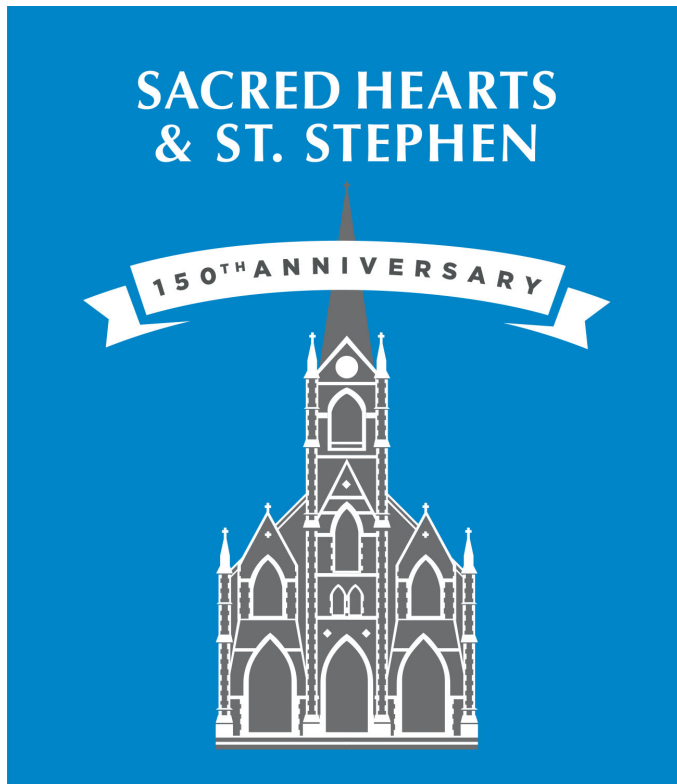

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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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 & 11:45 AM
5:30 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call
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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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. MAY 23, 2016

Noon Antoinette DiBuglione
BY: Catherine Dellaporte

TUE. MAY 24, 2016

8:30 Vitino Colella
BY: Brother Vito

WED. MAY 25, 2016

8:30 Pasquale Hangad
BY: Wife

THURS. MAY 26, 2016

8:30 Sylvia Bello
BY: Louis Pepe & Joseph Cerato

FRI. MAY 27, 2016

8:30 In Thanksgiving to
The Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary
BY: Marie Caria

SAT. MAY 28, 2016

8:30 In Thanksgiving for the Intercession
of St. Michael & St. Joan of Arc for
All Living and Deceased Soldiers
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico
5:30 PM For The Intentions of
Ann & Phil Donohue & Family
BY: Dorothy Pacella

SUN MAY 29, 2016

8:00 AM Lee Sgro
BY: Her Children, Grandchildren &
Great Children
10:00 AM Michael Ruggiero, Sr.
BY: Loving Family
11:45 AM Joan Landry
BY: Anna Giunta

Monday

May 23rd Mass at Noon
May 23rd Finance Committee Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Tuesday

May 24th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 24th Rosarians Praying the Rosary
@ 7:30 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

May 25th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 25th Religious Ed @ 3:45 PM Cabrini Hall
May 25th Youth Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:00 PM
May 25th Children's Choir Rehearsal
@ 5:45 PM
May 25th Adult Choir Rehearsal
@ 6:45 PM
May 25th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Rectory Hall
May 25th K of C 4th Degree Exams
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Thursday

May 26th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 26th K of C Council Meeting
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Friday

May 27th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 27th AA Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall
May 27th Boy Scouts Meeting
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Saturday

CORPUS CHRISTI
May 28th Mass at 8:30 AM
May 28th Confessions at 4:45 PM
May 28th Mass at 5:30 PM
May 28th AA Meeting
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday

CORPUS CHRISTI
May 29th Mass at 8:00 AM
May 29th Mass at 10:00 AM
Followed by Procession
May 29th Mass at 11:45 AM

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
Raj Sandu,	Matthew Ruggiero
Michelle Laqueria	Irene Balen
Dolly Vergona,	Gladys Zodda
Angelo Vergona	Valerie Pace
Maria Carmen Morial	John Nigro
Judith Miller	Alissa Aquino
Michele Morea	Mary Tarsio
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardella
Denise Deacomanolis	Rachel Valenti
Salvatore Gianino	Judith Latalladi
Rosemary Love	Lisa VanTassel
Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan	Eileen Giannotta
Richie Boyle	Kathleen Gunderson
Rosa Maria Santos	Palma Caminiti



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
May 22, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of
JOE & TERRY CARDILLO

Requested by:
Tommy, Val & Joseph

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE FRONT OF OUR CHURCH

As part of the final process for the front of our Church, after the pavers and the sidewalk work, are the following items:

- Improved and more efficient architecturally approved and cost effective lighting
- Restoration of the two marble statues which will include scraping of all loose and peeling paint from the statues and bases, the repair of any broken areas on the statues, prepare statues for painting and applying two coats of paint

All of the work done in the front of the Church has thus far been paid from the successful paver project. While we still have some funds remaining from this project, there is a shortfall to cover the cost of the above-mentioned work. If anyone wishes to obtain more information on how you can assist with this, kindly call the Rectory and speak with Msgr. Massie.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

This year Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen is marking the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Stephen Parish. In 1866, Fr. Dorris celebrated the first mass in St. Stephen's Catholic Church. His foresight established a parish that continues to be strong today. A parish that remains "home" to those living near and far.

