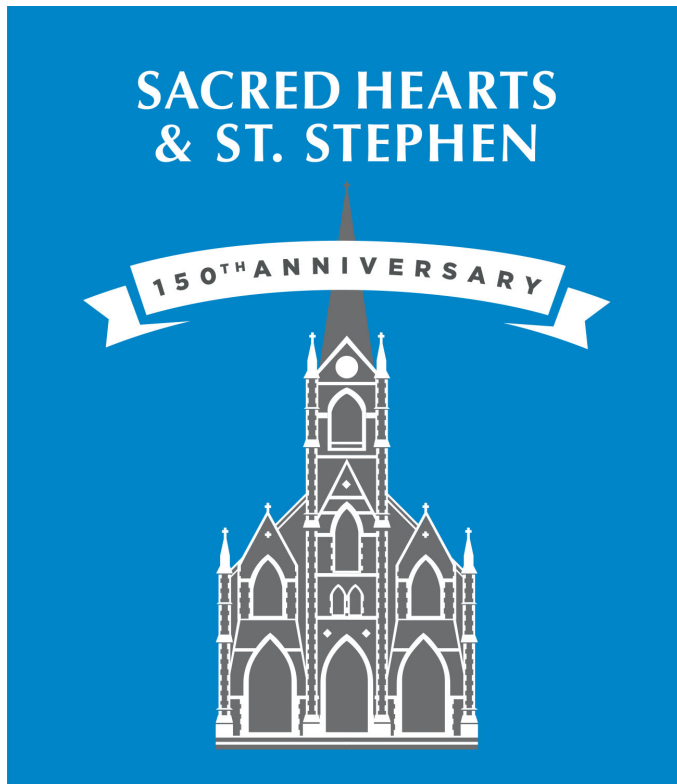


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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***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.

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**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.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

**MON. MAY 9, 2016**

Noon Vincenza & Carmelo Vascone  
BY: Nephew Joseph

**TUE. MAY 10, 2016**

8:30 Rocco Massie

**WED. MAY 11, 2016**

8:30 Robert Merrick  
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani

**THURS. MAY 12, 2016**

8:30 Deceased Members of  
The Pellicano Family  
BY: Rita

**FRI. MAY 13, 2016**

8:30 Andrew & Catherine Gallo  
BY: Daughters Anna & Bridget  
7:00 PM Adoration "Evening with the Lord"

**SAT. MAY 14, 2016**

8:30 Alfred Pipitone  
BY: Mom & Dad  
5:30 PM Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family

**SUN MAY 15, 2016**

8:00 AM Anna Ruggiero  
BY: Loving Family  
10:00 AM Holy Spirit for  
The People of the Parish  
11:45 AM St. Restituta  
BY: Giustina Pavone

Monday

May 9th Mass at Noon  
May 9th Rosarians Praying of the Rosary  
@ 7:30 PM Rectory Hall

Tuesday

May 10th Mass at 8:30 AM  
May 10th Adult Faith Formation Meeting  
@ 7:00 PM Parish House  
May 10th Columbiettes Meeting  
@ 7:30 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

May 11th Mass at 8:30 AM  
May 11th Religious Ed @ 3:45 PM Cabrini Hall  
May 11th Youth Choir Rehearsal  
@ 5:00 PM  
May 11th Children's Choir Rehearsal  
@ 5:45 PM  
May 11th Adult Choir Rehearsal  
@ 6:45 PM  
May 11th AA Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Rectory Hall

Thursday

May 12th Mass at 8:30 AM  
May 12th K of C Council Meeting  
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Friday

May 13th Mass at 8:30 AM  
May 13th AA Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM Rectory Hall  
May 13th Boy Scouts Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM Cabrini Hall  
May 13th Evening with the Lord  
@ 7:00 PM Church

Saturday

May 14th Mass at 8:30 AM  
May 14th Organic Market  
from 9:30 - 11:30 Rectory Hall  
May 14th A Vigil to Dry the Tears  
@ 4:00 PM Church  
May 14th Confessions at 4:45 PM  
May 14th Mass at 5:30 PM  
(1 Candidate @ 5:30 Mass)  
May 14th AA Meeting  
@ 6:00 PM Rectory Hall

