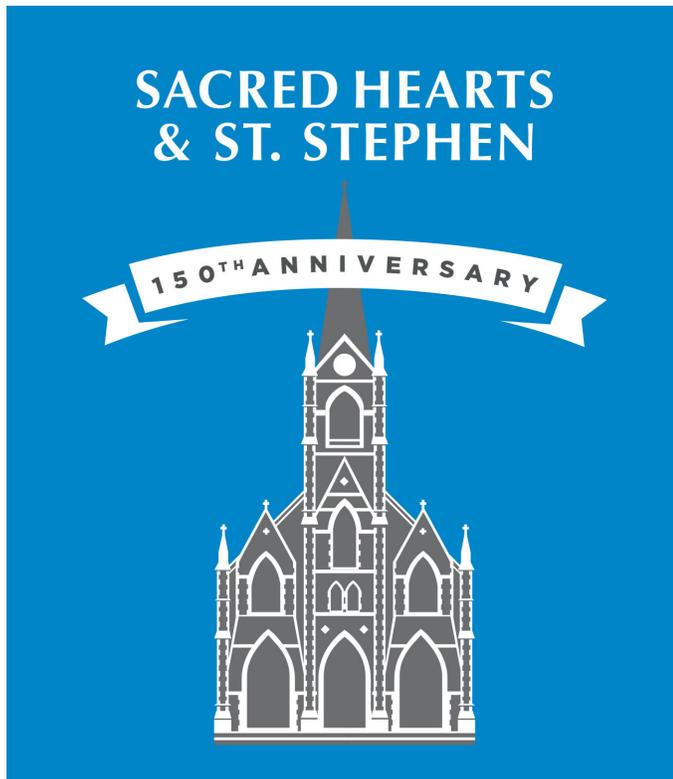


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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 & 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.

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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. JULY 11, 2016**  
Noon Salvatore & Theresa Tilocca  
BY: The Troaino Family
- TUE. JULY 12, 2016**  
8:30 Larry Scotto  
BY: Family
- WED. JULY 13, 2016**  
8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
BY: Mom & Dad
- THURS. JULY 14, 2016**  
8:30 Tara Nicole & Joe Castagliola  
BY: Family
- FRI. JULY 15, 2016**  
8:30 Sylvia Bello  
BY: Teresa & Family
- SAT. JULY 16, 2016**  
8:30 Vito Colella  
BY: Teresa & Family  
5:30 PM Anthony Liguori  
BY: Loving Brother John &  
The Liguori Family
- SUN JULY 17, 2016**  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Francesca Forte  
BY: Friends  
Noon: Gregory Cacace  
BY: Cousin Jean

## PRAYER BEFORE SLEEP

Dear God, as I lay me down to sleep, relax the tension of my body; calm the restlessness of my mind: still the thoughts which worry and perplex me. Help me to rest myself and all my problems in your strong and loving arms. Let your Spirit speak to my mind and heart while I am asleep, so that, when I wake up in the morning, I may find that I have received in the night-time, light for my way; strength for my tasks; peace for my worries; forgiveness for my sins. Grant me sleep tonight, and tomorrow power to live. Amen!

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## MISSIONARY VISIT

Since 1904, when Bishop McDonnell established the Brooklyn office for the Propagation of the Faith, Brooklyn Catholics have been very generous in welcoming missionaries to their parish pulpits to seek prayerful support and financial aid. That great Brooklyn tradition continues this summer with the 2016 Mission Cooperative Plan.

On the weekend of July 16th and 17th, The Missionary Sisters of the Catechism will be speaking at all the masses for their appeal. As always, we ask the people of this wonderful parish to be as generous as your means permit to their cause.



Please remember to use your weekly envelopes as a registered parishioner. Thank you!

# 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         |
| 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 July 10, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of **DOMINICK "DANNY" MARINO**

Requested by:  
Godson Louis



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of July 10, 2016 have been donated

In Memory of **MICHAEL IACONO**  
BY: Grace Finochiaro



**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 718 596-7750

Journal Ads are available.  
For more information e-mail info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

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 Community:

**“Your words, Lord are Spirit and Life.”**

Today’s Gospel is self explanatory. The lesson for us is to be people of mercy and compassion. Mercy and Compassion are mentioned frequently in the sacred text. In psalm 103, we read God is compassion. In Ephesians, we read God is rich in mercy. In Matthew 25, we read the acts of mercy and we are reminded that what we do for others, we do for Christ. It is when we are people of compassion and mercy that we most resemble Christ. The parable of the Good Samaritan seeks to answer the question: “Who is my neighbor?” Yet there is another question, “How are we to be people of compassion, mercy and love?” What do these words mean? Is there a guide? The Jewish approach to these questions was the formulation of the “Halakha” meaning the way to walk from the Hebrew verb to walk. Christians called this the Law making it sound very legal and not spirit filled. The Halakha sought to guide the person to how to love God and neighbor.

For Christians, Jesus describes himself as the Way. Jesus is seen as the Christian Halakha. In short, imitate Jesus in His love for the Father and His way of serving humanity. In the second reading for today from Colossians, we are told that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. If we can look at all of humanity that is, white humanity, black humanity, brown humanity, yellow humanity and all shades of humanity as the image of Jesus, than loving humanity, serving others is serving God. Love for us means effectively willing the good for the other. This has nothing to do with liking or disliking. It has nothing to do with emotions. It has all to do with imitating the mind and heart of Jesus. Compassion means: with passion, it means sympathizing with another. It does not mean emotional response. It does mean a loving response to a situation. Mercy means to suffer in one’s heart for another. Mercy and compassion are manifestations of love and service.

Giving a careful reading of the text we learn that the famous story of the Good Samaritan is really told in answer to a question which a young man asked of Jesus. The young man wants to know two things: what to do to gain eternal life and who is his neighbor? What are the rules to get to eternal life? Jesus answers him by telling him that he should love his neighbor as himself. In answer to the second question, “and who is my neighbor?”, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus concludes the story by telling the young man do as the Samaritan did: “Be compassionate.” In short, be loving.

So, where are we in the story? Can we love God and our neighbor as Christ has pointed out? Who are the people who need mercy, compassion and love? Who are the people showing these attributes? Allow me to ask a few questions: How do we see the immigrant of today? How do we view the illegal immigrant? How do we view the troubled young person who causes pain to parents and family? How do I love my brother or my sister who has not helped when our parents were ill? How do I love my brother or my sister who wants their share of our parents estate causing us to sell the family house? How do we view those who may be considered by some to be on the edge of acceptable society, such members as the Islamic Community, the community of financially and educationally poor or members of the LGBT community or members of other ethnic communities seeking to live in close proximity to me? How do I love myself after I have disappointed myself? These questions make the gospel more graphic and bring it to the level of human experience.

**“Your Words Lord are Spirit and Life.” Help us hear them and follow them”**

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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