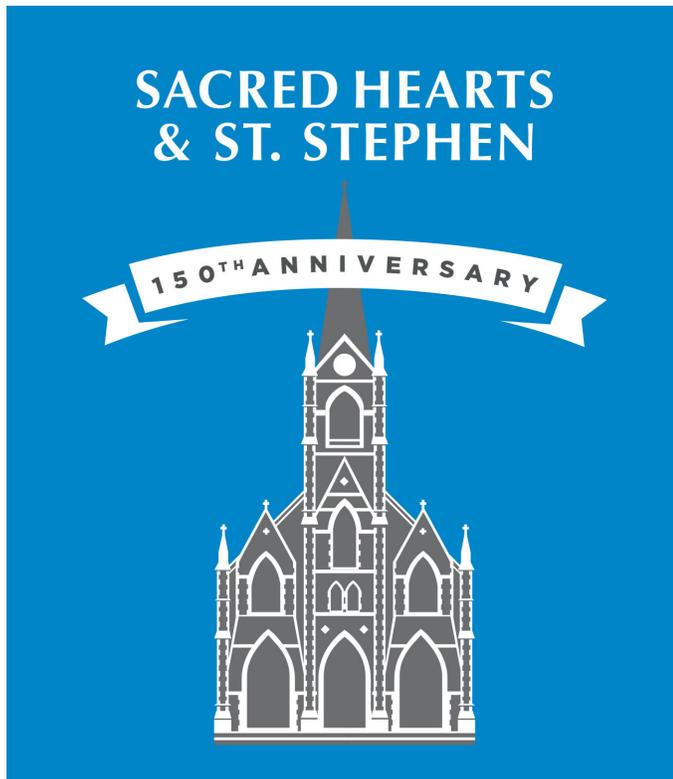


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866***  
***Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary***  
***Founded 1882***

## **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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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

MON. JUNE 13, 2016

Noon Anthony Liguori  
BY: Loving Brother John &  
The Liguori Family

TUE. JUNE 14, 2016

8:30 Joseph Foglia

WED. JUNE 15, 2016

8:30 Louis Trani  
BY: Marie Trani

THURS. JUNE 16, 2016

8:30 Pasquale & Larry Scotto  
BY: Family

FRI. JUNE 17, 2016

8:30 Maria Nardi  
BY: Loving Family

SAT. JUNE 18, 2016

8:30 Lisa Puglise  
BY: Friends

5:30 PM Fathers' Day Remembrance

SUN JUNE 19, 2016

8:00 AM Fathers' Day Remembrance

10:00 AM Fathers' Day Remembrance

11:45 AM Fathers' Day Remembrance

JUNE 12TH

## A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR PARISH

Two additions will be made to our church today. Thanks to the People of Pozzallo, we will dedicate the new statue of St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist is an important figure in the story of salvation. He is a relative of Jesus. He is the one who points Jesus out to the world and announces the mission of Jesus to us. It is St. John's words we quote prior to the reception of the Eucharist: "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world." With these words, John tells us that Jesus is the Christ, that he is the lamb of sacrifice for our sins and that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus, not because of our lives. John is the model for all Church ministers. Pastoral ministers are to point out Jesus in our lives. So as John did, every priest, nun, brother, lay minister must do. We are called to give witness to Christ Jesus through our words and actions. I thank the People of Pozzallo for their kindness and devotion. Bravo to all from Pozzallo!

The second event for our parish today is the dedication of a plaque given to the Church by members of the Molese Van Westenof located on 4th Place in memory of all immigrants who have come to this country and who have passed through this parish. The plaque shows a family facing the Statue of Liberty and our church tower. I thank the people of Mola for this plaque and this tribute to all immigrants. This plaque is in memory of ALL immigrants from wherever they came holding hope to build a life in this country of the United States. I thank especially Vito Parente who introduced this wonderful idea. I thank the Molese Club for having the courage and openness to recognize the immigrant journey of so many people who have celebrated the Eucharist, baptisms, marriages and all life events in this beautiful Church. Thank you Molese Society for your openness to our entire community. Bravo to all Molese who made this possible!

