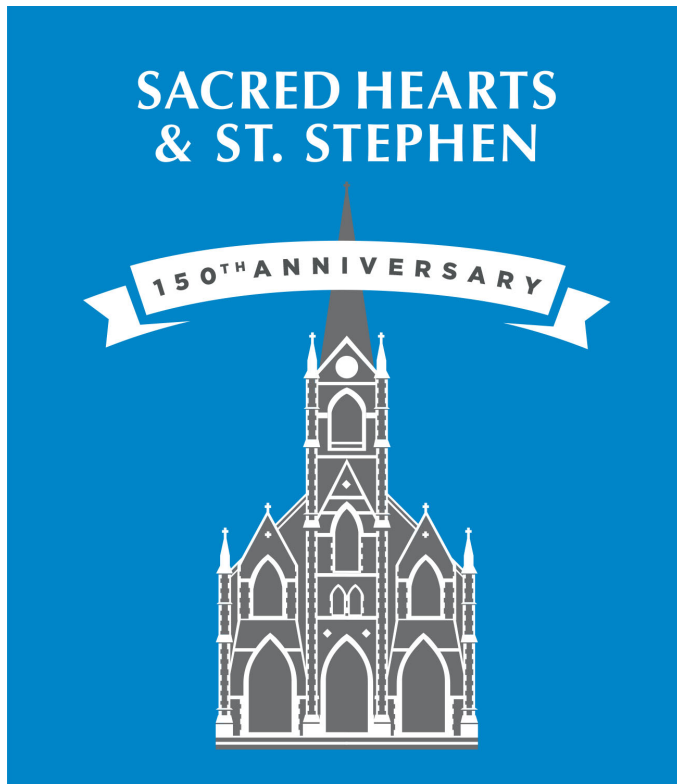

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

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

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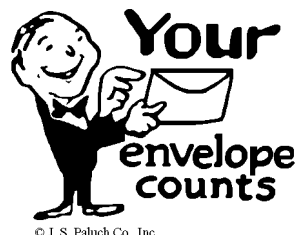
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



Please remember to use your weekly envelopes as a registered parishioner. Thank you!

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The Mission Appeal last weekend generated a total of \$1,372.00 for the Sisters who visited us. The Sisters extend a sincere thank you to all who contributed so generously to their cause. Once again, the people of this great parish came through wholeheartedly in support of the missions. Thank you one and all!

Msgr. Guy Massie.

- MON. JULY 25, 2016
Noon Marie Ismail
BY: Friends
- TUE. JULY 26, 2016
8:30 In Honor of St. Ann
- WED JULY 27, 2016
8:30 Louis Valentino, Sr.
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. JULY 28, 2016
8:30 Caterina Deserio
BY: Her Sister Anna
- FRI. JULY 29, 2016
8:30 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
for the People of the Parish
- SAT. JULY 30, 2016
8:30 Francis Agbleke
BY: The Delgado Family
5:30 PM Louis Trani
BY: The Troiano Family
- SUN AUG 1, 2016
8:00 In Honor of the Holy Spirit
for the People of the Parish
10:00 Joseph Galletta
BY: Loving Daughter Angela
Noon: Henry Stella
BY: Loving Family

SENIOR HOUSING

Applications for Catholic Charities Pierrepont Senior Housing are now available at the Rectory Office. Completed applications must be sent to the P. O. Box listed on the application and must be postmarked no later than Saturday, August 13th. Applicants may not submit more than one application per household. If you are interested in filing an application, kindly contact the Rectory Office at 718 596-7750 and speak with either Msgr. Guy A. Massie or Rose Marie Foglia. Should you require assistance in completing an application, help is available and this information will be provided to you at the time you request an application for housing. Remember, the application must be postmarked no later than August 13th.

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 Laquercia	Irene Balen
Dolly Vergona,	Gladys Zodda
Angelo Vergona	Valerie Pace
Maria Carmen Morial	John Nigro
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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

July 24, 2016 has been donated
In Loving Memory of

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Requested by:
The Garbellotto Family



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

July 24, 2016 have been donated

In Memory of
GINO MASI
BY: Loving Family

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

You are cordially invited to a Gala celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Stephen Catholic Church on

Sunday, November 13, 2016.

4:00 PM Cocktails—5:00 PM Dinner
El Caribe Country Club
5945 Strickland Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$135.00 Per Person

\$65.00 for Children Ages 3 to 10

Reservation Deadline is 10/14/16
150@SacredHearts-StStephen.com

Or call

718 596-7750

*****Tickets are now on sale
at the Rectory!*****

Journal Ads are available.
For more information e-mail
info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

Our 150th Anniversary Mass
Celebrated by

Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
Will be held on
Sunday,
December 18, 2016
@ 10:00 AM

We ask that you save the above dates for these momentous occasions in the life of our Parish.
Join your Parish Family in celebration and fellowship!

