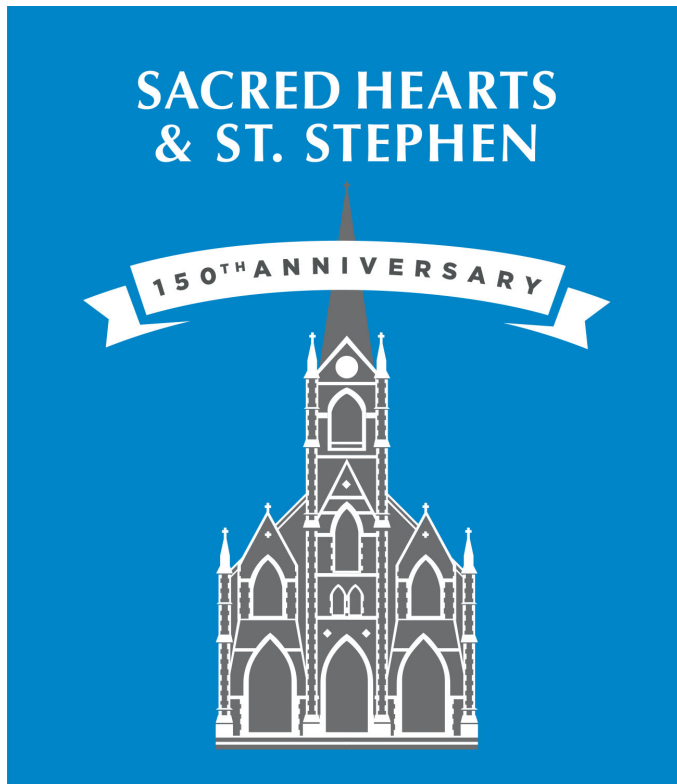


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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.

#### **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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**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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# MASSes for the WEEK

- MON. NOVEMBER 7, 2016**  
**Noon In Honor of The Holy Spirit**  
**For The People of The Parish**
- TUE. NOVEMBER 8, 2016**  
**8:30 Michael Deacomanolis**
- WED NOVEMBER 9, 2016**  
**8:30 Pasquale Liguori**  
**Birthday Remembrance (Deceased)**  
**BY: Loving Son John &**  
**The Liguori Family**
- THURS. NOVEMBER 10, 2016**  
**8:30 Anthony Coppola**  
**BY: Mom, Dad & Brother**
- FRI. NOVEMBER 11, 2016**  
**8:30 Salvatore & Maria Grazia DiFilippo**  
**BY: Loving Family**
- SAT. NOVEMBER 12, 2016**  
**8:30 Rachela Scotto Di Clemente**  
**BY: Marisa & Joe Ringston**  
**5:30 PM Enrico Dellaporte**  
**BY: Wife Catherine**
- SUN NOVEMBER 13, 2016**  
**8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit**  
**For The People of The Parish**  
**10:00 Rededication of St. Stephen Church**  
**Noon: Domenico Ruggiero**  
**BY: Loving Wife & Family**

**UPS AND DOWNS**  
**ELEVATOR NEWS**

Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed to Generations of Faith, we will be able to construct Wheelchair Accessible restrooms as part of our Elevator Project. This will allow us to bring our church building into ADA compliance. The restrooms will be located in Cabrini Hall, below the entrance to the Main Church and will be open to the public whenever the Church is open. Additionally, it is our desire to provide baby changing room space in the same area for those families with small children.

**WHAT IS A DEANERY?**  
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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.



**KINDLY NOTE:**  
**THE RECTORY OFFICE IS**  
**CLOSED ON**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN**  
**OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' 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:

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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\ |
| Andrew Favorito      | Anthony Caruvana    |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of November 6, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of **MARY TARSIO**

Requested by:  
**The Delgado Family**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of November 6, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE POLITO & DE LOSA FAMILIES**

BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus



Veterans Day

## OFFICE CLOSING

Kindly take note that in observance of Veterans Day, on Friday, November 11, 2016 the Rectory Office will be closed.

