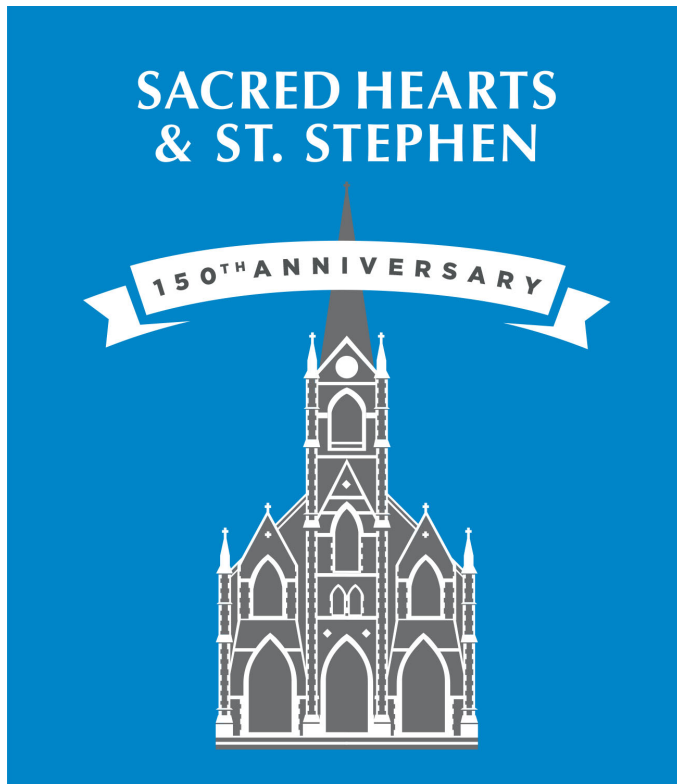


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20TH THROUGH JUNE 26TH

**MON. JUNE 20, 2016**

Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Their Family

**TUE. JUNE 21, 2016**

8:30 Sylvia Bello  
BY: Jean Marcoccio & Fran Lepore

**WED. JUNE 22, 2016**

8:30 Vinny Marino  
Anniversary Blessings  
BY: Paula Pepito

**THURS. JUNE 23, 2016**

8:30 Giorgio Buono  
BY: Concetta Scotto

**FRI. JUNE 24, 2016**

8:30 Salvatore & Maria Grazia DiFilippo  
BY: Loving Family

**SAT. JUNE 25, 2016**

8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
BY: Mom & Dad

5:30 PM Vinny Marino  
Anniversary Remembrance  
BY: Paula Pepito

**SUN JUNE 19, 2016**

8:00 AM Lucille Budd  
BY: Sarah Fusco & John Sponcia

10:00 AM For the Intentions of  
The Diacomanolis Family  
BY: Dorothy Pacella

11:45 AM St. Pietro,  
BY: The Society

Mon. 6/20 Mass at Noon  
Rosarian Mtg. @ 7:30 PM RH

Tues. 6/21 Mass @ 8:30 AM  
Rebuilt Workshop @ 7:00 PM  
in RH

Wed. 6/22 Mass @ 8:30 AM  
AA @ 7:30 PM RH

Thurs. 6/23 Mass @ 8:30 AM  
K of C Council Mtg. @ 7:30 RH

Fri. 6/24 Mass @ 8:30 AM  
AA @ 6:30 PM RH  
Boy Scouts @ 6:30 PM CH

Sat. 6/25 Mass @ 8:30 AM  
K of C Independence Mass  
@ 10:00 AM St. Paul-St. Agnes  
@ 11:00 Parade Line up  
on Bergen Street  
@ 12:00 Parade Begins  
@ 1:00 PM Independence  
Day Celebration and BBQ  
SHSS Church Steps and Yard  
Confession @ 4:45 PM  
Mass @ 5:30 PM  
AA @ 6:00 PM RH

Sun 6/26 Mass @ 8:00 AM  
Mass @ 10:00 AM  
Mass @ 11:45 AM  
SHSS Married Couples  
BBQ @ 12:45 PM Yard

# 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 19, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of

**ROSE GARBELLOTTO**

Requested by:

The Garbellotto Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

June 19th have been donated

In Memory of

**MICHAEL IACONO**

BY: Connie Ponsiglione & Family

Have you Heard,  
Spread the Word!

All are welcome at

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church

Bring a Friend

Help them Blend!

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

You are cordially invited to a Gala celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Stephen Catholic

Church on

Sunday, November 13, 2016.

4:00 PM Cocktails—5:00 PM Dinner

El Caribe Country Club

5945 Strickland Avenue

Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$135.00 Per Person

\$65.00 for Children Ages 3 to 10

Reservation Deadline is 10/14/16

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Or call

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Journal Ads are available.

For more information e-mail  
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Our 150th Anniversary Mass  
Celebrated by

Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Will be held on

Sunday,

December 18, 2016

@ 10:00 AM

We ask that you save the above dates for these momentous occasions in the life of our Parish.

Join your Parish Family in celebration and fellowship!

# From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

Who do you say Jesus is? Are we ready to accept the consequences as well as the blessings of this confession of faith in Christ?

