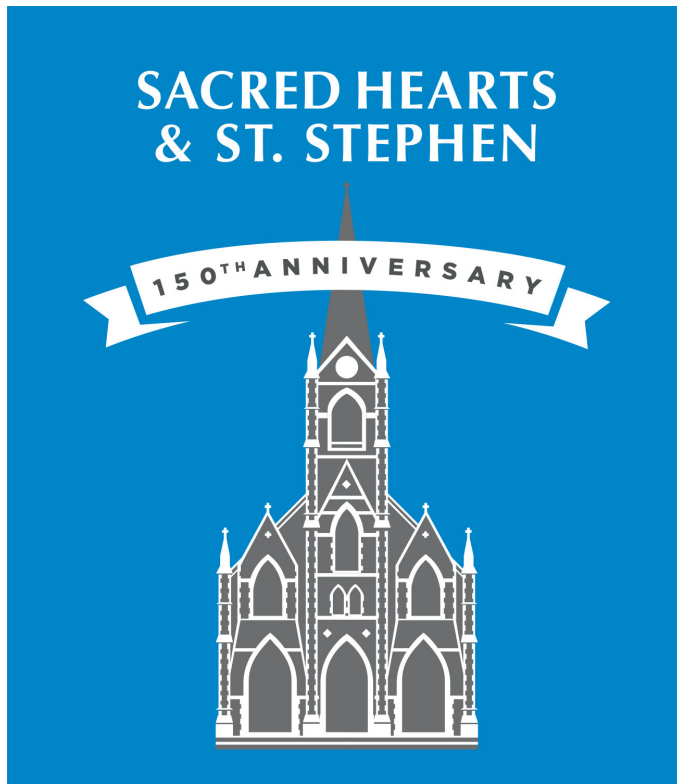

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882***

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. OCTOBER 24, 2016**
Noon Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Uncle Frank & Aunt Alana
- TUE. OCTOBER 25, 2016**
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
For the People of the Parish
- WED OCTOBER 26, 2016**
8:30 Guido Porcelli
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- THURS. OCTOBER 27, 2016**
8:30 Enrico Dellaporte
BY: Wife Catherine
- FRI. OCTOBER 28, 2016**
8:30 Filomena Scotto
BY: Children
- SAT. OCTOBER 29 2016**
8:30 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
For the People of the Parish
5:30 PM **Ciro "Jerry" Geritano**
BY: Mom & Dad
- SUN OCTOBER 30, 2016**
8:00 Lee Andrew Hirsch
BY: Mom
10:00 Deceased Members of
The DiCostanzo Family
BY: Anna Scotto
Noon: Giovanna & Luigi Barrera
BY: Loving Family

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

Planning continues to move forward on the construction of our parish elevator and accessible restrooms. Over the next month, the engineers and architects working on our project from Baxter Ingui Architects, P.C. will begin to do probes in order to see the current configuration of the floor beams and joists in the area where the elevator will be constructed. This means that a portion of the church vestibule ceiling and Cabrin Hall ceiling will have to be opened up and then re-plastered in order to plan properly for eventual installation of an elevator shaft. Thank you to those who continue to fulfill the pledges they have made to Generations of Faith and this project.

WHAT IS A DEANERY? WHAT IS A DEAN?

Deaneries are similar to clusters in many ways, but the hope of Bishop DiMarzio is that the Deaneries might be able to serve the local parishes and the diocese in additional ways that the clusters could not. The single biggest difference between a deanery and a cluster is the Dean. A Dean is a priest from the local area, appointed by the Bishop, to serve as the Bishop's representative in that local area (deanery). The Bishop has created 22 deaneries and has appointed 22 deans. The Dean is responsible for looking with a wide vision at the situation of the entire region and encouraging other parish leaders to look at the wider region as well. The Diocese has just gone through a reconfiguration process that attempted to identify and address many temporal and pastoral concerns. The dean will continue to monitor such situations and work with the other pastors and parish leaders to keep the plans on course. The Dean will still be responsible for calling together parish staff and clergy to work together on a deanery level to share pastoral plans, dialogue about changes in the wider neighborhood and propose plans to increase our collaboration with one another. In addition, the Dean is asked to support the priests in the deanery. This includes being attentive to clergy who may be ill or elderly, but may also include the spiritual support of all clergy. With the recent parish mergers come more complex assignments for pastors. Couple this with the decrease in the number of priests in general and the need for a local Dean to support priests in their assignments becomes more apparent and more urgent. The Dean will also meet directly with Bishop DiMarzio, both individually and as a group, to share with the Bishop the situation on the local level and to assist him in serving the parishes more effectively. Also, there remains a Vicar for Brooklyn and a Vicar for Queens, who are priests assigned by the Bishop to oversee the administration of the Church across entire boroughs. The Deans will work closely with the Vicars to implement plans to strengthen the Church and ensure that all priests are supported, parish staffs work together and the laity are continually informed and called into greater leadership and participation.