From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Community:

Today, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Liturgy of the Word has the theme of prayer. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, we meet Abraham while he is gently but persistently urging God to be just in his dealing with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham speaks to God as one who has a deep and close relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray with the familiar “Lords Prayer” according to the Gospel of Luke. What do we learn about prayer from these readings? What is prayer? What is prayer suppose to do? How do we approach God? Do we need words? How do you pray?

Prayer is uplifting of our hearts and mind to God. Prayer can be in words or can be without words. Prayer can be found in the sacred text especially in the Book of Psalms. One can pray a psalm making the words of the psalm one’s own. Prayer is found in Mass. The Holy, Holy, Holy, the Gloria are great prayers one can pray in giving thanks or personal praise to God. The Lamb of God is a great prayer for forgiveness. Prayer must be from the heart. Prayer is not a simple recitation of words. Prayer should be personal and upfront, heartfelt and coming from the depths of our being, who we are before God. Thus prayer reflects the human experience. Prayer gives thanks and praise, prayer laments, prayer is penitential, that is asking for mercy and forgiveness, prayer makes petitions for oneself or for another. Prayer must reflect the seasons of the heart.

In today’s Gospel, we are presented with the Lord’s Prayer according to the Gospel of Luke. Notice the prayer is short, to the point and gives all the elements that every prayer must contain. The version of the Lord’s Prayer we pray at Mass is from the Gospel of Matthew. We use it because it is liturgical. Let us look at St. Luke’s version. Notice that the prayer opens by addressing God personally as Father. God is not some energy or power, God is a person and we call God Father or in a familiar term, “Abba.” The prayer gives praise to God: “Hollowed be your Name.” This means: praise, glory, thanksgiving, adoration be to you Lord God both in the world and in our hearts. The prayer prays for what God wishes trusting that what God wishes is good for us. The prayer goes on to petition for daily bread. This means, give us what we need today to do your will. This could mean, give us the Eucharist, or give us peace, or give us strength, give us material and spiritual sustenance for this day. It could mean give us all these things because without God we can do nothing. The prayer acknowledges our personal sins and seeks to forgive us by forgiving others and the prayer asks for protection. Every prayer we can utter, everything we can desire, is covered in this prayer.

How do we pray? What does prayer do? Does prayer change God or does it change us? We may pray with the sentiments of the Lord’s Prayer even without words. We can pray in song, in dance, we can pray silently. We can pray with eyes observing the beauty of creation and allowing our hearts to be inspired. We can pray by gazing upon an icon and being moved to the presence of God around us. We can pray with our feet as we go to bring someone Communion or visit the sick. We can pray with all our heart at Mass with everyone as we respond to the prayers, we pray when we sing the hymns and we pray even when we listen attentively to the Eucharistic Prayer and to Sacred texts. Prayer can be meditation on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Such meditation is enhanced by the rosary which centers in on the mysteries helped by the mantra like Hail Mary. Prayer can be of praise or thanksgiving or intercessory. Whatever the prayer is, it should be honest, straightforward and from the heart. Aside from Mass and praying the Divine Office, I find my personal prayer contains four components: praise, thankfulness, petition for mercy and silence. Silence allows me to allow the Lord to contemplate my heart, for in my heart there are feelings and thoughts which words cannot express nor the mind completely understand. This too is prayer. So, how do you pray? Why do you pray? What does prayer accomplish?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As followers of Jesus, one of our primary tasks is to share the Good News with others. This is especially important for those of us who are parents, called at our child's baptism to share the light of faith with them and to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Faith Formation Program here at SHSS is privileged to be part of this spiritual formation. Now is the time to provide your child's religious formation this fall.

- For those already enrolled in the program, re-registration forms will be mailed before the end of June. In order to allow us to order materials and organize classes effectively, we ask that you update all necessary information and return the form as soon as possible. If you don't receive a form by the end of June, please call the Religious Ed office or email narkin1960@gmail.com.
- If you prefer to re-register in person, or if you have a child who will be attending for the first time, please call the office for an appointment.

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Take the first step in bringing 1,373,741,824 souls closer to Christ..An invitation to take the gift of faith that you've received...and pass it on....

You are invited to prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry

- *If you're a committed adult Catholic, actively living your faith, with a desire to share "the pearl of great price", please join us.*
- *"On the job" training is available*
- *The time commitment is generally once a week, on Sunday from 11:10 to 12:30 PM or Wednesday afternoon from 3:45-5:00 PM.*
- *If you do not feel called to teach, there's also a need for classroom aides as well as non-classroom assistance.*
- *Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our parish community.*
- *Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718 596-7750 ext. 20 for further information or to schedule an interview.*

"Just suppose that outside the necessary structure of the Church, there was only one in all the world who believed in Christ. Just suppose that one zealous believer the first year converted one person to Christ and His Church. Suppose the next year these two each made a convert, then there would be four the next year. And suppose the next year, these four made one apiece, then there would be eight converts at the end of the third year. Now how many would there be, from that one zealous believer, at the end of only thirty years? There would be one billion, three hundred seventy-three million, seven hundred forty one thousand, eight hundred twenty four souls"

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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