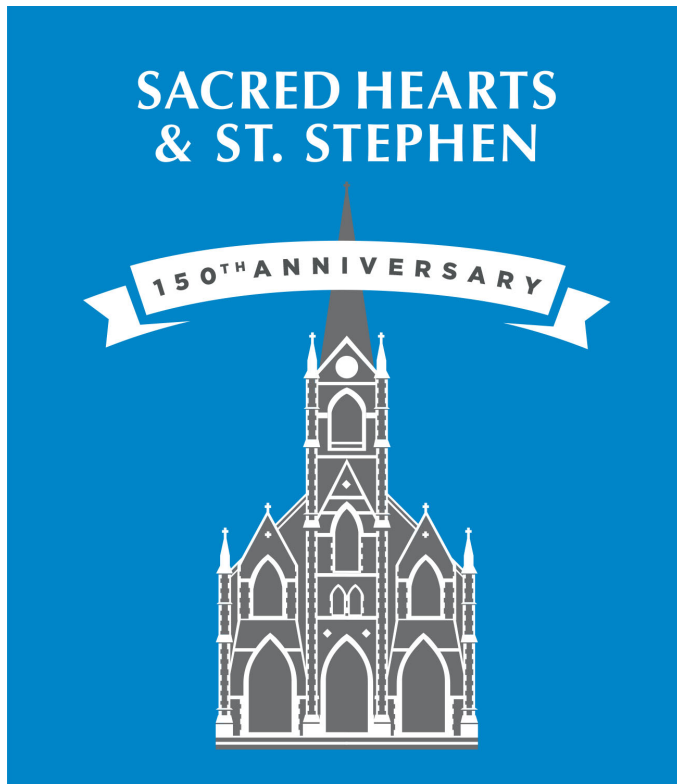

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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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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 23 2017**
 Noon Joseph Cardamone
 BY: Dorothy Pacella
- TUE. JANUARY 24, 2017**
 8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
 For The People of the Parish
 Noon Nancy Ali
 BY: Camille & Anthony
- WED JANUARY 25, 2017**
 8:30 Jay Sisto
 Noon Dennis Di Muro
 BY: Sister Marie
- THURS. JANUARY 26, 2017**
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
 Anniversary Remembrance
 BY: Sister Gertrude
 Noon Angelo Vergona
 BY: Loving Family
- FRI. JANUARY 27, 2017**
 8:30 Mary Ann Tabeek
 Birthday Remembrance
 BY: Sister Gertrude
 Noon Iva Palazzo D'Amato
 BY: The Pietanza Family
- SAT. JANUARY 28, 2017**
 8:30 Andrea Di Costanzo
 BY: The Delgado Family
 5:30 PM For the Intentions of
 Ann & Phil Donohue & Family
 BY: Dorothy Pacella
- SUN JANUARY 29, 2017**
 8:00 AM For Our Country and State
 10:00 AM Alfred Pipitone
 BY: Mom & Dad
 Noon John & Rose Groccia
 BY: Loving Family

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

We take a break this week from updating you on the progress of our elevator project in order to let you know about the work happening on three of our church windows. Last year, during a series of summer storms with high wind, the protective glass which prevents the elements from getting to the actual stained glass of our church windows, was blown out in sections of three windows. These three windows are all on the church yard side of the church: St. Pius X, St. Stephen and St. Vincent Pallotti. Thankfully, the parish was able to make an insurance claim to repair the windows and it was accepted by our insurance company. For the last two weeks, workmen from Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser Architectural Glass have been removing the old and broken protective glass, removing the old paint and caulking from the wooden window frames, cleaning the stained glass, sealing the lead joints, re-enforcing the original window frame, repainting the frames, making all of the window vents operational again and closing the windows in with a new metal frame, even with the exterior brick of the building, with protective glass so that no water or wind can penetrate to the stained glass window in the future.

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 |
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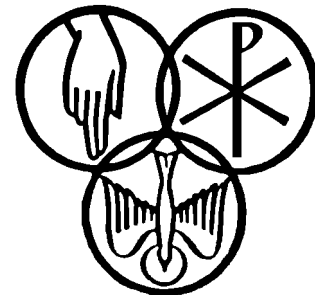
Recently we have seen an increase of hate crimes in our City and in our nation. I want to make this clear that we, the Catholic Church and I as your Pastor, condemn all acts of violence against Jews, Muslims, Blacks, Mexicans, immigrants, gays, trans-genders and all other human people of any other background. 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 Family,

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. We meet Jesus as he begins his ministry. The ministry of Jesus begins in Galilee which is the Northern Region of the land of Israel. This northern region was populated with any different types of people. The Jewish population lived among the Romans, Greeks and Syrians and many others whom the religious leadership in Jerusalem regarded as pagans. Even the Jews of the region were somewhat suspect by the more religious in Jerusalem. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah writes of this region saying “Lord of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, by the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” The land of Zebulun and Naphtali had a difficult history. About the year 721BC, due to the Syro-Ephraimite War, the Assyrian Empire marched southwest taking over the region. The Jewish population of the region was exhorted by Isaiah to remain faithful but in the end, the land was taken over by this invading country. Thus, the region was largely non-Jewish. The people of the south of Israel regarded the northern land to be deprived of the light of the Torah and Jewish Life. Yet, in today’s reading we are told that the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those people are the people of the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. It is this region that we find Galilee and Nazareth. The great light is Christ.

How does this history and this story help us? Where is the land of Zebulun? Today the lands of darkness need not be geographical. The lands of darkness can reside deep within us. The people of the North were thought to be far from God. The northern people were thought to be not religiously correct and alienated from main stream faith community. Today, many are alienated from the Church for whatever reason. Some are angry with the Church over past hurts and disappointments. Some are angry with the local pastor or priests. Some are scandalized by the poor behavior of priests, religious or even church going people. Some are alienated from themselves. Some are perpetually not satisfied with anything and everything. Some are constantly on the move searching for acceptance, love or attention. Some have no idea what they want only that they want more out of life. So where is the land of Zebulun? It may reside deep in our souls, our hearts and inner self.

It was thought that nothing good could come out of Zebulun or Nazareth. Well, in today’s reading a light is shining even in the land of gloom and doom. The light is Jesus. The light is the Gospel. The light is found in a relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the community. The light is found in falling in love with Christ and allowing his message into our hearts. So, how does this happen? In the text, the Gospel calls for repentance. Repentance is not a negative word. It is a word filled with hope. It tells us things can change for the better. Yes, things can change if we are open to changing. They can change if we are open to hearing and entering into a serious relationship with Christ. Repentance is turning around. It is a return. It is a change in attitude and openness to doing better. Grace invites, yet we must respond. Some feel that they are waiting for a miracle to change their lives. For the believer, miracles are always possible, for the most part. All we need to do is be open to the possibility of seeing things differently, more positively and as seeing ourselves as loved by God and called by God. So, if your heart and soul are living in Zebulun, come now and see the light and do not be afraid of the possibility of hope, of change and new found life.

Rev. 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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