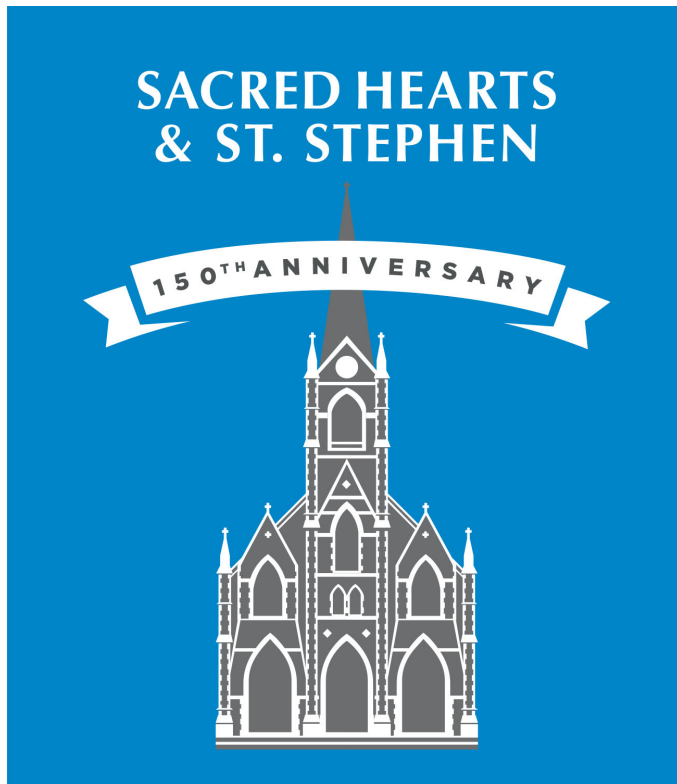

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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
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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.**



DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. APRIL 4, 2016

Noon Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John

TUE. APRIL 5, 2016

8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
Noon Carmelo Matarazzo
BY: M/M Frank DiRosa

WED. APRIL 6, 2016

8:30 For the People of the Parish
Noon For the Intentions of
Rita & Gregory Pontone & Family
BY: Dorothy Pacella

THURS. APRIL 7, 2016

8:30 Anna, Antonio & Ralph Colantonio
BY: Loving Daughter & Sister Angie
Noon Benny Librera
BY: Richie & Susie

FRI. APRIL 8, 2016

8:30 Filomena, Pasquale & Larry Scotto
BY: Family
Noon Alfonzina & Walter Kowalczyk
BY: Mrs. Dora Zanzonico & Family

SAT. APRIL 9, 2016

8:30 Luciano & Mary Bellocchio
BY: The Reca Family
5:30 PM M/M Sal Pellecchia &
M/M Joseph Pellecchia
BY: Rose Palmieri & Family

SUN APRIL 10, 2016

8:00 AM Andrew & Catherine Gallo
BY: Daughters Bridget & Anna
10:00 AM Anna Ruggiero
BY: Loving Family
11:45 AM Giovanna Barrera
Birthday Remembrance
BY: Loving Family

Monday

April 4th Mass at Noon

Tuesday

April 5th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 5th Noon Mass
April 5th Parish Council Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House
April 5th K of C LI Assembly
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Wednesday

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

Thursday

April 7th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 7th Mass at Noon

Friday

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

Saturday

GENERATIONS OF FAITH
April 9th Mass at 8:30 AM
April 9th Organic Farm Market
@ 9:30 AM Rectory Hall
April 9th Confessions at 4:45 PM
April 9th Mass at 5:30 PM
April 9th AA Meeting
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday

GENERATIONS OF FAITH
April 10th Mass at 8:00 AM
April 10th Mass at 10:00 AM
April 10th Baptism Prep Class
@ 11:00 AM Parish House
April 10th CCD Classes @ 11:10 AM
in Cabrini Hall
April 10th 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 |
| | Richie Boyle |