Msgr. Guy A. Massie



# 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
Brad Hatry,	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	Palma Caminiti
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 June 12, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**NANCY ILARDI**

Requested by:  
**The Patti & Manus Family**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

June 12th have been donated

In Memory of  
**FRANK LO PORTO &**

**ELISA PUGLISE**

BY: Loving Family

**Have you Heard,  
Spread the Word!  
All are welcome at  
Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church  
Bring a Friend  
Help them Blend!**

Dear Parish Family:

I am still krveling over the events which took place in our parish last week. God has certainly blessed our parish. I thank all who organized, participated and celebrated the great Feast of Corpus Christi with us on May 29th I thank Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and RoseMary Ruggiero for allowing us to stop at their front yard for Benediction. I thank all who worked to make this celebration a prayerful experience. We were also blessed by visits and addresses of Sr. Ave Clark, O.P. and Sr. Diane Olmstead MSSH, Mother Cabrini's order. Their respective addresses were thought provoking and inspiring. I thank all who worked to make the Sacred Heart Mass in Cabrini Park a great success. It is my hope that such a Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be a long tradition in the parish. Thank you to John Heyer and all who set up the park for Mass and all those who helped return the Mass items to the church. Thank you to Gertrude who so nicely prepared the worship aid.

The Deaconate Ordination of Kamil Bober and the priestly Ordination of Jarek Szeraszewicz certainly were the crowning events of the past week. It was a great experience to have their respective families living with us. The rectory sounded like a real home. I think I can safely say many of us were moved to tears at these events. I am sure you would agree it was a great moment for our parish. To all who made these days welcoming, to all who served our guests with kindness and openness, to all like Anthony Troiano who worked to make the hospitality so wonderful, I say thank you. To Ed and Sondra Rivera and the St. Stephen Men's Fellowship, I say thank you. We are a welcoming parish, we are a warm parish. We are a parish with a big heart. We are all these things thanks to all the people of our parish.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

# From the Pastor



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“I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not” Ps. 32

Dear Parish Family:

Who of us is without sin? Who of us has not made a mistake? Who of us has not regretted our behavior at times? Which family among us has not struggled with the behavior of some of its members? Keeping these questions in mind, let us look at the readings for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the First reading taken from 2 Samuel 12:7-10.13, we read about King David’s serious offense against God, against Uriah and against Bathsheba. David committed adultery and murder. (Murder means a planned killing) He was favored by God. He was blessed as a great king. He was promised that the messiah would come from his lineage. He should have known better. When confronted by Nathan, the prophet David, to his credit, admits his error. David does not excuse his behavior. David asks for forgiveness. His heart is repentant. David, in the mercy of God, is forgiven, yet David will have to deal with the social consequences of his sin for the remainder of his life. David had a change of heart.

In the Gospel reading from Luke 7:36-8:3, we meet Jesus who is dining at the house of a Pharisee by the name of Simon. During the meal, we meet an unnamed woman who approaches Jesus while he is eating. She washes his feet with her tears and anoints the feet of Jesus with oil. (Keep in mind that Jesus ate in Roman style which means Jesus and the guests at the dinner are reclining on couches as they ate. Therefore, the feet of Jesus are pointed away from the table and his head, arm and hands are at the table.) This woman was regarded as a sinner. She publically admits her life as a sinner and she in these actions recognizes Jesus as one who can forgive her. She receives mercy. She does not excuse her behavior, admits her error and is freed from her burden. She will leave Jesus in peace, yet she too will have to face the social consequences of her past actions. Mercy comes to her.

In the second reading, which comes to us from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, we learn that Paul’s life has completely changed as a result of his meeting with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Paul too is forgiven for his persecution of the Christians. Paul admits his error, he hides not his guilt and he receives mercy and seeks to change his life. While Paul is forgiven, he too will have to endure the social consequences of his past life. Paul will not be readily accepted by other Christians who saw him only as a persecutor. He will have a difficult time being accepted by the Apostles, yet with the grace of amendment, he will succeed.

In each of these stories, it was the disposition of the heart that mattered. The heart that sought forgiveness and resolution to seek to try to change one’s lifestyle, was forgiven. So where are we? Where are we with the forgiveness of others? Where are we with the disposition of the heart? Where are we with regard to others who seek to change their lives for the better? Do we encourage them or do we tell everyone about their former faults? What is our disposition for the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Is this not the great sacrament of forgiveness and peace of mind? Can we admit error without excuses and trust God’s forgiveness?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK**  
**FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2016**  
**JULY THROUGH DECEMBER**

The Mass Book for the last six months of 2016, July through December, will open on Saturday, June 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory Hall. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. **Numbers given outside WILL NOT be honored!!** You will be assigned a number as you enter the Rectory Hall. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. **If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.**

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday masses. Every individual may request **ONE** Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means: suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions. Mr. X may request three intentions **ONE** of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. **ONE** for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we wish, but this may not happen. What matters is that our loved one is remembered at the mass. Therefore, we need to be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this name need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the Mass intention therefore only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for this mass request so we need not have to say for his/her anniversary or for his/her birthday. Just the mass intention, not your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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