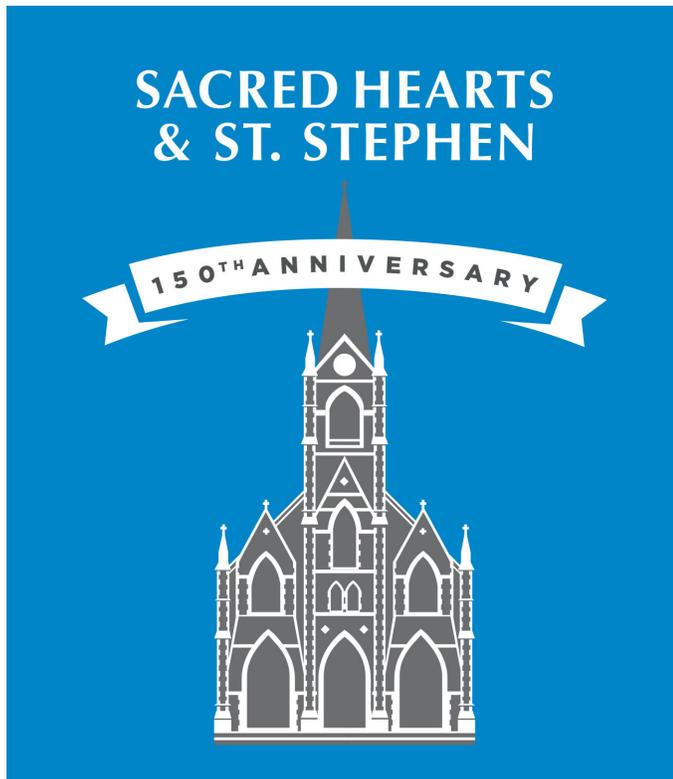

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882***

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

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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. JANUARY 30 2017
 Noon Maria Grazia & Salvatore DiFilippo
 BY: The Reca Family

TUE. JANUARY 31, 2017
 8:30 For the Intentions of
 Judy & Joseph Cardamone & Family
 BY: Dorothy Pacella
 Noon For Our Country

WED FEBRUARY 1, 2017
 8:30 Anna Puleo
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
 Noon Charles Cacchiola
 BY: A Friend

THURS. FEBRUARY 2, 2017
 8:30 Giuseppina Borrometi
 BY: Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Mattioli
 Noon In Honor of The Holy Spirit
 For The People of The Parish

FRI. FEBRUARY 3, 2017
 8:30 Anna Puleo
 BY: Rose Marie Foglia
 Noon For the Souls in Purgatory

SAT. FEBRUARY 4, 2017
 8:30 Giuseppina Borrometi
 BY: The Delgado Family
 5:30 PM Salvatore Pellecchia
 BY: Rose Palmieri & Daughters

SUN FEBRUARY 5, 2017
 8:00 AM Joseph Mazzella
 BY: Annette & Paul Bamundo
 10:00 AM Louis Valentino, Jr.
 Noon Maria Adinolfi

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

Great progress has been made on our elevator project this week. Gamil Engineering has worked with our architects at Baxt Ingui to confirm the scope of the job. After their review, Gamil Engineering has agreed to take on our elevator project as Engineer of Record and self-certify our project. Having an engineer self-certify a project means that they believe the project and plans created are structurally sound enough for them to sign off. This also means that we circumvent the typical lead times or six months to a year when filing plans with the City of New York without an engineer who is willing to self-certify. Thanks to the great team of professionals who have been working with us, we could potentially be approved to build by the end of next week. The next step will be for our architects to walk all interested contractors through the project so that they may offer comparative work estimates for us to review. Please know that the parish members, including the Parish Council and Parish Finance Committee will be able to review the proposals submitted by the contractors before one is selected by Msgr. Massie. If you would like to suggest a General Contractor or Elevator Company to bid on this project, please e-mail info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com and we will submit your suggestions to Baxt Ingui for review. We are also awaiting confirmation that our structural engineer will self-certify the structural work-namely the elevator shaft and associated framing work.

IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is March 1, 2017
Holy Thursday, the day of the Easter Triduum is April 13, 2017
Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Liturgical year is April 14, 2017
Great Feast of Easter, the most solemn and most glorious day of the year is April 16th
 Feast of the Ascension of The Lord is on May 25th
 Feast of Pentecost is June 4th
 Feast of the Holy Trinity is June 11th
 Feast of Corpus Christi is June 18th
 Feast of the Sacred Heart is June 23rd
Please also know that on June 3rd, Deacon Kamil will be ordained to the Priesthood and his first Mass will be on June 4th at noon.

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 Laqueria | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle-Moriale |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Michele Morea | Palma Caminiti |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Rachel Valenti | Anthony Caruvana |
| 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 |
| Lamar McNabb | Anna Maria Marino |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of January 29, 2017 has been donated

In Memory of
JOSEPH AGOSTA

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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

Tax statements for contributions made to Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church are now available. These statements are not universally mailed to all parishioners. Should you require a statement, kindly call the Rectory and speak directly with Rose Marie Foglia, Monday through Thursday, from 9-5. Please have your envelope number available when making the request. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for their constant financial support of our great parish.

RECENT NEWS EVENTS

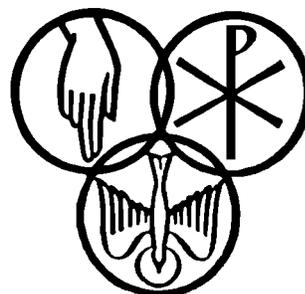
Recently we have seen an increase of hate crimes in our City and in our nation. I want to make this clear that we, the Catholic Church and I as your Pastor, condemn all acts of violence against Jews, Muslims, Blacks, Mexicans, immigrants, gays, trans-genders and all other human people of any other background. The Gospel calls us to recognize the God given dignity of all people regardless of race, color or creed. Disagreements with another person either religiously or politically or dislike of another is NOT a license to persecute, oppress or bully anyone. Jesus came for all.

“The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, color, condition of life or religion”

Nostra Aetate

ADULT CONFIRMATION/ EUCHARIST/PENANCE

If you have not been confirmed or admitted to the Eucharist or if you wish to prepare for the sacrament of Penance, please contact Nancy Arken or Msgr. Guy Massie at the Parish House. You are never too old to be confirmed!



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From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Community,

The Beatitudes dominate today's scripture readings. In the past few weeks we have been told that Jesus was preaching in the villages and the synagogues. Today we are told the content of his message. The Beatitudes present us with the summation of the message of Jesus. As the weeks pass, we will see how the Gospel will illustrate these Beatitudes. In Matthew 25:11, we will learn the identity of the poor one, the merciful one, the meek one, the peacemaker and the persecuted one is, none other than, Jesus.

The Beatitudes are counter cultural. The Beatitudes turn the world upside down. They invite us to see reality from God's perspective. God sees things differently from the way we see things. Contrast the Beatitudes with the so called American Dream. We have been taught that to be poor is not a blessing. The secular culture in which we live would rather say "blessed are the rich, they have power." Are peacemakers blessed in our society or are they seen as compromisers, weaklings and lacking backbone? Does our secular society value mercy? Might society not see the merciful as bleeding hearts who will be the victims of fraud? Do we see the pure of heart as inspiring or do we see them as naïve people? Do we see those who are persecuted for the sake of the Kingdom of God as blessed? Might we see them as strange radical thinkers who are upsetting the status quo with their call for peace, justice, fairness and the rights of life for all?

