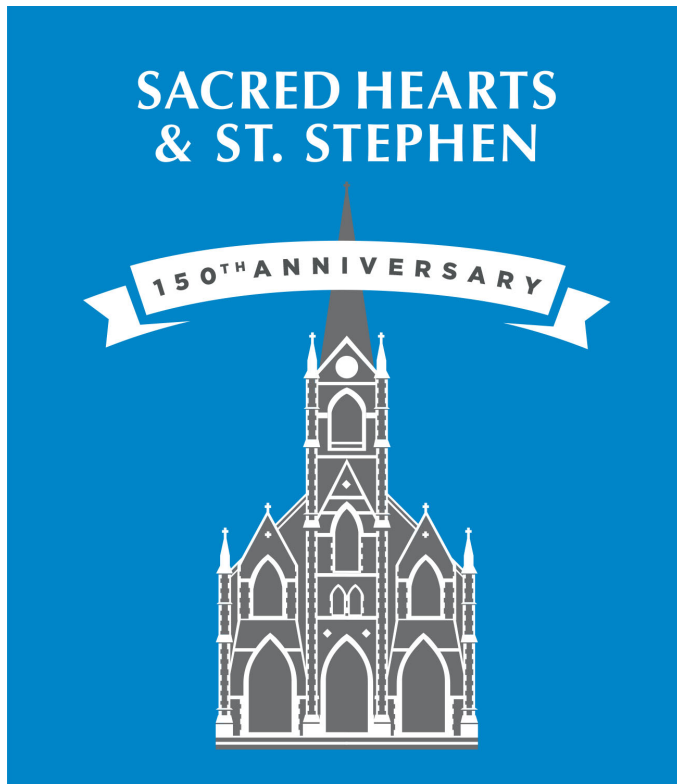


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

**WWW.SacredHearts-StStephen.com**



***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. SEPTEMBER 5, 2016**  
Noon Msgr. Anthony S. Danna,  
Msgr. Vincent La Rocca,  
Fr. Simon Joseph,  
Fr. Charles Mariani &  
Fr. Charles Nichols  
BY: The Heyer Family
- TUE. SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**  
8:30 Jacob Iacobucci  
BY: Daughter Jami-Ann
- WED. SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**  
8:30 Anita Seminara
- THURS. SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**  
8:30 Pasquale Schiano-Moriello  
BY: Daughter Marisa & Family
- FRI. SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**  
8:30 Edna Aguggia  
BY: John, Maria &  
Maria Teresa Heyer
- SAT. SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**  
8:30 All Deceased Members of  
The Caria Family  
5:30 PM Nancy Ilardi  
BY: Husband, Children &  
Grandchildren
- SUN. SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**  
8:00 Ursula Scotto  
BY: Loving Family  
10:00 Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni  
BY: Loving Family  
Noon: Giovanna & Luigi Barrera  
BY: Loving Family

## Feast of Holy Cross Sept. 14th

The Feast of The Holy Cross celebrates the victory of the cross over death and all forms of evil due to the Resurrection of Jesus. To celebrate this great feast, we will bless all crosses: wall cross, crosses we wear, crosses we carry. This will take place at the 8:30 Mass so bring your crosses and crucifixes for this blessing.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:00 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.

## HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour every Saturday afternoon @ 4-5:15 PM. Come adore, pray and contemplate. Allow our Lord to contemplate you to see through you to heal you and to uplift you. Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

# 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
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



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Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 4, 2016 has been donated

In Loving Memory of **VITO COLELLA**

Requested by:  
**The Conti Family**



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The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of September 4, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of **LOTTIE ILLIANO**

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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## LIVE JESUS

Dear Parish Family:

The Gospel reading today is most challenging. Jesus is serious about discipleship. Jesus is honest, straight-forward and upfront. He is not going to water down, make easy or accommodate anyone. He says that if you wish to be a disciple, then count the cost. The cost of discipleship is one's life. If you cannot give your life to Christ, then perhaps you cannot be a disciple. Notice that many people come to Jesus in the gospel stories. People come to him for many reasons. Some people wish to receive a healing, a favor, a Jesus do for me request. How many come forward and ask to do for Jesus? The Sisters of the Visitation have a motto: **LIVE JESUS**. **JESUS** for the disciple is a verb as well as a proper noun.