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 |
| Eileen Giannotta | Donald Jackson |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson | Paul Girard |
| Ann Curcuru | Angelina Campasano |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 23, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of
LORIANNE SGRO ZODDA

Requested by:
The Hoerburgers



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of October 23, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of
**THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE LO PORTO FAMILY**
BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

THANK YOU

Last Sunday our parish received an honor from the Pozzallese Society in recognition of all this parish has done for the People of Pozzallo. We also received a generous donation from the People of Pozzallo. In the name of the Parish of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, I thank you for your kindness and your generosity. We are honored to have you here among us and to be the home of the Statue of St. John the Baptist. We welcome you always in every circumstance and time to this great parish. Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen is always your home.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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

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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,

The Gospel today is most challenging. It challenges all levels of self righteousness and states the preference of God as being those who are in need of mercy. In the Gospel today we have the parable of the Tax collector and the Pharisee. Parables are stories told by Jesus to illustrate an important theological point. Usually parables have a surprise ending. The ending you expect is usually not what happens.

The parable contrasts the religious life of a Pharisee with that of the Tax Collector. The Pharisees were regarded as very religious by themselves and their contemporaries. They kept all the religious laws, they dressed in distinctive clothing marking themselves out as religious. They held themselves to be more correct in their ritual observances. They called God by the title of "Father." They looked forward to the arrival of the Kingdom of God, they believed in all the books of the bible and even believed in sacred tradition which was either passed on in the writings of the Fathers of the community, although not biblical. They kept fast days, gave to the poor and leaders of the Pharisees gathered to themselves disciples to whom they taught their interpretation of Judaism. For the most part, they preserved the faith of Israel through the persecution of the Greeks and Persians. They were good people, however, many made a mistake. They believed that God owed them for their faithfulness. Many held others who were not part of their movement in contempt. From the Talmud we know that there existed in ancient Israel at least, seven types of Pharisees. Among these Pharisees we know some: Paul, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimethia.

The Tax Collectors were the most hated not because they collected taxes, but because they collected taxes for the Roman Empire. It was this empire which held the people of Israel in subjection. In short, the Tax Collector was a fellow Jew who took taxes from his own people for a pagan nation. The Tax Collector represents all that the more religious found morally objectionable. If the Pharisee was seen as the most religious, the Tax Collector was seen as one of the most sinful.

Notice who the hero of the story is today. It is the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector is honest. He is a sinner, needs God's help. He knows it and admits his need for mercy. The Tax Collector is not proud but honestly humble. His prayer is God centered. He comes before God with no righteous acts so as to have any claim on God. He prays for mercy. The Pharisee's prayer is filled with the pronoun I. He sees himself as better than the Tax Collector. His attitude is that God owes him something for his faithfulness. What the Pharisee forgot was that without God he could never have done the good that he had done. He forgot that even the desire to pray, to do good deeds are inspired by God in us. In short, no one can put God in one's debt. All are in need of mercy, before God we all stand as beggars.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK
FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2017
JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2017, January through June, will open on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory Hall. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. Numbers given outside **WILL NOT** be honored!! You will be assigned a number as you enter the Rectory Hall. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. **If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.**

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses, exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request **ONE** Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means: suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions **ONE** of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. **ONE** for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we need to be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the Mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone.. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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