Jesus stands in the midst of the Beatitudes. To be poor is to be able to be humble and admit that we need to be saved by God from our sins and from ourselves. We do not win our own salvation. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah, the word humility appears three times. The word humility means: the truth. It means the truth about one self. It means the truth about a situation. Truth admits one's God given talents and it also admits one's weaknesses. To be poor means that we see all we have as a gift owing all to God. To be poor means we own nothing and all we have will be left to another. To be poor means we need help, we are not self sufficient. How different from the American Dream. To be merciful to another, one must also have experienced one's own need for mercy. Recognizing one's needs for mercy is an act of humility. To be merciful is to enter into another's pain and relieve it if possible. To be merciful is to be most Christ like because his heart was moved for suffering of others. To be of a pure heart means to have a purity of intention. It means to do good for God and others because this is God's desire. It means acting without a hidden motive of need for reward or recognition. To suffer for one's convictions for the Kingdom of God, for justice, for peace, for the rights of life for the unborn, the dying, the sick, the elderly is to be willing to conform oneself to the image of Christ who was faithful. To suffer for the Kingdom means to live for others and not for one self only.

The Beatitudes give us the essentials of Christ's message. The Beatitudes call us to a constant life-long inner conversion of the heart. The morality that Jesus gives throughout the Gospel is an interior morality which proceeds from our hearts to our actions. "In a word, the true morality of Christianity is love, and love admittedly runs counter to self-seeking. It is an exodus out of oneself and yet this is precisely the way in which man (woman) comes to himself (herself)." Benedict XVI. How different from our secular society which measures success by what one has acquired rather than by what one has given away.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

PRAY THE ROSARY

Most of us are aware of the Rosary. Do most of us know how to pray the Rosary? What do the Rosary prayers seek to accomplish?

The Rosary are beads that help us to **MEDITATE** on the life of Christ. The Rosary is therefore a Christological prayer. The Hail Mary which is said on each of the beads is meant to be a **MANTRA** helping us to focus on a event in the life of Christ. The Rosary is itself a school. It teaches us the important events of the life of Christ. The Rosary helps us to enter into the mystery personally. The questions we may consider while praying the Rosary are: Where do I see myself in this mystery? What can I learn from this mystery?

The Rosary is not a string of mumbled prayers. The Mysteries of the Rosary are the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries and the Mysteries of Light. The Rosary is liturgically sensitive. It is prayed in rhythm with the life of the Church. The mysteries are prayed or meditated upon as follows: Sundays in Ordinary Time and Easter Time are the Glorious mysteries. During Sundays of Advent, we pray the Joyful Mysteries and Sundays in Lent we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries. On weekdays, we pray the Joyful Mysteries on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Fridays and the Glorious Mysteries on Sundays. We pray the mysteries of Light on Thursdays.

What are the Mysteries of the Rosary?

The Joyful Mysteries are; Annunciation-found in Luke 1:26-38-The Visitation found in Luke 1:39-56, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) found in Luke 2:1-20, The Presentation of the Lord-Luke 2:22-38 and The Finding of Jesus in the Temple found in Luke 2:41-52. The Sorrowful Mysteries are found in the Passion Narratives of all the Gospels: Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-23, John 18-19. The Glorious Mysteries are meditations on Easter. The Easter Gospels are found in: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20-21. The Mysteries of Light, which we pray on Thursdays are: The Baptism of the Lord found in Matthew 3:11-13, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 29-34. The Wedding Feast of Cana, John 2:1-12, The proclaiming of the Kingdom of God-Matthew 5:1-12, Matthew 25: 31-35 and all the lessons and miracle stories we find in the Gospels. The Transfiguration found Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9. The last Mystery of Light is the Institution of the Holy Eucharist found at the beginning of all the Passion Narratives and in the Bread of Life section of St. John 6 and following.

The Rosary is a great prayer. I invite you to join **PRAY THE ROSARY**. All you need to do is sign up and promise to pray the Rosary at least once a week for the Parish. You can pray more than once a week, but I ask only for once a week. You need not attend meetings. Those who do wish to make a commitment themselves to praying the Rosary for the Parish and those who can come, we will gather in the Church on the First Saturday of the Month at 4:00 PM and all pray the Rosary together before the Blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE DO BECOME A PART OF THE PRAY THE ROSARY PROGRAM

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