Jesus invites people to discipleship. Could we accept this invitation? Discipleship is a life long process. The goal of discipleship means total communion with Christ in mind, heart and spirit. It means living out the Eucharist. It means living Jesus every day and in every way. Discipleship means giving our hearts, minds and bodies for Jesus. Discipleship is learning, not only in our mind, but in our hearts, in our emotions, in our very make up, the mind and heart of Christ Jesus. Discipleship means placing the agenda of Jesus first in our lives. It means total communion with Christ in mind, heart and spirit.

Discipleship means that we are followers of Jesus. We bear witness to him by our actions, our attitudes, our dispositions and sometimes by our words. Decisions we make because of our discipleship can make us take a different route from our surrounding culture. When others are clamoring for revenge, the disciple seeks dialogue and reconciliation. When others are seeking to gain wealth for the sake of wealth and power, the disciple seeks to use wealth for the greater good and not for the individual gain only. When the culture is reveling in unbridled sensuality, the disciple of Christ seeks dignity of the human body and mutual respect of each person. When racism and prejudices rear their ugly head, the disciple defends the rights of all regardless of race, color, creed, orientation, because all are created in the image of God and Christ seeks the redemption of all people. When the self-righteous religious minded seek to judge and exclude, the disciple of Christ seeks to include in imitation of Christ who came to save, serve and redeem. When the culture seeks war and separation, the disciple of Christ seeks peace and dialogue with all. Such behavior can make the life of a disciple a great sign of hope. It can also promise the disciple suffering and difficulties. It is not easy being a disciple of Christ.

The disciple seeks to live the Eucharist he or she receives. It is this union with Christ which sets the disciple on fire for the cause of Christ in the world. It is the Eucharist that is the life force of every disciple. A true sign of a disciple is that the disciple never speaks about the good he or she does. The disciple seeks no recognition, nor plaque of honor, nor praise. The reward for the disciple is to know that the mind and heart of Christ Jesus is taking flesh in the world.

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!

## NEWLY WED FELLOWSHIP

Have you been married no more than three years? Still getting used to the new married life? Well, you are not alone. Young Adult Ministry invites you to a Newly Wed Fellowship on Friday, September 16, 2016 @ 7:00 PM to be held in Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. Kindly RSVP to Laura at 718-596-7750.

## Youth Mass

You are invited to join the parishes of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, Visitation of the BVM and St. Paul/St. Agnes for a Youth Mass on Saturday, September 17th @ 5:30 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church. For more information, please call Laura at 718 596-7750.

### **The Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Choral Ensembles**

**All ensembles meet on Wednesdays in the Church starting September 14th.**

**Contact James Lake or Evelyn Troester DeGraf**

**Email: [music@sacredhearts-ststephen.com](mailto:music@sacredhearts-ststephen.com)**

Adults- Enhancing the celebration of Mass and other special occasions with traditional hymns, sacred choral concert repertoire and new compositions, this mixed adult ensemble provides a space for personal musical and vocal growth, as well as collaborative music making and community building. **All levels are welcome!**

**6:45 PM 8:15 PM**

Youth- For ages 10-18, this selective group of engaged and interested young singers focuses on advanced music-making, singing in harmony, singing solos in performances, learning vocal technique and musical expression, and taking on leadership roles for their younger colleagues in the children's choir. Audition required.

**5 PM 6:30 PM**

Children- For the youngest voices in our parish and beyond, there is the beloved SHSS Children's Choir. Girls and Boys, age 6-12, learn the joy of singing in a group and making great music together through both playful and performance-based experiences. **5:45 PM-6:30 PM.**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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