Sunday

May 15th Mass at 8:00 AM  
May 15th Mass at 10:00 AM  
First Holy Communion ( 4 Candidates)  
May 15th Religious Ed @ 11:10 AM Cabrini Hall  
May 15th Mass at 11:45 AM  
Holy Communion 1 Candidate @ 11:45 AM  
Mass



# 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 Laquercia	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 8, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of  
**CONCETTA FOGLIA**

Requested by:  
**Daughter Rose Marie**



We wish thank the Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$100.00 to our Parish. This donation was generated from the successful Nite at the Races held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Thank you one and all for supporting this Knights of Columbus event and our great Parish. We are very appreciative!

## MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

We are accepting baby shower gift donations to be distributed by the Sisters of Life to mothers who bravely chose life under difficult circumstances. Suggested items are: Diapers, wipes, blankets, outfits, onesies, sleepers, hats, socks, booties and bottles. This is not an all inclusive list. Your ideas are welcome. All baby items **MUST BE NEW!!** You may also donate maternity clothes and gift cards. Please donate the gifts unwrapped in bags or gift bags and leave them at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the left of the altar. Please donate by Mother's Day, May 8th. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this event.

## A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

Thank you Lord that you fill a mother's heart with love, that you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible. Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them. For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be. Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy. Give them ability to forgive again and again. Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. In your precious and all powerful name, Amen

Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:  
 who cared for us when we were helpless  
 who comforted us when we were hurt  
 whose love and care we often took for granted  
 Today we pray for  
 those who are grieving the loss of their mother  
 those who never knew their biological mother, and  
 now yearn for her  
 those who have experienced the wonder of an  
 adopted mother's love  
 the families separated by war or conflict  
 Lord give special blessings.

# From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

Today's readings find us between the Ascension of Christ and the great Feast of Pentecost. The readings speak to us about bearing witness to our faith in Christ. In the Gospel, which comes to us from St. John 17:20-26, we meet Jesus while he is praying. Jesus is praying for both his apostles and for all those who will come to the faith through the preaching of the apostles. Therefore, Jesus is praying for us who are the results of the preaching of the apostles. He prays that his disciples will give witness to him by the manner of their lives.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we meet St. Stephen who is our patron. He is also praying. In his prayer, Stephen claims to see Jesus in heaven to where he has ascended. Stephen is the first martyr of the Christian faith. Stephen is the example of a true disciple of Christ. Stephen, in many ways, is the answer to the prayer of Jesus. Stephen is conformed to the image of Christ. Stephen ultimately commends himself to the hands of Jesus as Jesus had commended himself to the hands of the Father. As Jesus dies bearing witness to truth, so does Stephen die bearing witness to Jesus. Stephen is an example of what a disciple of Christ should be.

In the second reading from Revelation, we are reminded that Jesus will return again. The Book of Revelation presents us with the goal of the whole Church which is to be completely conformed to the image of Christ. The Book of Revelation points us to the results of bearing witness to Christ which is eternal life in the Kingdom. Thus, our desire as followers of Christ is to see God. Our desire as members of the Body of Christ, is to see the Church free from sin corruption and scandal showing forth the glory of Christ.

What does bearing witness to the faith mean? It means living the faith. We bear witness by assisting at the Eucharist. This states that we believe in the real presence of Christ among us in the Eucharist. We bear witness in the way we treat others. This means we need not have to tell people what we believe, our behavior should speak out louder than our words. So actions of compassion, understanding, seeking the truth, showing mercy, seeking justice for the oppressed, acting honestly and uprightly are actions which proclaim the faith without having to mention the faith. Bearing witness does mean at times speaking out for the faith when it is being attacked. This reveals who we are, exposes us to danger of a loss of a friendship and in some cases, to be ostracized from a circle of friends and relatives.

Bearing witness to the faith edifies those who witness the faith being lived and passed on to the next generation. Bearing witness to our faith builds up the Body of Christ so that the whole Church can one day be conformed to the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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