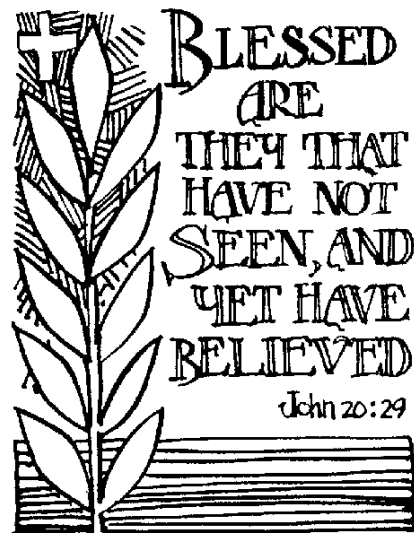
Altar Bread & Wine for the week
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April 3, 2016 has been donated
In Memory of
VINCENT MUSACCHIA
Requested by:
Rory Cohen

He Arose

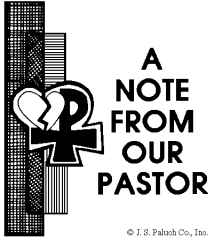
Through all the doubts and fears of my life, through the times when hope seemed all gone, the days when all I could see was the rain, His love and strength has given me song. You ask me how I can trust and hold to something I cannot see. Why on Him I cast my every care, it's because in Him I believe. I see Him in every flower, in every believer's eyes, I see Him in all the sunsets and in each and every sunrise. When no one else was strong enough to stand by me through all of my pain, He stayed so near and held me so close and sheltered me from all the rain. Even in times I would disbelieve and fail to trust in His grace, he hasn't left me like others would, He's stuck by me and given me more faith. I think of my Lord as my precious Savior, as the forgiver of all sins. I think of Him as a blessed Redeemer but most of all He's my best friend. I love the Lord not only because He answers all of my prayers, but because He's there in sunshine and not only through all the tears. I will always trust Him, but if I doubt Him, never will I forget to close my eyes and whisper these words: He arose and he hasn't failed me yet!

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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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA

Dear Parish Community,

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. This day is also known as the eighth day of Easter or the Octave of Easter. This entire week which we just completed was called Easter Week. The liturgies of these days were all Easter Liturgies. The Gospel readings for each day actually all took place on Easter Sunday. The Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ are too big to be contained in one day. The Church celebrates Easter Sunday for eight days. Today, we conclude our Easter Octave celebration and the Easter Season. Each Sunday of the Easter Season will have an Easter theme. However, we must keep in mind every Sunday of the year is a Paschal Celebration. We come together on Sunday because of the great events of Easter.

Today we conclude our Easter Octave with the celebration of Divine Mercy. Listen carefully to the readings. The apostles are gathered in the upper room. They are a sorry lot. They are filled with worry. They are feeling guilty over their abandoning Jesus in his hour of greatest need. They are probably filled with grief over his death. They saw Jesus as their friend and their teacher. Jesus had changed their lives. They may have been angry with Judas for having betrayed Jesus. They may have even been angry with Jesus thinking that they were duped into following him and his message. Now, because of their association with Jesus, they could be considered criminals. In short, they are wounded, hurt and a suffering community.

Now focus on Thomas. He separates himself from the community. He goes off by himself and grieves the loss of Jesus. He is hurt, he is angry and he does not believe any good can happen again. Thomas is wounded. He is isolated from the others in his thoughts, feelings and even his beliefs.

