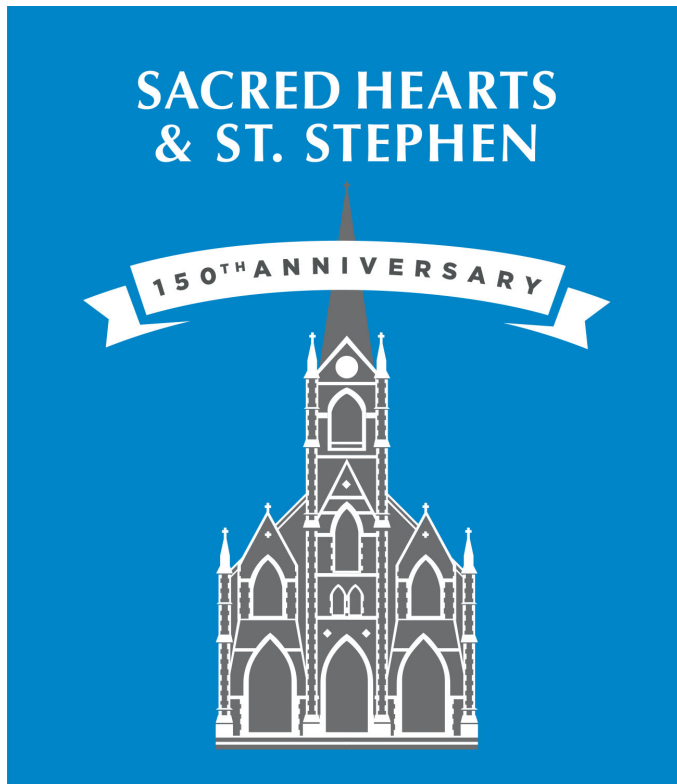

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

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Monday 12:00 Noon
Beginning 11/15/16 thru 4/12/17-Tuesday thru Friday
8:30 AM and Noon
Sat. 8:30 AM

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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 Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation)

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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. NOVEMBER 28, 2016**
Noon Andrew & Louise Patti
BY: Loving Family
- TUE. NOVEMBER 29, 2016**
8:30 Santo Matarazzo
BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
Noon John & Dorothy Kinniff
- WED NOVEMBER 30, 2016**
8:30 Santo Matarazzo
BY: Dominick & Lillian Intartaglia
Noon Elizabeth DeMeglio
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. DECEMBER 1, 2016**
8:30 Hugo A. Sbordone
Noon Deceased Members of
The De Rosa & Colella Families
BY: Loving Family
- FRI. DECEMBER 2, 2016**
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
For The People of the Parish
Noon Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Rose Mary Polito & Family
- SAT. DECEMBER 3, 2016**
8:30 Mildred Feeney
5:30 Anthony Mazze
BY: Wife Paula, Children &
Grandchildren
- SUN DECEMBER 4, 2016**
8:00 Richard O'Leary
BY M/M Louis Napoli
10:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda
BY: Her Parents, Carolyn & John
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
BY: Loving Family

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

As we begin the processes of obtaining bids from prospective elevator and construction companies to begin and complete our elevator project, we must be aware of the great necessity of balancing long lasting quality work while staying within our budget. The budget for this work has been made possible thanks to the generosity of those who have made a pledge to our Generations of Faith Campaign. While our first priority must be the completion of the elevator installation and upgrade of our restrooms to ADA compliance, we also had listed as priorities on our campaign case statement necessary maintenance to our parish pipe organ and a moveable wall system for Cabrini Hall. We look forward to telling you more about these projects in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we remind everyone that all of these improvements will not be possible just on pledges but they depend on the fulfillment of the pledges made to Generations of Faith.

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 | Dora Zanzonico |
| Angelina Campasano | Andrew Favorito |
| Anthony Caruvana | |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of November 27, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of
ANTOINETTE BARONE

Requested by:
Giustina Schiano



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of November 27, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of
LOTTIE ILLIANO
REST IN PEACE AUNT LOTTIE
WITH LOVE: The Cuomo Children



ADVENT

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

**DONT FORGET
ABOUT THE FOLLOWING
EVENT:**

**Our 150th Anniversary Closing Mass
Celebrated by**

**Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
will be held on
Sunday,
December 18, 2016
@ 10:00 AM**

**Kindly mark your calendars.
This is the only mass scheduled on
this day. There will be a small
reception with light refreshments in
Cabrini Hall following the Mass.**

NOON MASS

Kindly note that beginning on November 15th, we will have two Masses per day—Tuesday through Friday. One at 8:30 AM and the other at Noon. This will continue through the 12th of April when the schedule will revert back to one mass at 8:30 as usual. Noon Masses will continue on Monday throughout the year.

