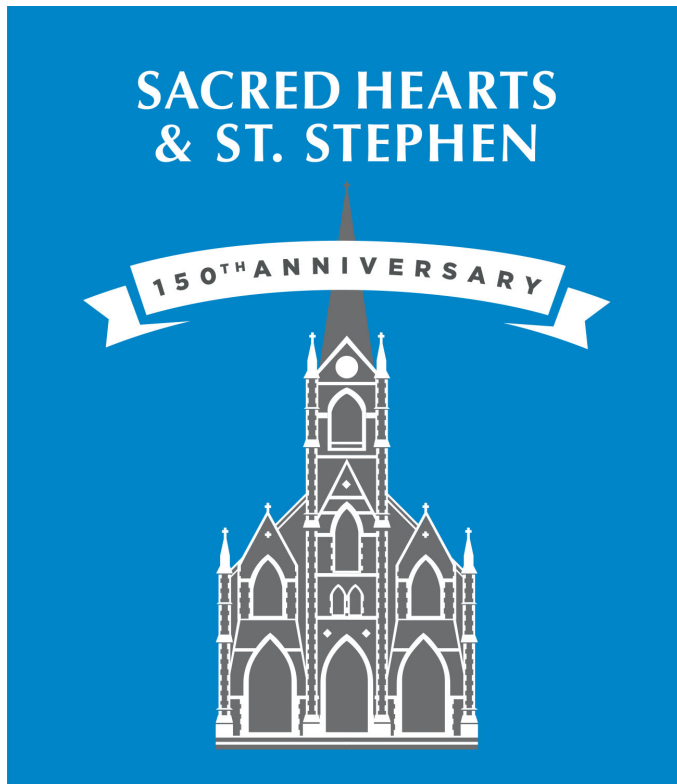

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882***

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
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.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
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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.

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.

MASSSES for the WEEK



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27TH THROUGH JUNE 26TH

MON. JUNE 27, 2016

Noon Giorgio Buono
BY: Anna Scotto

TUE. JUNE 28, 2016

8:30 Sylvia Bello
BY: Carmela Lonuzzi

WED. JUNE 29, 2016

8:30 Vito Colella
BY: Laura Eng & Diane Vergona

THURS. JUNE 30, 2016

8:30 Sylvia Bello
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani

FRI. JULY 1, 2016

8:30 Frank Blemete

SAT. JULY 2, 2016

8:30 The People of Orlando
5:30 PM For Our Country

SUN JULY 3, 2016

8:00 AM John Vincent Verderame
BY: Mom & Dad
10:00 AM Antonio & Gabriela Piro and
All Deceased Members of
The Piro & Senese Family
BY: The Piro Children
Noon: Dennis Dimuro
Anniversary Blessings
BY: Loving Sister Maria

Mon. 6/27 Mass at Noon
Finance Committee Mtg
@ 7:00 PM Parish House
K of C Council Mtg.
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Tues. 6/28 Mass @ 8:30 AM
CCD Summer Session
@ 1:00–2:30 PM Cabrini &
Rectory Hall
Ghostlight Rehearsal
6:30-9:00 PM Church

Wed. 6/29 Mass @ 8:30 AM
AA @ 7:00 PM RH
CCD Summer Session
@ 9 AM-2PM Cabrini &
Rectory Hall

Thurs. 6/30 Mass @ 8:30 AM
CCD Summer Session
@ 9AM-2PM Cabrini &
Rectory Hall

Fri. 7/1 **FIRST FRIDAY**
Adoration 7:15 AM-8:30 AM
Transfiguration Chapel
Mass @ 8:30 AM
CCD Summer Session
@ 9:00 AM-2PM Cabrini &
Rectory Hall
AA Mtg. @ 6:30 PM RH
Men's Fellowship Mtg.
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Sat. 7/2 Mass @ 8:30 AM
Confession @ 4:45 PM
Mass @ 5:30 PM
AA @ 6:00 PM RH

Sun 7/3 Mass @ 8:00 AM
Mass @ 10:00 AM
Mass @ 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
Brad Hatry,	Matthew Ruggiero
Michelle Laquercia	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 26, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of **GINO MASI**

Requested by:
His Sister



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

June 26th have been donated
In Memory of

MICHAEL IACONO

BY: Carolyn Zodda & Lana Hoerbuerger



HEAR YE, HEAR YE. Beginning with the month of July 2016, the 11:45 AM Sunday Mass will be moved to 12:00 Noon.

