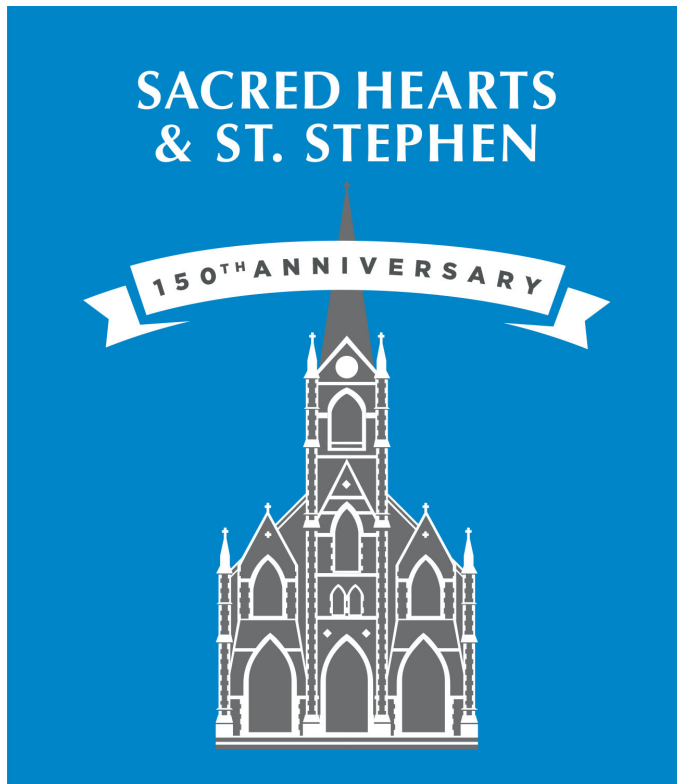


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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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  
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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. OCTOBER 10, 2016**  
Noon In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received  
BY: John, Maria & Maria Teresa Heyer
- TUE. OCTOBER 11, 2016**  
8:30 Antonio & Enrichetta Colendrea  
BY: Daughter Melania Lubrano
- WED OCTOBER 12, 2016**  
8:30 Rev. Msgr. Celsus O. Collini  
BY: A Friend
- THURS. OCTOBER 13 2016**  
8:30 Sylvia Bello  
BY: M/M Louis Napoli
- FRI. OCTOBER 14, 2016**  
8:30 Gladys Zodda  
BY: M/M Michael Eng & Family
- SAT. OCTOBER 15, 2016**  
8:30 Robert Collier  
BY: Joan McGrath  
5:30 PM Michael Iacono  
BY: Marie Gambardella
- SUN OCTOBER 16, 2016**  
8:00 Michael Iacono  
BY: Giustina Schiano  
10:00 Anthony Polito  
BY: Wife Rosemary, Children & Grandchildren  
Noon: Anthony Scotto  
Birthday Blessings  
BY: Wife Maureen Scotto & Family

## 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.

## WHAT IS A DEANERY? WHAT IS A DEAN?

Deaneries are similar to clusters in many ways, but the hope of Bishop DiMarzio is that the Deaneries might be able to serve the local parishes and the diocese in additional ways that the clusters could not. The single biggest difference between a deanery and a cluster is the Dean. A Dean is a priest from the local area, appointed by the Bishop, to serve as the Bishop's representative in that local area (deanery). The Bishop has created 22 deaneries and has appointed 22 deans. The Dean is responsible for looking with a wide vision at the situation of the entire region and encouraging other parish leaders to look at the wider region as well. The Diocese has just gone through a reconfiguration process that attempted to identify and address many temporal and pastoral concerns. The dean will continue to monitor such situations and work with the other pastors and parish leaders to keep the plans on course. The Dean will still be responsible for calling together parish staff and clergy to work together on a deanery level to share pastoral plans, dialogue about changes in the wider neighborhood and propose plans to increase our collaboration with one another. In addition, the Dean is asked to support the priests in the deanery. This includes being attentive to clergy who may be ill or elderly, but may also include the spiritual support of all clergy. With the recent parish mergers come more complex assignments for pastors. Couple this with the decrease in the number of priests in general and the need for a local Dean to support priests in their assignments becomes more apparent and more urgent. The Dean will also meet directly with Bishop DiMarzio, both individually and as a group, to share with the Bishop the situation on the local level and to assist him in serving the parishes more effectively. Also, there remains a Vicar for Brooklyn and a Vicar for Queens, who are priests assigned by the Bishop to oversee the administration of the Church across entire boroughs. The Deans will work closely with the Vicars to implement plans to strengthen the Church and ensure that all priests are supported, parish staffs work together and the laity are continually informed and called into greater leadership and participation.