Now focus on Jesus. Jesus entered the upper room. Resurrection does not mean resuscitation. Resurrection means risen in the body but changed. It means spirit-filled. It means that while Jesus is recognizable, he is changed. While the life of Jesus prior to the resurrection seemed to focus on his humanity, the life of Jesus after resurrection focuses on his divinity. Jesus is recognized by the apostles as being the same Jesus they knew but he is changed. Notice that Jesus comes to them and grants them peace. He does not mention their unfaithfulness. He knows how they feel. Jesus not only gives his life for them, he now breathes The Holy Spirit upon them. Jesus breathes new life into his apostles in a similar way that God breathes life into Adam. (Genesis 2:7) Jesus breathes the Spirit into his apostles like the Prophet Ezekiel spoke the Word of God over the dry bones of Israel giving them new life (cf Ezekiel 37). Notice that Jesus shows his wounds on his body to the wounded body of apostles. It is through the wounds of Jesus that we can peer into and see his divinity. It is from his wounded side and hands that Jesus forgives, bestows mercy and rehabilitates Thomas and all his apostles. In the end, mercy triumphs. The apostles will proclaim redemption and salvation in Christ Jesus to the world. The only beatitude in the Gospel of John will be uttered about us. "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe."

Today there are many of us who are wounded. Even the Church, the Body of Christ, suffers from wounds. Some of us have long standing issues with the Church leadership. Some of us are angry and hurt enough by scandals of the clergy and the behavior of Catholics, to leave the community. Some of us are disappointed in life in general. Some of us are angry with God. Some of us are angry with ourselves. Some of us are or were victims of crime, injustice, hurt and neglect. Some of us have sinned and some of us have made terrible mistakes. All of us are human. All of us are strong and weak at the same time. All of us share both the apostle John's faithfulness to Christ and Peter's denial of Christ. Some of us have even betrayed both Christ and his Gospel by the way we have lived and acted. Yet, today and in this season, we are reminded that Mercy is available for all who are sorry and who wish to strive to amend their lives. We are a sinful Church, a sinful priesthood and a sinful weak people. We all need Mercy, no one is exempt. No sin is so grave, no tomb so dark and no life so far away that the Victory of Christ cannot conquer. If you have been away, come home. If you are here, rejoice in God's mercy.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations both Spiritually renewing and Liturgically beautiful:

Thank you to Mr. John Heyer and all those who generously gave of their time to prepare our Church for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. I thank all who covered and uncovered the statues.

Thank you to Mr. James Lake our Music Director and Evelyn Troester DeGraf, our Choir Director for all their work and all the practices which made our liturgies so beautiful. Thank you to the members of the Choir. Thank you to the Children's Choir. They led us in song on Palm Sunday.

Thank you to our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for their service to us.

Thank you to our Parish Council and Finance Committee.

Thank you to our Faith Formation Committee who planned our Day of Recollection/our three days of preparation for our Feast Day and whose creativity has enhanced our Parish.

Thank you to all who so kindly allowed us to wash their feet on Holy Thursday.

Thank you to all who planned and participated in the Palm Sunday Procession.

Thank you to our Altar Servers both children and adults. Thank you to Kamil, our Seminarian.

Thank you to Fr. Victor who had his first Easter with us.

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Thank you to Erika Olivera whose wonderful photographs appear on Facebook.

Thank you to John Mark de Palma whose photographs are on Facebook also.

Thank you to those who prayed Morning Prayer with us during Holy Week and to all who so faithfully attend our Holy Week Liturgies.

Thank you to Anthony Troaino who so kindly provides our hospitality every Sunday helping us to be a welcoming community.

Thank you to Gertrude Zagarella who so faithfully greets us on Sundays and Holidays at the doors to be a welcoming community.

Thank you to Nancy Arkin, our Director of Faith Formation and to Laura Ramirez-Galeas our Diocesan Youth Minister.

Thank you to Andy DiManso and Teresa Delgado who maintain our Sacristy and prepare us for our Daily Liturgies.

Thank you to Rose Marie Foglia, our Parish Administrator.

Thank you to Francesca Reca, our Cook.

Thank you to Mr. Frank who helped to clean the Church and Cabrini Hall for this holiday time.

Thank you all who so faithfully attend our Church. Thank you for the many good things that are done for us quietly and out of sight for God's eyes only.

We are truly a great Parish Family because we are made up of so many kind, caring and generous people. We are truly a Beautiful Church with wonderful people.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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