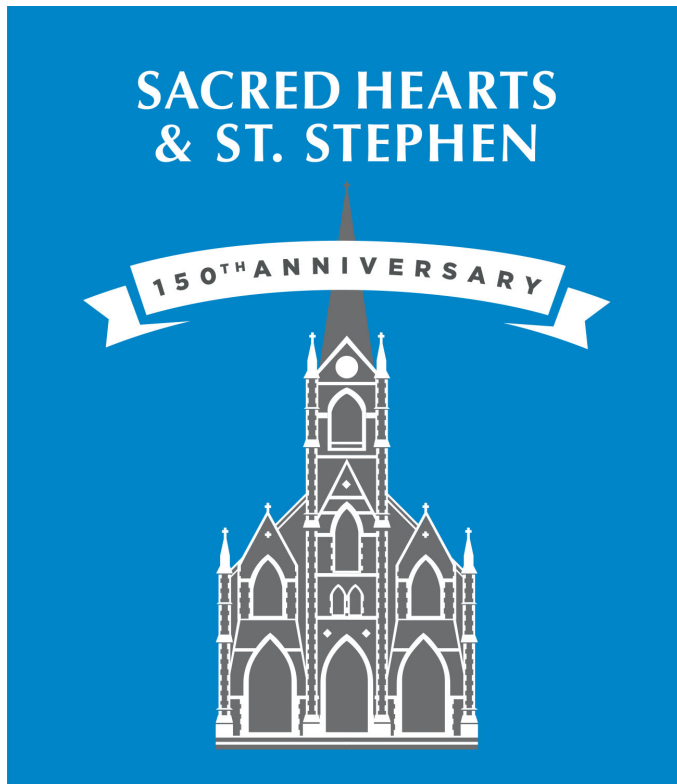

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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. MAY 2, 2016

Noon For The People of The Parish

TUE. MAY 3, 2016

8:30 Violet Massie

WED. MAY 4, 2016

8:30 Carmine Graziano
BY: Daughter Teresa

THURS. MAY 5, 2016 ASCENSION

8:30 Dorothy Karchinsky

Noon Josephine Patti & Carmela Infuso
BY: Loving Family

7:00 PM Vincent J. Musacchia
BY: M/M Louis Napoli

FRI. MAY 6, 2016

8:30 Filomena Scotto
BY: Children

SAT. MAY 7, 2016

8:30 Ralph Wager
BY: The Reca Family

5:30 PM Mothers' Day Remembrance

SUN MAY 8, 2016

8:00 AM Mothers' Day Remembrance
10:00 AM Mothers' Day Remembrance
11:45 AM Mothers' Day Remembrance

Monday

May 2nd Mass at Noon
May 2nd Communion Practice
@ 7:00 PM Church
May 2nd Praying of the Rosary
@ 7:30 PM Rectory Hall

Tuesday

May 3rd Mass at 8:30 AM
May 3rd Parish Council Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Wednesday

May 4th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 4th Religious Ed @ 3:45 PM Cabrini Hall
May 4th Youth Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:00 PM
May 4th Children's Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:45 PM
May 4th Adult Choir Rehearsal
@ 6:45 PM
May 4th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday

ASCENSION THURSDAY
May 5th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 5th Mass at Noon
May 5th Mass at 7:00PM

Friday

May 6th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 6th AA Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall
May 6th Boy Scouts Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall
May 6th Men's Fellowship
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Saturday

May 7th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 7th Confessions at 4:45 PM
May 7th Mass at 5:30 PM
May 7th AA Meeting
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday

May 8th Mass at 8:00 AM
May 8th Mass at 10:00 AM
First Holy Communion (1Candidate)
May 8th Baptism Prep Class
@ 11:00 AM Parish House
May 8th Mass at 11:45 AM



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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 | Lisa VanTassel |
| Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan | Eileen Giannotta |
| Richie Boyle | Kathleen Gunderson |
| Rosa Maria Santos | |

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
May 1, 2016 has been donated



In Memory of
LOUIS TRANI

Requested by:
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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.