Kindly make note of this change on your personal calendars.

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

150@SacredHearts-StStephen.com

Or call

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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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“Prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ”

St. Benedict

Dear Parish Community:

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first reading from the Second Book of Kings, Elijah calls Elisha to be his disciple and his successor as prophet. Elijah insists that Elisha be ready to answer the call and not hesitate. In the Gospel, Jesus also issues an urgent call for discipleship. Jesus is clear and to the point: the mission of the Gospel is paramount. Those answering the call must be ready to die to everything else and place the discipleship first in their lives. The Gospel calls us to set our priorities. We must place Christ first in our lives.

The question we must face and answer is: Do I want to be a disciple of Christ or do I wish to be one who stands on the sidelines? Do you want to be a lover of Christ or simply fulfill your religious obligation? If I want to be a disciple of Christ, then the quote from St. Benedict quoted above makes sense and acts as a guide “Prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ” which means Christ is first in our lives, in our thinking and in our acting. For example, if we prefer nothing to Christ then Sunday Mass is a priority even during the summer. Ignoring Mass or skipping Mass because you are on vacation or because the weather is too hot, is not acceptable in the life of a disciple of the Lord. Preferring to play soccer or going to the beach without first going to Mass, is not acceptable for those seeking discipleship with Christ.

In Saint Paul’s letter to the Galatians, he invites us to live according to the Spirit rather than according to the letter of the law. Again, this letter must be heard in light of those who seek fellowship with Christ. If we live according to the Spirit, then we will be free. Paul is referring to the Jewish Law. The Law of Moses sought to answer the question: “how does one love God and love neighbor?” The Jewish Law helped people to walk in the way of God. The Law kept the individual and the community aware of God and neighbor in every aspect of life. Every relationship has expectations and laws which govern it, however if I love my family or my wife or my husband or my child, the laws governing these relationships are not a hindrance. Where there is love in the relationship, we do not even think of the laws because all the laws required come naturally. The same is true for our relationship with Christ. For the disciple who loves Christ, the Eucharist is a joy. Being in the presence of Christ is the highlight of the day or the week. Praying and striving to live the lifestyle of a disciple becomes a way of life. Things contrary to the Gospel and Christ are seen as wrong or upsetting.

In the Gospel, Jesus is very direct. In fact, he is honest and up front about discipleship. Discipleship means we learn from and we learn to imitate the Divine Master. The Gospel message is not always accepted. The message outlined in the Gospel, the demand of total giving to make live the Gospel, is done only with the grace of God. To be a light in the darkness, hope in desire, love in times of hatred, to be peace and healing in times of anger, is not easy. To see death as a way to life eternal, suffering as having universal meaning and to see giving away as obtaining, is the call of the Gospel and is only lived in union with Christ. So, do you prefer noting to Christ and place Him first among all?

Rev, Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them and to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to provide your child's religious formation this fall.

- For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms will be mailed before the end of June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you don't receive a form by the end of June, please call the Religious Ed office or email narkin1960@gmail.com.
- If you prefer to re-register in person, or if you have a child who will be attending for the first time, please call the office for an appointment.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE....BECOME A CATECHIST

Take the first step in bringing 1,373,741,824 souls closer to Christ..An invitation to take the gift of faith that you've received...and pass it on....

You are invited to prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry

- *If you're a committed adult Catholic, actively living your faith, with a desire to share "the pearl of great price", please join us.*
- *"On the job" training is available*
- *The time commitment is generally once a week, on Sunday from 11:10 to 12:30 PM or Wednesday afternoon from 3:45-5:00 PM.*
- *If you do not feel called to teach, there's also a need for classroom aides as well as non-classroom assistance.*
- *Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our parish community.*
- *Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718 596-7750 ext. 20 for further information or to schedule an interview.*

"Just suppose that outside the necessary structure of the Church, there was only one in all the world who believed in Christ. Just suppose that one zealous believer the first year converted one person to Christ and His Church. Suppose the next year these two each made a convert, then there would be four the next year. And suppose the next year, these four made one apiece, then there would be eight converts at the end of the third year. Now how many would there be, from that one zealous believer, at the end of only thirty years? There would be one billion, three hundred seventy-three million, seven hundred forty one thousand, eight hundred twenty four souls"

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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