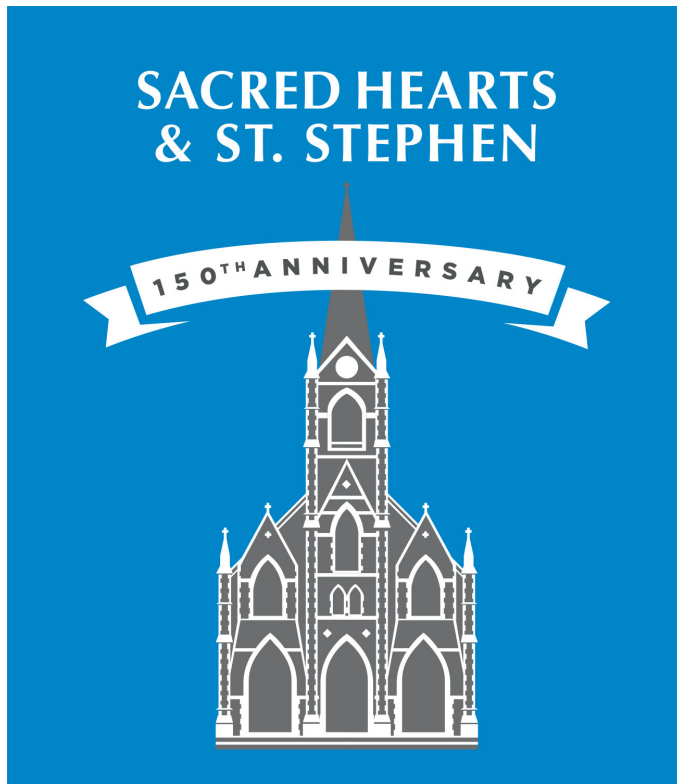


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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 & 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.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call  
the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific**

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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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**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



- MON. AUGUST 29, 2016**  
Noon Joyce Sisto
- TUE. AUGUST 30, 2016**  
8:30 Anthony Coppola  
BY: Mom, Dad & Brother
- WED AUGUST 31, 2016**  
8:30 Gino Masi  
BY: Wife Linda
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**  
8:30 Giorgio Buono  
BY: Friends
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**  
8:30 Rosella Assante  
BY: Melania Lubrano
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 3, 2016**  
8:30 For the Health of  
Mrs. Mary Jane Hangad  
BY: Her Mom  
5:30 PM Dominic, Jenny & Michael Scotta  
BY: Vinny and Anna
- SUN SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**  
8:00 Jay Sisto  
10:00 Walter Mallon  
BY: The Delgado Family  
Noon: Donato Liotta  
BY: The Patti & Manus Family

## HEALING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever you see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from you. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body. Lay your hands gently upon me and heal me through your love for me. Amen

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15 to 5:00 PM. This is an important Sacrament in which we experience the Mercy of God. Who should come to confession? Everyone should come to this sacrament. Why should we come? We should come if we are interested in growing in discipleship. No one is perfect. Neither the priest, the pope nor the bishop, not even are you. Confession is self accusatory without explanations. It is a place where we face ourselves and our motives, not only for doing evil, but even our motives for doing good. Are all our good acts other centered or may they too be self centered? It is in discussing the state of our Spirit that we can get back on track. Who should go to Eucharist? Those who are seeking to follow Christ. Those who are struggling to follow the Gospel even with occasional falls and errors. Those whose heart is going towards Christ on Christ's terms not their own. Who should not go to communion? Those who are aware of grave and serious sin which has not been confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should refrain from the Eucharist until they have spoken to the priest of the state of their life. Never be afraid to approach the priest with whom you can relate. Situations which may be embarrassing, off color, of sexual nature, of criminal nature, the priest is there for forgiveness and healing. He has heard it all previously. The good thing is, he forgets. Remember no one is perfect. We, including the priest, all struggle, even with ourselves, to live the Gospel. So, come and be forgiven, be filled with Grace and keep moving to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

# 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 Laquercia   | Irene Balen          |
| Dolly Vergona,       | Gladys Zodda         |
| Angelo Vergona       | Valerie Pace         |
| Maria Carmen Morial  | John Nigro           |
| Judith Miller        | Alissa Aquino        |
| Michele Morea        | Palma Caminiti       |
| Carol DeMairo        | Anthony Gambardella  |
| Denise Deacomanolis  | Rachel Valenti       |
| Salvatore Gianino    | Judith Latalladi     |
| Rosemary Love        | Lisa VanTassel       |
| Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan | Eileen Giannotta     |
| Richie Boyle         | Dominick Aiello, Jr. |
| Kathleen Gunderson   | Rosa Maria Santos    |
|                      | Gloria Heyer         |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of August 28, 2016 has been donated In Loving Memory of **LOUIS VALENTINO, JR.**

Requested by:  
**Sylvia & Louise**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of August 28, 2016 have been donated In Loving Memory of **UNCLE AH-NAM**  
BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

## 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 Family:

## Can one have a good esteem and still be humble?

The readings address the virtue of humility. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the virtue of humility as he attends a Shabbat dinner while watching the guests striving for the seats of honor. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, which is part of the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Texts, humility means the truth about ourselves. In truth, we have many blessings and gifts for which we are thankful. In truth, we also have weaknesses, faults and shortcomings. Is it not possible to admit both and accept ourselves as loved by God, family and friends?

The sacred text invites us to humbly accept our giftedness. In the Book of Sirach 10:27f, we are told to have self esteem with humility. While self esteem is important, balance is also important. In recent years, society has emphasized the importance of self esteem to the point of avoiding saying anything negative to our children. We are overly concerned with not hurting one's self esteem that we avoid correcting students' spelling or grammar or behavior. We, at times, have sacrificed speaking the truth with love and kindness so as not to offend the self-esteem of others. The result is that we have misled many by not addressing issues which in the end could have helped everyone to learn and to mature. In some cases, we have created a generation of entitled individuals who act as though the world owes them for simply being present among us.

To have self esteem with humility means that we can admit strengths and still admit our weaknesses without feeling inferior. In true humility, we must admit that no one knows everything about everything. No one is so smart as to have all the answers to every question. In truth, we are all limited and all of us make errors. Also in truth, we must admit we do know a great deal and that some are blessed with great insight and intelligence. In true humility, the more one recognizes one's gifts, the more one should realize how small we are in light of God. The more one also realizes that everyone can learn from every person, the more humble we become. Humility means truth, it does not mean humiliation or embarrassment.

We are who we are, with our gifts and with our limitations. Perhaps a lesson can be learned from our medicine cabinets in our homes. Look at any prescription which you have been given. Notice that there is a dosage to each prescription. Too much of a particular medication or too little of the medication can be dangerous to our health. So too with humility and self esteem; too much of either can be dangerous to our social, emotional and psychological health. The one with true self esteem is humble.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work as we focus on how the light of faith guides us to ...." *Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2016-17 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10:00 Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-5 on Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:00 PM. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718 596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register. Returning families should have received a re-registration packet in the mail. Please return the forms as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you!

### **Make a Difference...Become a Catechist**

**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 11:10-12:30 PM or Wednesday afternoon from 3:45-5:00 PM.
  - ◊ If you don't feel called to teach, there's also a need for classroom aides, as well as non-classroom assistance, including clerical work.
- ◊ 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, 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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