From the Pastor ADVENT 2017



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Dear Parish Family,

Today we begin Advent. The word advent means to come. The Liturgical season of Advent invites us to focus our attention on the two comings of Christ. From now until December 17th, the sacred text of the season focus on the coming of Christ at the end of time. These first two weeks have as their goal the focus on the Kingdom of God. This time period accents the line from the Creed which says: “we believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.” The readings refer to this second coming as a time of judgment and the final victory of good over evil.

The language of Advent is filled with words such as: longing, waiting, expecting, looking forward to, making up and dreaming and looking for the Kingdom of God. Liturgical Prayer during Advent expresses the longing for the completion of the coming of the Kingdom of God among us. Although Jesus has redeemed us and initiated God’s Reign, we are still waiting to experience the fullness of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom we long for is to be marked by peace, reconciliation, healing, the end of war, the beginning of goodness for all. As evidenced by the crime rate, the continued war in the Middle East, the persecution of people of Good Will, the Kingdom, while in the hearts of many, has not yet fully arrived. Advent prays for the fulfillment of the God’s Kingdom, longs for the Kingdom and encourages all people to live and work towards the Kingdom of God by living lives of love, justice, mercy and peace.

Advent, while there is a call to prepare the way of the Lord, perhaps reconciliation and penance, is not a penitential season. Advent is a season of hope. So, for what are you hoping? Knowing our hopes helps us to realize what is not actualized in our lives. What is your wish at this time? Some wish that their problems will cease. Some are longing just to be. Some wish they knew what direction their lives should take. Some are longing for healing of their health issues. Some are longing for reconciliation with a loved one. Some are trying to manage anger issues. Some are longing for fulfillment. Some are longing to know that their lives matter. Whatever the hope is, whatever the longing is, it speaks to us of an unfulfilled longing. Do not dull these feelings. Do not run off and turn on Christmas music to feel better. Rather, let your heart seek for what it truly wants. Our hearts are longing for communion with the Lord. Face yourself and face God in this season of hope. We are reminded that each of our desires is another way of longing for Jesus in our lives. Only God can satisfy us. Only God can give our lives meaning. Only the Lord is our peace. Only in Christ do we have the Kingdom of God. Blessed Advent. Come to know the Lord again for the first time.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

NOVEMBER 27, 2106
10:00 AM MASS WITH BISHOP FRANK J. CAGGIANO
CORNERSTONE DEDICATION

The cornerstone of the church is located in the front of the church to your right as you enter the church. The cornerstone is a significant marker for any building. It tells us when the construction of the building commenced. Our cornerstone tells us that the construction of our present church building began July 20, 1873. The building was not completed until 1874-75. The cornerstone of the church reminds us that the real corner stone of the our church, the stone upon which we build, is Christ. Christ is the foundation and the cornerstone as well as the capstone of our structure. If the cornerstone is a symbol of Christ, than the whole structure of the church building reminds us that the church is the body of Christ. This Body of Christ, while gathering in our building is far larger than our Church building. We are reminded that the Body of Christ or the Church is built not with bricks and wood and glass, but with all the baptized. The church is the gathering of all who are baptized, all who receive the Eucharist and all who are confirmed in the faith. The church is grounded on the rock foundation of Christ. When Bishop Caggiano blesses our cornerstone, he is reminding all of us that we are the church. Join us for this wonderful occasion after the 10:00 AM Mass on November 27th.

REMEMBER THE DATE

On Sunday, December 18th, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass to close our 150th Anniversary Year of Celebration. Please join us for this occasion. This will be the only Mass celebrated on this day. There will be a small reception with light refreshments in Cabrini Hall immediately following this Mass.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

In the coming weeks' bulletins, we will begin to advertise for those of you who wish to help in beautifying our church for Christmas. You may choose from the following categories: Trees, Wreaths, Poinsettia Plants or Christmas Tree Lights. Specific details will be included in the bulletin on how to request these items as well as the cost for each of them. We urge you to read the bulletin so you will not miss the opportunity to help defray the expense of our decorations. Once again, we thank you for your support and generosity to this great Parish!

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