# 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 Sant |                     |
| Paul Girard                        | Ann Curcuru         |
| Angelina Campasano                 |                     |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

October 9, 2016 has been donated

In Memory of  
Our Son

**CIRO "JERRY" GERITANO**

Requested by:  
Mom & Dad



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of

October 9, 2016 have been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**ANTHONY MATARAZZO**  
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

Dear Parish Family,

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## REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

I shall like to start my reflection on the readings for this week by pointing out the above-mentioned words; “REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST.” In the gospel, we read the story of the ten lepers who were cured of their ailment. While all ten were cured, only one remembers Jesus and returns to give thanks. In the first reading from the Second Book of Kings, Naamaan, who is of gentile origin and therefore not Jewish, meaning that he does not believe in the God of Israel, is granted a healing of his leprosy through the prayer of the Jewish Prophet Elisha. He is surprised by this great healing. As a result, Naamaan, a non Jew, gives thanks to the God of Israel. So grateful is Naamaan, that believing that the God of Israel only reigned in Israel, he takes some of the earth of Israel with him to his native land of Syria. Naamaan vows that he will pray to no other God except the God of Israel. He is thankful. He remembers God and gives thanks.

Every Liturgy, every celebration of the Eucharist remembers Jesus. The word EUCHARIST means thanksgiving. The Church always gives thanks for Jesus, for the WORD made flesh and for the redemption we have received through Jesus. St. Paul tells us to always give thanks. The beginning of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer announces: “let us give thanks for everything, even the challenges we face. We are invited to give thanks even for our pains, our setbacks, disappointments as well as our benefits and joys. Why give thanks for our crosses? Each cross is an opportunity for us to grow in discipleship. St. Therese of the Child Jesus tells us that all things are a grace. For those who are disciples, the blessings we receive or difficulties with which we are visited are opportunities to grow in thankfulness or in trust.

In the Gospel the Samaritan remembers Jesus, therefore, offers thanks to God. In kneeling at the feet of Jesus, the Samaritan teaches us that Jesus is the new temple of God. It is in Jesus that we encounter the Divine. It is in Jesus that we meet God. The other nine could go to the Temple in Jerusalem because they were Jews. The Samaritan on the other hand, was not welcomed in the temple. He had only one place to go to give thanks, he goes to Jesus. We are invited to give thanks always. As disciples, can we see all that happens to us as graced moments?

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

**OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK**  
**FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2017**  
**JANUARY THROUGH JUNE**

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2017, January through June, will open on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory Hall. Everyone is asked to kindly abide by and respect the process. Numbers given outside **WILL NOT** be honored!! You will be assigned a number as you enter the Rectory Hall. You must come in person, unfortunately telephone requests cannot be taken. **If you are obtaining intentions for others, these masses will be included as part of your allowance.**

As you know, there are only 52 Saturdays and Sundays a year and the request for Saturday/Sunday Masses, exceeds the number of Saturday/Sunday Masses. Every individual may request **ONE** Saturday/Sunday Mass and two weekday masses at the opening of the Mass book. After the book has been opened **ONE WEEK**, if one wishes to come to the Rectory to request additional intentions, they are most welcome to do so. This means: suppose Mr. and Mrs. X come to request mass intentions, Mr. X may request three intentions **ONE** of which can be on a Saturday/Sunday and two of which will be on weekdays. Mrs. X can do the same. She too can have three mass intentions. **ONE** for Saturday/Sunday and two for weekdays. Thus the couple can have a total of six mass intentions at the opening of the book. It is hoped that all of us will exercise charity and compassion for others who, like oneself, may wish to request mass intentions for loved ones. It would be uncharitable for a family to circumvent our policy by staging five or six people requesting a mass on Saturday/Sunday for the same intention, thus excluding others.

While we all have days and times which we may want, that day and time may not be available, thus we will need to have alternate days and times. Let us remember that the focus of our Mass intentions is for the one for whom we are praying, not for the one requesting the mass. It helps when we are able to get the time and day we need to be charitable and considerate of others whose intentions are as important as our own. We must also remember that none of us is entitled to a time and day. All requests will be answered to the best of our ability. Masses being too early or too late or not on the day we requested is not a reason for not requesting a mass. Let us remember the focus of our request.

Keeping in mind the focus of our request, we call your attention to the following:

- The requestors name (the one making the intention for the Mass) need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. When the mass intention is booked, we will take the requestor's name for our records, but this need not be printed in our bulletin or announced from the pulpit. This is an option you can partake of however, it is not necessary. Remember, the focus is on the person or intention of the Mass, not the requesting party.
- Oftentimes we wish to remember the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, years since passing, etc. as well as a nickname for the person the mass intention is for. This information is not needed and should not be part of the Mass intention, therefore, only the baptismal name of the person for whom the mass intention is requested is needed. We need not know your personal reasons for your mass request.

What does it mean to request a mass be offered for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention? Requesting a mass means that the community pray in a particular way for someone or an intention at the community mass. The church prays for all the dead and all the living at every mass, every day in every Church throughout the world. When you make a mass intention, you are asking the local community to pray in a particular way for someone who is prayed for everyday universally. The mass belongs to everyone.. The mass is our universal prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist makes the Passion, Death and Resurrection present to us sacramentally every day. Our faith tells us that this sacrifice is of benefit to the living as well as to the dead.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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