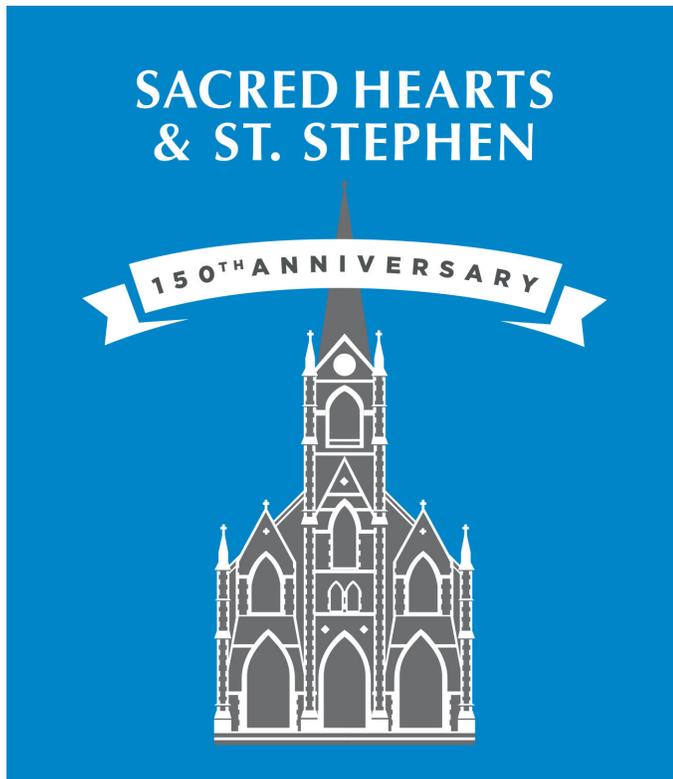


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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 4, 2016**

Noon In Honor of The Holy Spirit  
for The People of the Parish

**TUE. JULY 5, 2016**

8:30 Carmine Graziani  
BY: Daughter Teresa

**WED. JULY 6, 2016**

8:30 William Fiore  
BY: Friends from Brooklyn Waterfront

**THURS. JULY 7, 2016**

8:30 Dr. Frank J. Zodda  
BY: His Children, Carolyn & John

**FRI. JULY 8, 2016**

8:30 For the People of the Parish

**SAT. JULY 9, 2016**

8:30 Lee Sgro  
BY: Her Children, Carolyn & John  
5:30 PM Lee Andrew Hirsch  
BY: The Delgado Family

**SUN JULY 10, 2016**

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Anthony S. Danna  
BY: Louis Pepe & Joe Cerato  
Noon: For the People of the Parish

## THE INSCRIPTION ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY BY: EMMA LAZARUS

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these homeless, tempest tossed to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

## ONLY IN AMERICA

Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.  
Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.  
Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions.  
Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.  
Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage, Hello...  
Only in America do we use screening machines to screen calls and have call-waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.  
Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

## DID YOU KNOW

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" was written by a Baptist minister, Samuel Francis Smith. "The Pledge of Allegiance" was written in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy. The words "In God we trust" are traced to the efforts of Rev. W. R. Watkinson. Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.



Kindly note that in  
o b s e r v a n c e o f

Independence Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Day!

# 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 July 3, 2016 has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**ANTOINETTE DI BUGLIONE**

Requested by:  
Louise Orsino



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of July 3, 2016 have been donated  
In Memory of  
**MARY TARSIO**

BY: Carolyn & John Zodda



**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:

Jesus sends out his seventy two disciples to preach the Good News to explain the message. Do we really listen or do we think we already know the message and there is nothing more to learn concerning the Gospel?

Today's sacred texts are filled with hope. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the writer gives those enduring the Exile period hope of a return. The Exile of the Israelites was a traumatic experience for the people. The Persian Empire gradually from about 586 BC conquered the Israelites. They deported all able bodied men and women and children to the Persian city of Babylon and other locations in the Persian Empire. Needless to say, the people who were led into exile felt not only exiled from their land, family and friends, but they also felt separated from God. Today's first reading gives them a message of hope. In this first reading, Isaiah presents God as a nurturing mother. God comforts, gives new strength and creates new life in the people.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, Paul tells us all that matters is our faith in Christ who died for us. For Paul, the Death and Resurrection of the Christ tells us and shows the unconditional love of God. Faith in Christ is redemptive and brings salvation. He is making this statement against those who insisted that new Christians who were not from Jewish background must first undergo the Rite of Circumcision prior to baptism. Paul disagrees and states that accepting the Death and Resurrection of Christ was necessary for salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out his disciples to announce the Good News of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

I think the second reading holds the entire message of the Liturgy of the Word. Jesus, the Word of God made visible, dies for us. How much clearer does God have to make his message? This act tells us, illustrates to us, screams out to us God's disposition towards humanity. If this is true, then what really matters? Realizing the death of Christ in our lives moves us to change our lives. We will begin to live more temperately, to follow the gospel, to forgive others, to be people of love who will the good for the others. Holding to the death of Christ moves us to be able to lay down our lives for others. This is the call to discipleship.

The first reading gave hope to all exiles. This hope was that things would get better and they would return to their homeland. The writer celebrates this hope in rich poetic language. If this promise of return brought such joy to the writer, how much more does the fact that Jesus, the Incarnate Word, died for us giving us life and the hope for eternal life? Paul seems to invite us to order all priorities in light of the death and resurrection of Christ. Therefore, in parish life we may ask ourselves what activities, programs or groups add to or take from our proclamation of the death and resurrection of Christ? What behaviors manifest or detract from our faith in Christ? What inner attitudes do we hold that detract or enhance our witness to Christ? When we are faithful to the Gospel, we become the sign of hope. We need not have to preach or speak to proclaim the Good News. We need to be the Good News through our attitudes and actions which bear witness to the Death and Resurrection of Christ. In light of the Love of God that has come to us in Christ, hope can become a reality.

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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