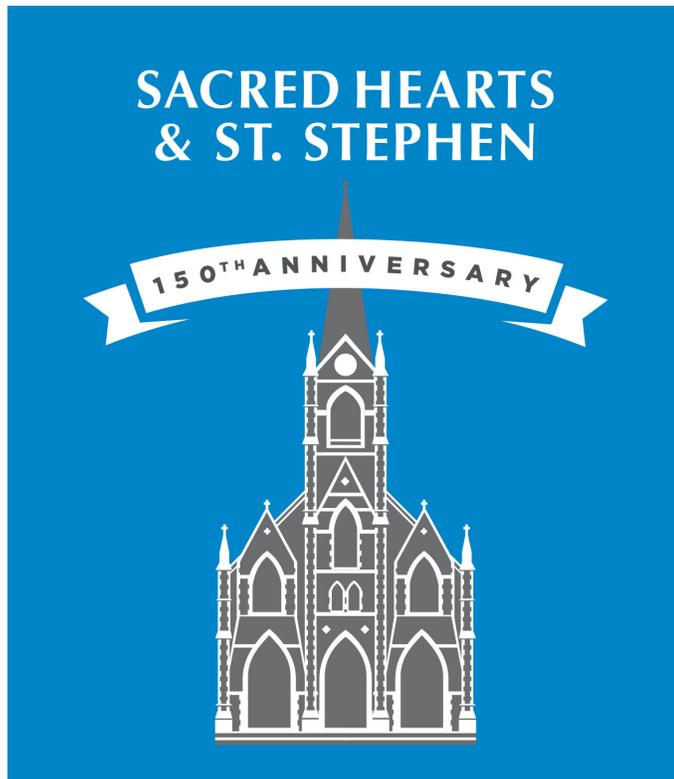

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882***

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

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



UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

In order to file any construction job in the city of New York testing must be done on the area which will be renovated to make sure that there asbestos. Asbestos is a material which was heavily used in the 1970's—1980's to make everything from plaster to floor tiles. It is a versatile material which is fire resistant and helps absorb sound. After many years of use, it was discovered that asbestos, when made air-born, can be a cause of lung cancer and other breathing disorders and the use of the material was banned from new construction projects in the city. Since our church interior was constructed in 1951 and has little to no renovations using any of the usual asbestos containing materials, we are confident that there should be no asbestos in the church. However, to be sure, the city does require that we perform an asbestos test to make certain of this in order to grant us construction permits. On Friday, N. E. B. Environmental visited the Church and took samples of everything from floor tile to plaster from the walls and ceiling in order to test it back at their labs and certify that we do not have any asbestos. In the case where asbestos is found, the church will contract with a company certified in the professional removal of the materials prior to any work beginning on the elevator. We will let you know what the result of the testing is as soon as we receive it.

- MON. FEBRUARY 6 2017**
 Noon In Honor of the Holy Spirit
 For The People of the Parish
- TUE. FEBRUARY 7, 2017**
 8:30 Carmine Graziani
 BY: Daughter Teresa
 Noon The People of the Parish
- WED FEBRUARY 8, 2017**
 8:30 Giuseppina Borrometi
 BY: Tina Barrera Cinalli & Nick Cinalli
 Noon Mary Ellen Adinolfi
- THURS. FEBRUARY 9, 2017**
 8:30 Biagio Lubrano
 BY: Wife & Children
 Noon For the Intentions of
 Marie & Alex Miraglia
 BY: Dorothy Pacella
- FRI. FEBRUARY 10, 2017**
 8:30 Eric Lachmingsingh
 BY: Clara Stella
 Noon Michael Iacono
 BY: Anita Salta
- SAT. FEBRUARY 11, 2017**
 8:30 Denise Anne Diacomanolis
 BY: Teresa & Family
 5:30 PM Maria Colella
 BY: Loving Family
- SUN FEBRUARY 12, 2017**
 8:00 AM For Peace in our World
 10:00 AM Alfred Pipitone
 BY: Mom & Dad
 Noon Domenica & Anthony Pellicano
 BY: Daughter Rita

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:

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 February 5th has been donated

In Loving Memory of
LOUIS VALENTINO, JR.