Today, the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings are challenging. The challenge is posed to us in the question which Jesus asks his disciples. Jesus asked; "Who do you say I am?" To this question Peter responds, that Jesus is Christ. The title Christ or in Hebrew, the Messiah, was believed to be the one who set Israel free and usher in a time of peace and redemption. Yet, while this was the popular understanding of this messianic title, Jesus seems to accept the title, at the same time he shuns this popular understanding of how the messiah will be triumphant and victorious. It was for this reason that Jesus commands the apostles to tell no one of his messianic role. For Jesus, the Cross is forever present in his ministry and in the ministry of his followers. This image of the cross is clearly not understood nor accepted by his disciples. Yet, the Cross is not an interruption in the life of Christ, it is part of the life of Christ. The Cross is not a terrible mistake of which Jesus was a victim. The Cross is part of the message of the Gospel.

In the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we are told that we who accept Christ and who are baptized into Christ, are united. While individuality exists, we are united in our diversity because we are bound to Jesus and to each other. It is the Blood of Christ which makes us the family of God. It is our baptism into Christ which allows us to share in the promises made to Abraham our Father in faith. Therefore because of Christ, we are the non-Jews sharing in the promises made by God to the Jews through Abraham and Moses.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, we are presented with the story of an unnamed person who was wounded by the people and who afterwards becomes the focal point of people who realize how their behavior had ultimately brought about the death of an innocent person. It is this death which causes the people to repent and to change for the better.

Cross, Gospel, Jesus and Death of an innocent, what does all this say to us who believe in Jesus? When Jesus spoke these words about the Cross, his hearers knew exactly what he meant. They had seen people crucified. This Cross meant humiliation, pain and defeat. How could a Messiah be speaking about such things? As difficult as this may be to admit, most of us who believe in Jesus, reject the Gospel. The Gospel of Christ when lived, will cause us to carry the Cross. The Gospel speaks of giving, forgiving, serving and losing oneself for the love of others. Our society, and even our educational system, educates us to get, to achieve and be wealthy, to be served and avoid any suffering. Many of us believe we have a right to be happy all the time. Yet, when confronted with heartaches in marriages, family situations or personal issues, many jump to solutions which are more self serving rather than self giving so as to avoid the pain of facing the real issues and struggling for a solution. We live in a land in which many seek to build walls rather than to welcome the stranger. The Gospel invites us to welcome the stranger and work with the newcomer to work towards normalization of one's status not to discard people as objects. We are in love with the beautiful. We want to look good. We enjoy the bright and the smart and powerful. The Gospel reminds that it is in the care of the poor, the challenged and helpless, that one meets God. In a time when justice is equated with retaliation, the Gospel works towards rehabilitation. Christ is the Truth, yet how often is the truth compromised for self interest or self defense? A Cross means that a horizontal and perpendicular meet and cause a tension between what I want and what the Gospel demands. For some, this clash between the Gospel and culture, or the Gospel and self, has ended in martyrdom. For others, the clash between the Gospel and culture or self desire has ended in watering down the faith to a suggested code of behavior. It is only through the Cross of self-giving that the glory of Christ raises in us. So, Who do you say this Jesus is?

To All:

We have been greatly blessed! In the past two weeks we have celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, the great Feast of The Sacred Heart, The Ordination of Kamil to the Diaconate, the ordination and first mass of Jareck, the Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Schools Reunion, the blessing and celebration of St. John the Baptist with the People of Pozzallo and the placing of the plaque honoring all immigrants of the past, present and future, sponsored by the people of Mola. Praise God for this great Parish!

Thank you to all who made these events possible. Thank you to Anthony Troiano and all who made the reunion a great success. Thank you to all who helped clean up. Thank you to the Pozzollo Club. The celebration of St. John the Baptist was energizing for the whole parish. St. John the Baptist as we all know is a great part of salvation history. It is St. John the Baptist who bridges the Old and the New Testament. It is St. John the Baptist who was truly a great prophet, who bore witness to the truth about God, the scriptures and it is he who introduces us to Jesus. John is a person who confronts us with the truth and with ourselves. He may not have been gentle, but he was faithful, direct and he points the to the truth as to who is Jesus. I like saints for the lessons they teach. I admire their lives for the witness they give to Christ. St. John the Baptist along with Mary, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Joseph and St. John the Apostle, Mother Cabrini, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena and Elizabeth of Hungry, St. Anthony, St. Theresa and St. Lucy are among my favorite saints because for me they teach us great lessons of discipleship. St. John the Baptist points us to Christ and welcomes us to the Church from his position as the first image of a saint we meet at the doors of the church. St. John the Baptist pray for us.

I also thank the Molese people for their courage and thoughtfulness in erecting this wonderful plaque remembering all immigrants. I say thank you to Mr. Parente for inspiring this event and thank you to all who helped make this happen. As I said in the homily on Sunday evening, this plaque comes at a time when there is an anti-immigration attitude sweeping America. We are Catholic, meaning that we are universal. This is the Church for all people at all times from every nation under the sun. We are Catholic. We are called to serve all because we are Catholic not because others are not. We are Catholic with a capital "C" and with a small "c" meaning we are here all. We are catholic and we build bridges not walls. We help make right what is wrong, We do not throw people out, we try to help them become legal. We do this because we are Catholic. We never ask if one is a believer before we offer to help. We help because we are catholic not because the one being served is catholic. We help because we see the image of Christ in all humanity.

Remembering our immigrant past helps us to remember the courage that our parents and grandparents, or that we had to leave something familiar and come to a strange land with a different language hoping for a better future for their children. Many immigrants worked long hours, many of them with prejudice against them. Many never saw the benefits they worked for come to fruition. Their dreams were realized in their children and grandchildren. Yes, we are Americans and our remembering of our past and from whence we come with traditions and culture defines how we are Americans. Thank you to the People of Mola for keeping our history alive.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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