for a reward. We love because we are followers of Jesus who taught us that to effectively will the good of the other is the will of God. We do not love because we like a person or because we are looking for a reward. We love because we are followers of Jesus. We do not love because the other deserves our kindness or love, or because we are obligated in some way to the person. We love not because of who a person is but because of who we are. We are followers of Jesus. This love which the disciple of Jesus is called to show has nothing to do with emotions, feelings or personal interest. The love we are striving for is not the love we share as family members or as husband and wife. It is the love called agape. This love is pure love for God and because of our love for God, we love or will the good for the other.

The love of which the gospel speaks has nothing to do with the one who is showing the kindness. Rather the one receiving the kindness is the one upon which attention is placed. The love of which the gospel speaks invites us to die ourselves for the good of another. The love Jesus invites us to show invites us to die to our self interest for the good of the other. This agape or effectively willing the good of the other or love, can be found when we do an act of charity for another or for a group anonymously. The love of which the gospels speak is seen in the teacher who gives of him or herself to help a struggling child to read or to learn mathematics without counting the hours or looking for recognition. The agape of the gospel can be seen in those who courageously give of themselves to a cause for justice for the poor and the under-privileged expecting nothing in return except the satisfaction that they gave all they had for another.

Since the love of which Jesus speaks is seen when the giver of the kindness of love is not the center of the good deed, this love is connected to the Cross and dying to oneself. Notice in the gospel that the Cross and the glorification of Jesus are connected. The love of which the Gospel speaks invites the disciple to serve for the sake of Christ, not for the sake of the disciple. This love involves all of us.

For our deacons and seminarians and priests and religious, they are to serve wherever they are sent. If they like the assignment or they need to grow into the assignment, is not the question. They are sent to serve the poor, the wealthy, the bright, the uneducated, the kind and the rude. If you are a caregiver, you are called to love for the sake of the one being served not for the sake of yourself. Therefore, is it more loving to place someone in nursing care and admit you cannot care for sick persons as the person needs or are you more emotionally moved by a feeling of guilt or by the fear of what the neighbors will say? Sometimes we are placed in a position when we need to set limits, discipline someone, either a child or a worker. How do you do so lovingly? How do we handle these difficult situations for the good of the person and all concerned? Anger or self righteousness or getting even or showing of power cannot enter the situation. As a disciple of Christ, we must oftentimes struggle to make the right decision to do the loving act. Love is tough, not soft. Love is dying to oneself and doing the loving act can cause tears and pain. All you need do is look at the crucified Lord to see how much love can cost. Jesus came to tell us the truth. He remained loyal to his message and mission to us and suffered for love. If love is real, it is a cause for joy and suffering. It also means death to one self and Resurrection to new life.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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