Requested by:
Loving Family

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.

CHRISTMAS REPORT

Thanks to your generosity and love for this parish, we were able to decorate our church beautifully. I thank again all who were with us on December 18th to decorate the Church. The dedication of the people of this parish to this church is a blessing. I think we may agree that the Christmas decorations and celebrations here at SHSS were uplifting and joyful.

In an effort to keep you informed, I am including a Christmas accounting so that you may see the expenses for the Christmas celebration. Christmas costs money for all of us and even for the Church. Prices for decorations are increasing as our economy keeps changing. It is my hope we can continue to decorate as we have traditionally done in the past. Please read this simple report:

Donations for Flowers, Trees and Wreaths:

\$5,495.00,

Expenses for Flowers, Trees and Wreaths,
\$5,099.45,

Profit \$395.55.

Christmas Collection:	2015	2016
	\$11,366	\$8,389

Difference: \$2,977.00

Christmas Eve/Day Music Expense \$1,300.00

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!

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

The National Italian Apostolate will have a day of prayer on Saturday, March 18th presented by Father Giacomo Sgroi of the Diocese of Monreale in Sicily. The day will consist of spiritual conferences, Mass and Lenten Devotions beginning at 10:00 AM with arrival and registration at 9:30 AM. The cost of the day is \$20.00 and includes a hot lunch. This will take place at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. If you are interested, kindly inform Msgr. Massie either in person or by calling 718 596-7750 as soon as possible.

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fifth Sunday is Ordinary Time. From the readings, we learn that words to be effective must always be accompanied by deeds, good actions must always spring from proper intentions: (purity of heart) and righteous acts are not done to exalt the one who performs them but to glorify God. The Gospel reading tells us that the Disciples of Christ are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58:7-10, tells us how we are the light of the world and salt of the earth. This reading from Isaiah seems to resemble Matthew 25:11f. Both readings speak to us about acts of mercy and charity. These acts are done for the glory of God in service to humanity make us like unto Christ.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah gives us a list of good works and acts of mercy which are pleasing to God. This reading was written at the end of Israel's Babylonian captivity (586bc). This was a period when the Israelites were subjected to deportation to the land of Babylon (present day Iran), lost their city of Jerusalem and saw the destruction of the temple which King Solomon had built. It was a period of great loss as well as a time of great growth for the Jewish People. When King Cyrus allowed those who wished to return to their native lands, the Jews who did return to the land of Israel were reminded by this passage of what God saw as important. They were not only to observe the Law by making sacrifices and praying, they were to "share their bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, cloth the naked...remove oppression and false accusations and bestow their bread on the hungry." These behaviors were to grow out of their prayer life and their union with God. The actions and the prayers were to be done for the Glory of God, for the benefits of those being helped and not for the recognition of the one doing these good actions.

It is interesting to me that the passage from Isaiah mentions nothing about ritual, prayer offering or sacrifice. Did Isaiah forget to mention these religious behaviors? I think not. For Isaiah, for Matthew, for the prophets in general and Jesus in particular, works of charity, mercy and kindness flow out of one's prayer life. The closer one is to God, the closer one draws to humanity and to human needs. Look at the saints. St. John Bosco founded homes and schools for children who were abandoned. He was moved to do this because of his love for Christ. Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, was inspired by his love for Christ to speak out for his people who suffered from the injustice committed by the El Salvadorian government. He was killed for his witness. Look at missionaries, religious or priests who serve in crime ridden and drug ridden neighborhoods, who speak out against drug dealers putting their lives on the line for their people. Their actions and words are for Christ reflected in their people.

Actions and attitudes speak louder than words. Faith without works is dead. So, how do we live out our faith in the worlds in which we live and move and have our being? For whom can we be a voice? For whom can we be a sign of compassion, for whom can we be an act of mercy, who will show one who is at the end of one's rope that someone cares? "You are the light of the world." Are we? Are you?

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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