STEPS TO HAPPINESS

Everybody knows you can't be all things to all people. You can't do all things at once. You can't do all things equally well. You can't do all things better than everyone else. Your humanity is showing just like everyone else's.

So....

You have to find out who you are and be that. You have to decide what comes first, and do that. You have to discover your strengths and use them. You have to learn not to compete with others, because no one else is in the contest of "being you".

Then...

You will have learned to accept your own uniqueness. You will have learned to set priorities and make decisions. You will have learned to live with your limitations. You will have learned to give yourself the respect that is due. and you'll be a most vital mortal.

Dare to believe:

That you are a wonderful, unique person, that you are a once-in-all-history event. That it's more than a right, it's your duty to be who you are. That life is not a problem to solve, but a gift to cherish and we will be able to stay one up on what used to get us.

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

“Peace I give you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Jesus gives us the Peace which resides deep in his heart. This is a divine gift to us as a community and as individuals. The peace Jesus gives us is not based on all things going correctly, nor does it say that all stresses will end. It

does say that peace will sustain us through the difficult times. For all of us who are stressed, we need to focus on Christ, the giver of peace.

Who of us does not yearn for peace? Who of us does not sometimes lose sleep over issues and problems which cause us anxiety? Who of us does not become ill at ease when we hear reports of bombings and terrorism? Who of us is not under some kind of stress at home or at work? Do we not worry about health issues for ourselves or for someone we love? We live in stressful times. If you can relate to any of these issues, than today’s readings are addressed to you.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the cause of peace for the community of believers of the Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the community of believers is disturbed by confusion and disagreement concerning the method of admission into the community. As the apostolic community grows, there is also the potential for disagreements. In the Gospel, the departure of Jesus is a cause of great anxiety for the apostles. This text comes from John 14:23-29 which makes up a conversation at the Last Supper according to St. John. The Liturgy applies these readings to the Easter Season in preparation for the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading from the Book of Revelations, we have a vision of the Church, the dwelling place of God in all of its perfection. This reading presents us with a vision of how we wish things can be. This reading expresses our desires and dreams to see the Church free from stress and disagreement. It is the dream of many to live in a world which will be free from war and hatred. It is the longing for many to have a family which is peaceful and less stressful. For all people of good will, this second reading from Revelations is a message of hope for future internal and external peace.

While our dreams may be for peace, our reality is different. Stresses in the Church universal, in the Diocese and in the parish seem to be well known. Perhaps we need to remember that the Church, like Christ, is both divine and human. The humanity of the Church like our own humanity is not perfect nor is it completely converted to the Gospel. Thus, the Church on earth struggles. Meetings, councils and synods seek to solve issues, yet in these critical moments, the present church is inspired by the second reading which points us to that time when every tear will be wiped away.

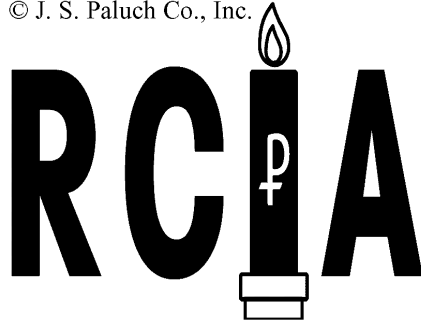
In our personal stresses, it may help us to remember that there are situations in our lives over which we have little or no control. Accepting this premise is difficult. Knowing that fear and anxiety are difficult to control, perhaps we can focus on the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Jesus gives the apostles his peace. The peace which comes from Christ is not a peace which is dependent on all going well. It is a gift from God which keeps one’s heart and mind on Christ in the midst of the storm. It is a Peace which reassures us that Christ is present in the crisis. This gift of peace is not understood but rather is experienced.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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