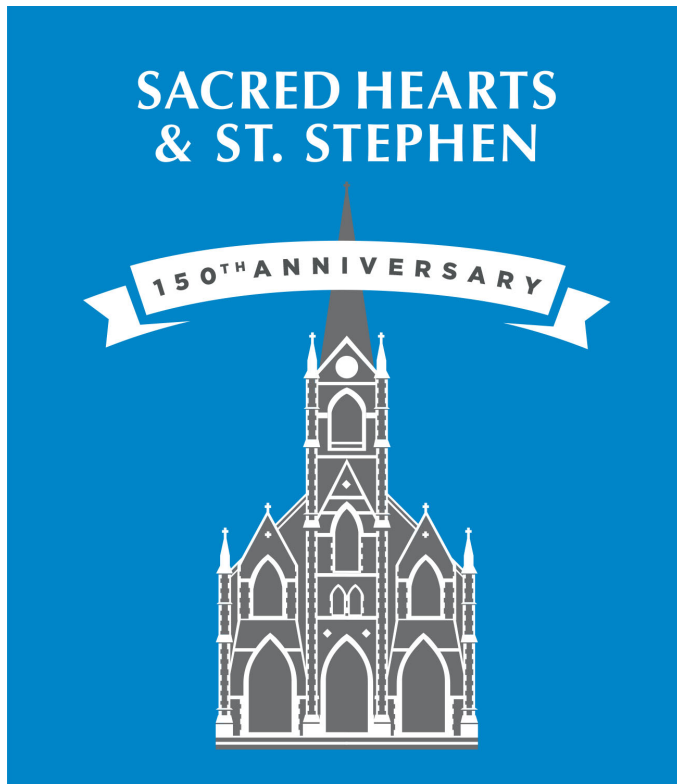

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8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Beginning 11/15/16 thru 4/12/17-Tuesday thru Friday
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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

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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. JANUARY 9, 2017**
Noon Dominick Dellaporte & Filomena Lagana
BY: Catherine
- TUE. JANUARY 10, 2017**
8:30 Antonino Conti
BY: Conti Family
Noon Anna Liguori
BY: Loving Son John and The Liguori Family
- WED JANUARY 11, 2017**
8:30 Anthony Massie
Noon Antonino & Concetta Tesoriero
BY: The Reca Family
- THURS. JANUARY 12, 2017**
8:30 Filippi & Francesca Voi
BY: Daughter
Noon Marie & John Agnese
BY: Loving Family
- FRI. JANUARY 13, 2017**
8:30 Rev. Simon Joseph
BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
Noon Maria Zonfrillo
BY: Anna Gallo
- SAT. JANUARY 14, 2017**
8:30 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
For The People of The Parish
5:30 PM Louis Valentino, Sr.
- SUN JANUARY 15, 2017**
8:00 AM Kevin Sheehan
BY: Loving Family
10:00 AM Feast of St. Stephen
Noon Domenica & Anthony Pellicano
BY: Daughter Rita

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

The first physical signs of preparation work for the installation of our church elevator began this past week. You will notice that a portion of the church vestibule ceiling on the Hicks Street side where the elevator will be installed, has been opened in order to evaluate the choir loft floor beams. A large opening has been made in the Cabrini Hall floor where the elevator shaft will be constructed to evaluate the depth and thickness of the church foundation at that point. These openings are essential and will allow our engineer to properly draw the plans to be filed with the NYC Building Department as well as to prepare the guidelines for prospective contractors to bid on the project. Thank you to those who continue to fulfill the pledges they have made to Generations of Faith and this project.

IMPORTANT DATES

On the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, it is traditional to publish the following dates which we ask you to remember and invite you to be present for these Liturgical celebrations of the Life of Christ in our midst:

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 Laquercia | 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 |

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

Save the Date

On January 15, 2017, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Stephen at the 10:00 AM Mass. Bishop Neil Tiedemann will be the celebrant. This is an important Feast Day for our Parish and we ask everyone to join us for this service.

Altar Bread & Wine for the week of January 8, 2017 has been donated

In Memory of

JAMES GAMBARDELLA

Requested by:

Catherine & Family



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of January 8, 2017, have been donated

In Loving Memory of:

DELORES CANIZIO

Requested by: **Lucille Gaudino**



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

How do we hear these stories of Christmas? What are we hearing? Do we assume we know the story? Allow me to repeat what I said at the beginning of Advent: “we are hearing the readings again for the first time”. The text of the scripture remains the same, you and I have changed. The depth of our belief may have changed. Faith may be deeper or more shallow. We may be hearing these readings after experiencing loss or sadness. We may be hearing these readings at times when change for the better or worse seems eminent. You may be hearing these texts after having your own child or expecting your own child. How is God showing or not showing himself to you today?

Today is the great feast of the Epiphany. The word: Epiphany means to show or to manifest. Today's Feast is more catechetical than historical. This means the story is teaching us about Jesus. The story is addressing the identity of Jesus through the use of symbols. The liturgy recognizes three major epiphanies: The Arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana. In many ways, this feast is like a summation of the whole Gospel story. The entire Gospel shows us Christ. The ultimate question which the entire Gospel addresses to us after telling us about Jesus, is “who is Jesus?” For the Gospel, Jesus is: the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer and above all else, Jesus is God made flesh. Who is Jesus for you?

If the celebration of Christmas is an epiphany to the shepherds and to the people of Israel, than today's feast has a universal theme. Today is the manifestation of Christ to the world. The world is represented by the arrival of the Magi who were seekers of wisdom from nations other than Israel. The gifts presented to the Christ Child tell us that Jesus is: King, represented by the gold, God represented by the frankincense and the suffering servant who would die for his people represented by the myrrh.

The mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in the humanity of Jesus is so great an event that words, celebrations, poetry, music or art cannot adequately express the complete meaning of this event. In the mystery of the Incarnation, we see that humanity can be a vehicle, a carrier, a minister of the divine. God is made present through the human relationships the Incarnation continues in the Body of Christ also known as the Church. Those in relationship with Christ in his day were encountering and interacting with God. Thus, it is in and through humanity, baptized into the body of Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, in prayerful conversation with God, anointed by the Holy Spirit that we manifest Christ to the world. It is through our frail humanity that mercy, love, kindness, justice, truth, peace, joy, etc. are carried to our respective worlds of home, work and school. Because of the Incarnation, we carry God to a waiting world. Yes, through the Incarnation, God touches a broken, weak, dirty, sinful not perfect humanity and brings healing and reconciliation.

How will you show Christ to the world in which you live in today? Will you allow the Incarnation of Christ to happen in you and through you? Will you be for someone an epiphany of God today? Will you recognize the epiphany of God taking place in your world today?

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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