We invite you to come home and join us as we reflect on the past 150 years of our faith community so that we may together prepare our parish family for the next 150 years. Below is a list of the events scheduled for this anniversary year. Please save the dates. Whether you can attend one, two or all of the events, we look forward to celebrating with you!

Parish Schools Reunion

Saturday, June 11 2016

4:30 School Tours, 5:30 PM Mass &
6:30 PM Reunion Dinner in Cabrini Hall
\$50.00 Per Person

For tickets e-mail Reunion @ Sacred Hearts-
St. Stephen.com or you may purchase tickets after
all Masses or at the Rectory during business hours.

Plaque Dedication to Immigrants

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church
5:00 PM Mass and Dedication

Couples Married @ Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Blessing and BBQ

Sacred Hearts St. Stephen Church
Saturday June 26, 2016
11:45 Mass

150th Anniversary Gala

Sunday November 13, 2016

El Caribe Country Club
4:00 PM Cocktails-5:00 PM Dinner
\$135.00 Per Person

For tickets e-mail 150@SacredHearts-St.
Stephen.com

150th Anniversary Mass

Sunday December 18th 2016

Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Church
10:00 AM with Bishop Di Marzio

From the Pastor



God is Love

Dear Parish Community:

Today is Trinity Sunday. While the Easter Season ended with the celebration of Pentecost, today's feast and next week's feast of Corpus Christi are extensions of the Easter Season. It seems somewhat redundant that we have a feast celebrating the Holy Trinity since every day, every liturgy celebrates God who is Trinity. Yet, the feast brings into focus for us the great Mystery of God. While we believe in one God, we believe in a God who is love. Love presupposes relationship. One loves someone else. Love moves us from ourselves to another. Our God is encountered through relationships. We believe in a God who is in relationship with us. We experience this great mystery of God through three distinct relationships. While the three relationships are of one divinity, the relationships are different, yet are united and indivisible. Thus, God is experienced as creator or Father, Redeemer/Savior/Word of God or Jesus (Son) and Sanctifier/Sustainer/Divine Presence or Holy Spirit. Thus keep in mind the following: The Father is not the Son, The Son is not the Father, the Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Son is not the Holy Spirit nor is the Holy Spirit the Son. However, the Son is in the Father, the Father is in the Son, the Holy Spirit is in the Father and the Son and the Father and Son are in the Holy Spirit. The Father is God the Son and Holy Spirit is God yet there is one God. Since God is not an idea or a function, but three persons, we use personal titles of Father, Son and Holy Spirit to describe these three distinct relationships. We experience these relationships as a community (Church) and individually.

Saint Augustine tells us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are always in relationship to God as Trinity. This Triune relationship happens simultaneously never separately. For example, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are in relationship to the Trinity. The prayer is formed by Christ, the Word of God among us. The inspiration to pray is the Holy Spirit and the prayer is addressed to the Father. When we are reflecting on the sacred text, we are relating to the Trinity. The desire to reflect on the scripture comes from the Holy Spirit. The appropriation of the text to our lives comes from the Holy Spirit. The Scripture text we are reflecting upon may be about Jesus or a psalm or even a text of the Hebrew text. The Word in the Old Testament or the New Testament, is Jesus who leads us to the Father. Notice the prayers at Mass. They are addressed to the Father through the Word who is Jesus and in unity with the Holy Spirit.

God is a Mystery in whose image we are created. We are created in the image of the Trinity. We are created in the image of the God of relationships. It is only through our relationships that we come to be known, that we come to be known to ourselves and that others experience us. The same is true for God. We know God in and through relationships with him and with others. Each relationship and each person contains a mystery. Mystery is experienced rather than addressed or explained. God as Trinity defies description, understanding or explanation. God is experienced through the mystery of Love. Love creates. Love gives of itself for the good of the beloved. Love is enduring and inspiring.

We are created in the image of God. When we are in loving, self giving and service relationships, we most image God. When we are merciful and forgiving of others, we most clearly image God. When we lay down our lives for each other, we are the icon of God. God is experienced in relationships. We, who are created in the image of God, are also known through our relationships. Praise God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit who dwells in us, with us and through us.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK
FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2016
JULY THROUGH DECEMBER

The Mass Book for the last six months of 2016, July through December, will open on Saturday, June 18th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory Hall. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. **Numbers given outside WILL NOT be honored!!** You will be assigned a number as you enter the Rectory Hall. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday masses. Every individual may request **ONE** Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means: suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions. Mr. X may request three intentions **ONE** of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. **ONE** for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we wish, but this may not happen. What matters is that our loved one is remembered at the mass. Therefore, we need to be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this name need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the Mass intention therefore only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for this mass request so we need not have to say for his/her anniversary or for his/her birthday. Just the mass intention, not your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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