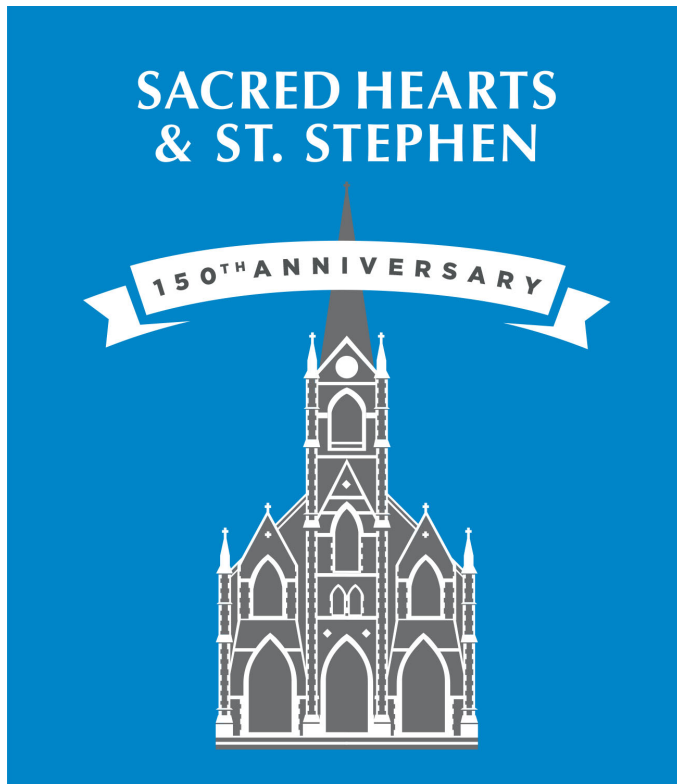

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882***

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
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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

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**



- MON. OCTOBER 3, 2016**
Noon In Honor of The Holy Spirit
for The People of the Parish
- TUE. OCTOBER 4, 2016**
8:30 Lilly, Dominick &
Augustine DiCoscia
BY: Richie & Susie
- WED OCTOBER 5, 2016**
8:30 Gino Masi
BY: Sharleen Ferguson
- THURS. OCTOBER 6, 2016**
8:30 Maria Zonfrillo
- FRI. OCTOBER 7, 2016**
8:30 In Honor of the Sacred Heart
- SAT. OCTOBER 8, 2016**
8:30 Valentino Manfredi
BY: Andy Di Manso
5:30 PM Deceased Members of
The Schiano, Barone, Pugliese,
Mazzella, Castro, Addis &
Ringston Families
BY: Giustina Schiano
- SUN OCTOBER 9, 2016**
8:00 In Honor of The Holy Spirit
for The People of the Parish
10:00 St. Michael Society Mass
BY: The Members of the Society
Noon: Sylvia Bello
BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

UPS AND DOWNS ELEVATOR NEWS

Our architects have begun the processes of applying for New York City Building's Department approvals for the church elevator which we are able to have installed thanks to the generosity of those donors who committed to the Generations of Faith Campaign. Look forward to weekly updates here in the bulletin informing you of the progress being made to make our church accessible to all.

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 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 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, | Gloria Heyer |
| Angelo Vergona | Richie Boyle |
| 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 Van |
| Eileen Giannotta | Donald Jackson |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Roe Gambardella |
| Kathleen Gunderson Rosa Maria Santos | |
| Paul Girard | |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

October 2, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of

ANTOINETTE DIBUGLIONE

Requested by:

M/M Joseph Zagami



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

October 2, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of

DOMINICK, FORTUNATA & AUGUSTINE DICOSCIA

BY: The DiCoscia 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 Family:

Today, the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with the theme of Discipleship. In today's readings, the hallmarks of discipleship are: faithfulness, love (that is willing the good for the other), witness to faith through attitudes and actions, repentance, granting forgiveness, striving to live the gospel with the grace of God and doing good and not expecting recognition or a reward.

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, the writer recognizes the anguish of the heart of a disciple when God seems far away and prayers seem unheard. It is at times like this that the disciple is encouraged to hold on to the promises God has made. It is at times like this that the disciple of Christ holds on to the faith we have in the Resurrection of Christ. For the disciple, every cross in life will have a resurrection.

In the second reading from the Second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul acknowledges that living the faith can be difficult and with a lack of positive results, can be discouraging. Paul reminds Timothy to be strong, and to be brave in the profession of the faith. Paul reminds Timothy that he has received a Spirit of power, love and self control. He has not received a spirit of fear or cowardice.

In the Gospel, Jesus is very direct with the disciples and would be disciples. He expects the disciples to be faithful to the Gospel message even when it is difficult. He reminds them to live the Gospel message and to do so with no expectation of recognition or reward. The reward of the disciple is living out the message of the Gospel. The disciple need not be recognized for doing good deeds. The goodness done by those who are disciples, is simply expected because the disciple loves Christ and acts in accordance to that love. Therefore, acts of kindness, justice and service are part of everyday life. These acts are not extraordinary. The disciple's reward is in the doing of the good. The recognition for the disciple is the satisfaction that God has seen this good act. The disciple does not need a plaque nor does the disciple pout looking for recognition, nor does the disciple seek to have his/her name called out for praise. How different is this from our own day when recognition and acknowledgement are so necessary to encourage good behavior?

Where does this leave us? In the second reading, we are reminded that we, like Timothy have received the Spirit of God who gives us courage and power to love Christ and to live our lives for and with him. We are to bear testimony to our faith more by the we live than by words, especially in times of crisis and difficulty. Look at the situation in our country today. If we are striving to be disciples, than what is our attitude towards racism? What attitudes do we pass on to our children about others especially those whose faith, color or culture is different from our way of life? How do we treat members of our family or parish or neighborhood whom we do not like or with whom we have a difference of opinion? How do we uphold the dignity of all people: those with special needs, the poor and disadvantaged? How do we face personal disappointments, setbacks, illness and even injustices done to us? Do we always look for recognition for the good we do or is the act of following the gospel enough? This is a difficult gospel to hear, let alone to follow. The price of discipleship is death to oneself and life for and in Christ. This is a lifelong process of inner conversion. Are we ready for this? It is easier simply to follow my comfortable image of the nice Jesus rather than the real Christ found in the Gospel. Do we want the truth?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

BLESSING OF ANIMALS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
OCTOBER 2ND @ 1:30 PM AT
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
LOCATED ON CARROLL AND CLINTON STREETS

Dear Friends of the Animal Kingdom:

We reminded our Pastoral Staff that our feast day was quickly approaching. St. Francis recognized us as God's creatures. He saw that we played an important role in the history of salvation. Jesus was born in a stable with animals around him. Mary and Joseph road on a donkey. Jesus road upon a donkey into Jerusalem. Jesus used the image of birds and sheep in his parables. Noah gathered our ancestors into the Ark. Jesus is called the Lamb of God. Animals were an important part in worship.

Today I invite you to ask your human companions to bring you for a special blessing.

Your Feline Friends,
Ambrose, Felicity, Blackie and Alpha
Our Feline Parish House Companions

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

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.**

AN HONOR

The Parish of Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen is being honored by the Citizens of Pozzallo Club on Sunday October 16th at the El Caribe Country Club. We thank the Society for choosing our Church and are grateful for their kindness and generosity to our Parish. Tickets for this event are available at the Pozzallo Club.

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