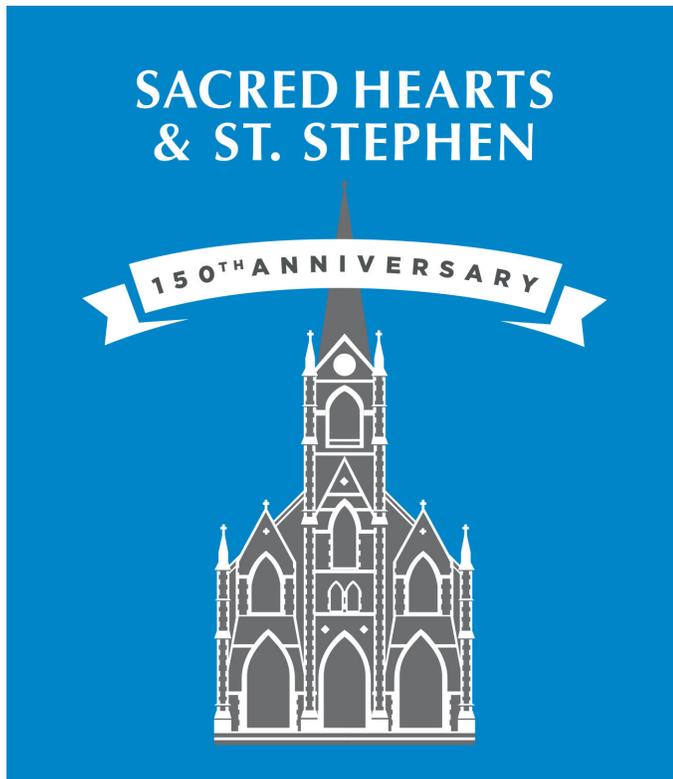

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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



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

- MON. AUGUST 1, 2016**
Noon In Honor of the Holy Spirit
For the People of the Parish
- TUE. AUGUST 2, 2016**
8:30 Frank Berte
BY: Daughter Helen
- WED AUGUST 3, 2016**
8:30 John Valentino
- THURS. AUGUST 4,, 2016**
8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa
- FRI. AUGUST 5, 2016**
8:30 Nicole Vergona
BY: Loving Family
- SAT. AUGUST 6, 2016**
8:30 Mary Ortato
BY: Son Joseph
5:30 PM Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Marisa & Joe Ringston
- SUN AUG 7, 2016**
8:00 Dr. Paul Patane
BY: Naomi & Robert Lonergan
10:00 Rev. Simon Joseph
BY: The Altar Servers
Noon: In Thanksgiving for
The Intercession of St Anthony for
the health of Anna Schiano-Moriello
BY: Daughter Marisa & Family

SENIOR HOUSING

Applications for Catholic Charities Pierrepont Senior Housing are now available at the Rectory Office. Completed applications must be sent to the P. O. Box listed on the application and must be postmarked no later than Saturday, August 13th. Applicants may not submit more than one application per household. If you are interested in filing an application, kindly contact the Rectory Office at 718 596-7750 and speak with either Msgr. Guy A. Massie or Rose Marie Foglia. Should you require assistance in completing an application, help is available and this information will be provided to you at the time you request an application for housing. Remember, the application must be postmarked no later than August 13th.

Prayer for Stress and Anxiety

Dear Lord, you know the difficult things I am dealing with. You know how my mind won't let me stop thinking about everything. I feel stressed and so unsettled. I'm worried about what is going to happen. Please take my burdens and the "what ifs" from me. Help me to focus my thoughts on you and not worry about what could happen. Please help me to take one day at a time. Please lead and guide me and take control of this situation. Please give me your wisdom and fill me with your peace. In the name of Jesus I ask these things. Amen

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	Dominick Aiello, Jr.
Kathleen Gunderson	Rosa Maria Santos



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

July 31, 2016 has been donated
In Loving Memory of

VIVIAN CUTRUPI AIELLO

Requested by:

Daniel & Alexandra Murphy

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
July 31, 2016 have been donated

In Memory of
SYLVIA BELLO
BY: Linda & Phyllis



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

*****Tickets are now on sale
at the Rectory!*****

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 Family:

Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are in the middle point of the summer and school will be starting rather soon. The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes and the Gospel from St. Luke invite us to focus on the values, attitudes and behaviors which are lasting and which really matter in life and eternity. In the movie *Moonstruck*, Rose becomes aware that her husband Cosmo has been unfaithful to her. Hurt, angry and upset, she inquires from a man who she meets in the local restaurant where both are respectively having supper alone: 'Why do men cheat?' The unnamed man offers several reasons among the reasons he mentions is death, "men are afraid to die." Rose goes home and she encounters her husband Cosmo saying to him, "Cosmo, you are going to die." Cosmo ignores her. He does not want to face this issue anymore than we wish to address this issue. Today's readings are similar.

In the Gospel, Jesus presents us with the parable of the rich and successful farmer who stores up wealth only to lose it in death. We also meet someone who is anxious to have his parent's estate settled. Jesus goes on to address the sin of greed. Greed is one of the seven deadly sins. Greed comes in many ways. Jesus warns us to be aware of greed in all of its forms because it can kill us and condemn us. The many forms of greed are: the greed for money, the greed for power, the greed for popularity. Greed is any behavior which puts oneself first and ignores everyone else. Greed happens in small ways and in great ways. Notice the one who takes the biggest piece of apple pie on Thanksgiving while ignoring everyone else. Greed is seen in the need to dominate the conversation and imposing one's thoughts on everyone else. Greed is a great sign of self centeredness. Greed wants to get and to acquire for the sake of having and getting. Greed is seen in cheating, in white collar crimes, in insurance fraud and in tax evasion. The television program *American Greed* illustrates the more advanced forms of greed which affect our culture and our nation as well as the price of greed which is visited upon the innocent.

The second reading from Colossians reminds us that we are baptized into Christ Jesus. Such a baptism should remind us that our behavior should be conformed to who we are in baptism. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. The Gospel reminds us that we are all going to die. In light of this reality, what is important? The rich die, the poor die, those who have many things die and those who have very little die. The powerful, the influential and the unnamed all die. No one living escapes death. In the end, we all die. When death happens, we can take nothing with us. We need leave our cherished possessions, or money, our power and even our poverty. We all die. So in the end, what is important?

Perhaps what is important is good deeds. What we take with us before the Face of God are our acts of mercy and love. If the wealthy farmer in the Gospel had shared some of his success with others, the story would have ended differently. If the brothers who were feuding in the gospel over the estate of their parents would have at least been open to their own mortality, they may have settled the issues themselves to their mutual benefit. If Cosmo had accepted his mortality, he may have recognized the blessings he already had in his family rather than searching for more elsewhere.

So, wherever we are with regard to searching and getting: remember, you are going to die.

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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