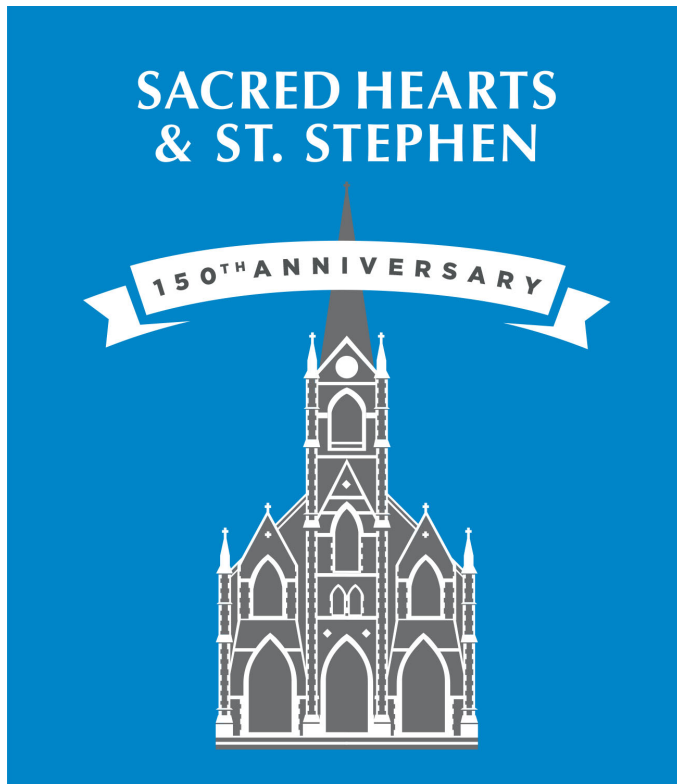

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8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

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Monday 12:00 Noon
Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM 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.

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Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the

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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
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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 31, 2016
Noon Connie, Ernie & Joseph Missoni
BY: Loving Family

TUE. NOVEMBER 1, 2016
ALL SAINTS DAY
8:30 Gladys Zodda
BY: M/M Louis Napoli

Noon Elizabeth DeMeglio
BY: Loving Family
7:00 PM Pietro Reca
BY: Loving Family

WED NOVEMBER 2, 2016
ALL SOULS DAY
8:30 All Souls Remembrance
7:-00 PM All Souls Remembrance *
 *(Reading of Names of Deceased
 from 11/1/15-10/31/16)

THURS. NOVEMBER 3,2016
8:30 Yolanda & John Dioca
BY: Loving Family

FRI. NOVEMBER 4, 2016
8:30 Deceased Members of
 The Massie & Sisto Families

SAT. NOVEMBER 5,2016
8:30 For the Health of
 Mary Jane Hangad
BY: Her Mother
5:30 PM Gino Masi
BY: Loving Family

SUN NOVEMBER 6, 2016
8:00 Gladys Zodda
BY: Camille & Anthony
10:00 Anthony Troiano, Sr.
BY: The TroianoFamily
Noon: Mathilda & Pete Sergi
BY: The Gambardella Family

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

As we continue to make progress on the planning and filing phase of our parish elevator project, we must once again thank all who have made a pledge to Generations of Faith for your generosity. If you have made a pledge but have not yet received your payment cards in the mail, or if you would like to make automated electronic payments to fulfill your pledge, please call 718 965-7375 Ext.2210.

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\ |
| Andrew Favorito | Anthony Caruvana |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 30, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of

ANTHONY STUTO

Requested by:

LOUIS PEPE



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of October 30, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of

**THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE VERGONA FAMILY**

BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who joined us for Ministry Day, those who shared their gift of hospitality or served as facilitators, those who gave witness to God and all who through participation and sharing helped to build one another up. We look forward to another opportunity to gather together, share the word of God and be blessed by the fellowship of our community of faith in Jesus.

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

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\$135.00 Per Person

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

Journal Ads are available.

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**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, the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading may be seen as illustrating the first reading which comes from the Book of Wisdom. In the first reading, we read that because God is transcended, God treats humanity with patience, kindness and gentleness. God, while not approving humanity's sinfulness, nonetheless corrects us mildly and with great mercy.

In the Gospel, Jesus meets Zacchaeus, a tax collector who in his desire to see Jesus, climbs a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus as he passes. Tax collectors were hated by the people. They were considered sinful. They were even barred from going into the local synagogue because they were working for the Romans who were oppressing the Jewish people. They were also seen as thieves who helped themselves to the tax money as payment for their work. Zacchaeus, was not a popular man nor was he trusted. So, imagine the surprise on the behalf of the towns' people when Jesus actually stops, calls up to Zacchaeus, speaks with him and accepts an invitation to his house. Wow! The town's people must have murmured among themselves; "how can this holy man Jesus do such a thing? Does he not know that Zacchaeus is a sinner, a cheat and a tax collector?" The encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus proves to be a life changing event for Zacchaeus. He sees Jesus, encounters Jesus and his life changes for the better. Jesus comes to seek out not the self righteous, not those who see themselves as religiously correct, but those who long to see the face of God whose lives are a struggle and who know that they are far from perfect.

