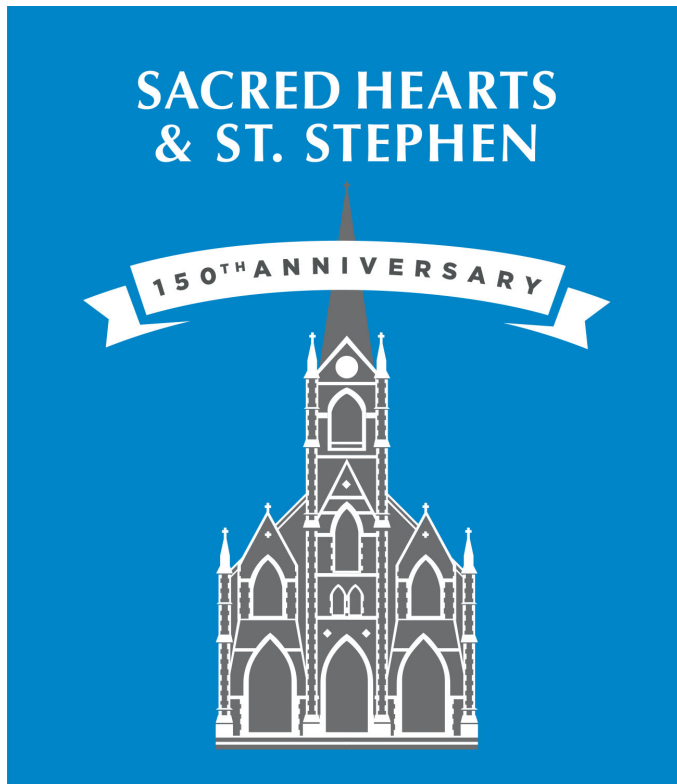

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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.

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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.

WELCOME:

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the

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



- MON. SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**
Noon Anthony Massie
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**
8:30 Restituta Marchetti and All
Deceased Members of
The Marchetti Family
BY: Catherine
- WED SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**
8:30 Holy Crosse
Crosses Will Be Blessed
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**
8:30 Nicole Vergona
Birthday Blessings
BY: Loving Family
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 16, 2016**
8:30 Deceased Members of
The Pellicano Fammily
BY: Rita
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**
8:30 Mary Moringllo
5:30 PM **Ciro "Jerry" Geritano**
BY: Loving Sister Angela,
Robert & Rob
- SUN SEPTEMBER 18, 2016**
8:00 Nancy Ali
BY: Anthony & Laura Trani
10:00 Anthony Stuto & William Nyffler
BY: The Nyffler Family
Noon: St. Candida
BY: The Society

Feast of Holy Cross Sept. 14th

The Feast of The Holy Cross celebrates the victory of the cross over death and all forms of evil due to the Resurrection of Jesus. To celebrate this great feast, we will bless all crosses: wall cross, crosses we wear, crosses we carry. This will take place at the 8:30 Mass so bring your crosses and crucifixes for this blessing.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour every Saturday afternoon @ 4-5:15 PM. Come adore, pray and contemplate. Allow our Lord to contemplate you to see through you to heal you and to uplift you. Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

September 11th

Today is the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. It was the day the world changed. Since then, we are more security aware, we are a bit more careful while traveling and we have become suspicious of others. It was the day that America lost its innocence. Never has a foreign power ever attacked America in America. As we remember the events of the day, all of us who lived through those days and especially New Yorkers, can recount exactly the events of that dreadful experience. As I think back over these past years, I have realized that I have learned from the 9/11 experience. I have learned that there are courageous, self-giving and self-sacrificing people who risked their lives to save others in the worst of situations. I am thinking of the Fire Fighters, Police and first responders. I am also thinking of the families of these brave men and women who sacrificed so very much. Their dedication confirms my faith in a loving God who dwells in the hearts of people. I have learned that we are a people of life. In these past years, we have survived, we have rebuilt and we have embraced life because in the worst of situations, life is worth living even in the midst of tears and loss. If that day has taught me anything, it has taught me that we need to be in dialogue with all peoples of the world. In this dialogue we find that most people seek peace, reconciliation and a life worth living. We also learn that all mothers seek life for their children. I have learned that wise people throughout the world who seek peace because it is only in peace that we can thrive and live. It is by understanding and learning that peace can be achieved with the grace of God in whose image we are all created. I have learned that there are good and wonderful people in all races, religions and national backgrounds. I have also learned that there exist people from every national background, religious belief who for whatever reason seek to destroy, harm and do evil found among all people. My hope and my work is directed to building greater understanding among all for the good of all and the conquest of ignorance hatred and bigotry. In the end, Mercy and Love will win the day because GOD is Love and Mercy. May we all remember those who died this day. May we work towards a greater appreciation for all.