## 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

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,

As we end the liturgical year 2016 on Saturday, November 26th and begin the new liturgical year 2017 on November 27th which is the First Sunday in Advent, the readings for this time of the year are on an apocalyptic genre. The word “apocalyptic” means revelations of things still to happen. This Biblical literature makes use of symbols and signs which may be difficult to understand. This genre of Biblical writing is found in a number of books in the Bible such as the Book of Revelations found at the end of the New Testament, the Books of the Prophets Ezekiel, Daniel and Micah to name a few. The themes of apocalyptic biblical writing are: the end of time, the final battle between good and evil, the second coming of Christ and the victory of God over all evil. Regardless of how strange the reading may sound, we need to remember that in the end, God wins. God will triumph over evil. Truth will win out over falsehood. These Apocalyptic themes will be with us this Sunday through to the Third Sunday in Advent.

For today, the readings will address death, suffering and life that transcends death. Death and suffering are part of life’s journey. What happens after death and why do we suffer have been questions which have occupied the minds of many believers. Suffering and death for the sake of the gospel message has been part of the gospel message since it was first proclaimed. In the first reading from the Book of Maccabees, we read the brutal story of the martyrdom of seven brothers who preferred death rather than to offend God. The Gospel reading points us to the issues of death and belief in the resurrection.

In the Letter to the Philippians 1:28-30, we read: “all this is as God intends, for it is your special privilege to take Christ’s part not only to believe in him but to suffer for him.” The text presented in today’s liturgy has been used to encourage Christians and Jews in times of persecution to remain faithful. The stories of the saints who died for the faith such as the martyrdom of Saint Polcarp were other inspiring text to encourage those who had to face pain, death, marginalization, mockery for their faith. How does our faith in Christ make us different from the secular world? Are we willing to suffer for the sake of Christ? Are we willing to face the mockery or the glare even of our relatives and friends because of our faith in Christ? Paul reminds us that we are called not only to believe in Christ, but to suffer for him.

The Gospel reading presents us with familiar questions: what happens after death? Is there life after death? and What do we mean by resurrection of the dead? Frequently we speak about life after death in terms of our life here and now. In reality, we do not know what life will be on the other side of death. What we believe is that we will be with God. Resurrection of the dead and life after death are related but different issues. Resurrection means reconstituting our bodies and souls in a whole other way of existence. We will be most like Christ in a glorified body at the resurrection. What does that look like? How does this happen? What will life be? These questions rest in our faith. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. The reason for our faith rests in our belief in Christ Jesus who promised that we would be raised up again. It is faith in this promise of Jesus which gives meaning and consolation to us in our time of suffering and death.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

A letter written to a man on death row by the  
Father of the man whom the man on death row had killed

You are probably surprised that I, of all people, am writing a letter to you, but I ask you to read it in its entirety and consider its request seriously. As the Father of the man whom you took part in murdering, I have something very important to say to you.

I forgive you. With all my heart, I forgive you. I realize it may be hard for you to believe, but I really do. At your trial, when you confessed to your part in the events that cost my Son his life and asked for my forgiveness, I immediately granted you that forgiving love from my heart. I can only hope you believe me and will accept my forgiveness.

But this is not all I have to say to you. I want to make you an offer—I want you to become my adopted child. You see, My Son who died was my only child, and I now want to share my life with you and leave my riches to you. This may not make sense to you or anyone else, but I believe you are worth the offer. I have arranged matters so that if you will receive my offer of forgiveness, not only will you be pardoned for your crime, but you also will be set free from your imprisonment, and your sentence of death will be dismissed. At that point, you will become my adopted child and heir to all my riches.

I realize this is a risky offer for me to make to you—you might be tempted to reject my offer completely—but I make it to you without reservation.

Also, I realize it may seem foolish to make such an offer to one who cost my Son his life, but I now have a great love and an unchangeable forgiveness in my heart for you.

Finally, you may be concerned that once you accept my offer you may do something to cause you to be denied your rights as an heir to my wealth. Nothing could be further from the truth. If I can forgive you for your part in my Son's death, I can forgive you for anything. I know you never will be perfect, but you do not have to be perfect to receive my offer. Besides, I believe that once you have accepted my offer and begin to experience the riches that will come to you from me, that your primary (though not always) response will be gratitude and loyalty.

Some would call me foolish for my offer to you, but I wish for you to call me your Father.

Sincerely,

The Father of Jesus

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