Many people saw Jesus that day in Jericho but only one truly saw Jesus with eyes of faith. That person changed. To know the Lord is to grow for the better, to change and to slowly conform one's life to the way of Jesus which is the Gospel. Many of us in all levels of the church receive Eucharist every Sunday, some of us even celebrate Mass regularly, some of us have responsible positions in the Church community, have never truly heard the Gospel nor been changed in our spirit. Holding on to anger, hurt and disappointment, they continue in their bitterness and close in on themselves. Others who have heard and are hearing the Gospel and are seeing the Lord with eyes of faith in the Eucharist, have had their lives healed, their attitude changed and their hearts opened. They experience freedom in the Holy Spirit and are forgiving, give their time in service to others, seek to do good randomly and live a life that is less stressed and more peace filled.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day, we the church remember and pray for our beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The reason we pray for our faithful departed is because we believe that our prayers can assist our loved ones. We pray that God may have mercy upon them, look upon their faults with a merciful heart and forgive their sins or failings. We are also told in M2Maccabees 12:43-46 that it is a “good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.” The liturgy of the day moves us to hope. The readings remind us that those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are in the hands of God. Believing that our loved ones are with God gives us hope and peace of mind and heart.

While our faith is our strength and eternal life our hope, our hearts still hurt and our spirits still feel the loss. Love never dies, people die. God is love. The love we have experienced in the lives of our loved ones and the love we have for them survives death. Why? Because God is Love. In the First Letter of John, we read: “we are God’s children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light, when it does, we shall see God as he is.” This tells us that we survive death, that our relationship with God continues and that death for the Christian means: “life has changed not ended.” For all of us who are going through this year of mourning, life has changed. It seems that grief comes to us in different ways. Just when you think you are healed, you will find yourself in tears. Depending on the depth and the closeness of the relationship, the loss of a loved one leaves us with an emotional wound. We mourn our loss not just for a year, but in many ways, forever until we see them again. If we can always hold our departed loved ones in our hearts, how much more does God hold us to his heart?

Today and every day, the church prays for her children who have gone before us. We pray for them because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray for them because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and the life of the world to come.

I invite all, especially those who are mourning this year, to see the heart of God manifested to us in the kindness, understanding and compassion we have received from our friends, neighbors and relatives. As we walk through this coming holiday season, perhaps we can pray for each other that we may find our hope, peace and joy in knowing that God is with us.

May God give rest to our loved ones and consolation to all who mourn. May our faith be our strength and eternal life our hope.

ALL SAINTS DAY

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

What is it that we celebrate on these days? What is the communion of saints? What do we mean by the resurrection of the dead?

All Saints Day celebrates the memory of all those who have died, some of whose names we know but, for the most part, we do not know who now sees the face of God. These good and holy people may be our own relatives and friends whose lives inspired you and many others through their prayer and their acts of mercy and charity. In the Apostle’s Creed, we say: “I believe in the communion of saints...” By this term we mean that those who are now seeing the face of God are remembering us. They are praying for us. Thus we here on earth and they in heaven are in communion with each other. Communion means in union with us and we with them. The saints experience God more directly. We experience God through Word and Sacrament. To make this communion clearer, I suggest that we think of it like this: when I ask you please pray for me, what am I asking? I am asking you to take my name and petitions to God when you pray. When we ask, for example, Saint Francis to pray for us, we are asking St. Francis who is presently beholding the face of God to mention our name to God and our needs to God. The saint or those praying for us do not grant us our petitions. They pray for us. Only the Lord grants our needs, graces and petitions. The one praying for us always points us to Jesus.

The word “Saint” comes from the word “Sanctus” meaning holy. Who is holy? Do we really know who is holy? Only God sees what is unseen. Therefore it is not until after death that we know who is holy. How one’s life ends tells us of the victory of one’s life before God. The “holy ones”, also known as the saints, loved Christ to an extraordinary degree. Their deep relationship with Christ inspired them to become examples of charity and mercy. Some gave their lives for Christ as martyrs. Some lived as contemplatives. Some lived ordinary lives in a most extraordinary manner. Their lives were possessed by Jesus. Jesus was their joy, their hope and their reason for living. They tell us by their lives the way to holiness, wholeness, happiness, justice and peace is JESUS.

If you want to be a saint, then seek to grow in your relationship with Christ Jesus. Learn about the lives of some of the saints. Learn how a particular saint faced difficulties, prayer and doubt. Try to imitate the saint in his or her devotion to Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform you, remake you and help you to know the mind and heart of Christ.

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