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, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle |
| 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 Van Tassel |
| Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan | Eileen Giannotta |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Rosa Maria Santos |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 11, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
All who lost their lives on 9/11/2001
Requested by:
The Westhoff Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 11, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE PATTI
BY: Loving Family

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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Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”

Dear Parish Family:

The Gospel reading today is self evident needing little if any explanation. The Gospel Text is clearly addressing the topic of forgiveness. The petition from the Lord’s Prayer is a constant reminder of the need for our need for forgiveness and our need to forgive. I would venture to say that most of us, if not all of us, have been offended, hurt, betrayed and perhaps disappointed in some way by someone who we loved or trusted, or someone with whom we were friends. We may even have been hurt by a family member. Depending on the level of the hurt and the relationship of the person who did this to us, it may be difficult to forgive. “Father how can I forgive such a hurt?” a person once asked me. My answer to this question based on personal experience and priestly experience was, only with God’s grace and time.”

Why forgive? What is forgiveness? What do we understand forgiveness to be? What is expected of the one forgiving? These are some of the questions many ask regarding forgiveness. I shall attempt to answer each question. First, “Why forgive?” We forgive because Christ has forgiven us. We forgive because Christ has redeemed us. I invite you to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Christ was betrayed, suffered terribly in ways words cannot explain nor capture. In the end, Christ forgives them and dies freely. So no matter the pain, look to the cross for grace and strength to forgive. To forgive is a mark of a disciple of Christ. When we hold onto hurt and resentment then we really are not praying in a good disposition before God. We are going to the Lord purposely disobeying his command to forgive. How then do we face God? If we are praying for the grace to forgive, to talk about the hurtful situation and asking for assistance we need, then we are moving in the right direction. If not, we are not being honest with the Lord.

Secondly, “What is forgiveness?” Forgiveness means that the one forgiving no longer holds the wrong done to them against the person who hurt him or her. The matter is solved and neither one will continue to recount the story to others or even to oneself. This does not mean that the two are again friends in the same way they were prior to the hurt. It means that both are free from the burden of carrying the hurt and the guilt of inflecting the pain. Depending on the level of the pain or the depth of the offense, there is usually a social consequence to hurt. So it may take time for the relationship to grow again if at all.

Thirdly, the one who forgives with the help of grace, is free from the burden of holding on to the hurt. When we do not forgive, we condemn ourselves to constantly reliving the pain and hurt of the offense. So, if you are nursing grudges, think about them in light of these readings. Be free from the burden. Forgiveness and even reconciliation is possible with Divine Grace and time.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work as we focus on how the light of faith guides us to" *Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2016-17 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10:00 Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-5 on Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:00 PM. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718 596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register. Returning families should have received a re-registration packet in the mail. Please return the forms as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you!

NEWLY WED FELLOWSHIP

Have you been married no more than three years? Still getting used to the new married life? Well, you are not alone. Young Adult Ministry invites you to a Newly Wed Fellowship on Friday, September 16, 2016 @ 7:00 PM to be held in Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. Kindly RSVP to Laura at 718-596-7750.

Youth Mass

You are invited to join the parishes of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, Visitation of the BVM and St. Paul/St. Agnes for a Youth Mass on Saturday, September 17th @ 5:30 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. For more information, please call Laura at 718 596-7750.

The Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Choral Ensembles

All ensembles meet on Wednesdays in the Church starting September 14th.

Contact James Lake or Evelyn Troester DeGraf

Email: music@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

Adults- Enhancing the celebration of Mass and other special occasions with traditional hymns, sacred choral concert repertoire and new compositions, this mixed adult ensemble provides a space for personal musical and vocal growth, as well as collaborative music making and community building. **All levels are welcome!**

6:45 PM 8:15 PM

Youth- For ages 10-18, this selective group of engaged and interested young singers focuses on advanced music-making, singing in harmony, singing solos in performances, learning vocal technique and musical expression, and taking on leadership roles for their younger colleagues in the children's choir. Audition required.

5 PM 6:30 PM

Children- For the youngest voices in our parish and beyond, there is the beloved SHSS Children's Choir. Girls and Boys, age 6-12, learn the joy of singing in a group and making great music together through both playful and performance-based experiences. **5:45 PM-6:30 PM.**

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