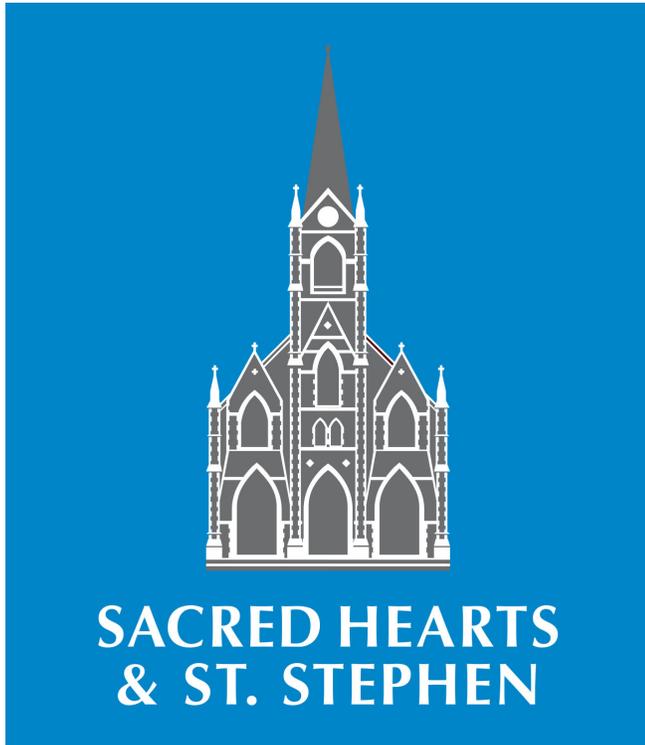

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 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.

WELCOME:

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) please call the rectory.

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 3:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00
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. FEBRUARY 10, 2020
Noon Natalie Schlaifer
BY: The Delgado Family

TUE. FEBRUARY 11, 2020
8:30 Souls in Purgatory

WED FEBRUARY 12, 2020
8:30 Joseph Di Benedetto

THURS. FEBRUARY 13, 2020
8:30 Fred Dimesa &
 Daniel & Salvatore Caria
BY: Marie Caria

FRI. FEBRUARY 14, 2020
8:30 Anthony Coppola
BY Mom & Dad

SAT. FEBRUARY 15, 2020
8:30 Raffaella Fonti
5:00 Mary Rupe
BY: Josephine Licata

SUN FEBRUARY 16, 2020
8:00 Filomena & Antonio Massa
BY: Family
10:00 Kolbe & Gianna Bryant
Noon Anna Maria Marino
BY: Rose Marie Foglia

40 DAYS OF CANS FOR
40 DAYS OF LENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:
 As we approach Lent 2020, please reflect on this: *Follow me, I will show you the way.....*
 Once again, the Bishop Thomas V. Daily council #1700 Knights of Columbus is coordinating a food drive for Lent. The canned food that will be collected will be donated to the **St. John's Bread & Life Program** food pantry. Donations of canned food will be collected at SHSS (125 Summit St.) beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through every weekend during Lent. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of the church. **Please help us help others.** *Follow me I will show you the way.*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection 2/2	\$ 2,390.00*
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 1,600.00
Total Sunday 2/2	\$ 3,990.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$ 10,335.00
**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks	

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This coming Pentecost Weekend, 24 of our young parishioners will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation. This past Sunday at our Enrollment Mass, individual parishioners pledged to pray for these candidates, that their faith in Jesus will grow, and that they will be open to the power and the presence of his Spirit in their lives. We encourage everyone to join in these prayers for our young people.

Viva Acrabascio Tristen Cabareri
Victor Campanile Kaitlyn Caruso
Ella Chester Gianna Coffaro
Victoria D'Avino Laura DePaolo
Mia DePaolo Jenna Geritano
Caleigh Guevarra Larry Hotaling
Kalista Iacono Gianna Irizarry
Olivia Majesky Brianna Malpasso
Joseph Mannari II Ava Randazzo
Alyssa Russo Sienna Seeger
Marcello Smith Alexandra Varano
Sebastian Vitali

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, March 2nd @7:00 PM in the Parish House for an informal discussion about WATCHING YOU by Lisa Jewell. All are welcome

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 | Louis Pepe |
| Michelle Laqueria | Irene Balen |
| Dolly Vergona, | Gloria Heyer |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Alissa Aquino |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Louis D'Angelo |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Louis Janicke |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Mary Therese Pugliese | |

TAX LETTERS

Contribution tax letters for the fiscal year ended 12/31/2019 have been mailed to all parishioners and should have been received this past week. We wish to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your generosity to our parish. It is through your faithful support that we are able to continue to build our Parish Family and the services provided to all of you. At this time, we also ask that you consider signing up for on line giving. It is simple and user friendly. Check it out at www.GiveCentral.Org.SHSS. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Rectory or e-mail info@saredhearts-ststephen.

24 Things to Always Remember and One Thing to Never Forget

**Your presence is a present to the world.
You're unique and one of a kind.
Your life can be what you want it to be.
Take the days just one at a time.**

**Count your blessings, not your troubles.
You'll make it through whatever comes along.
Within you are so many answers.
Understand, have courage, be strong.**

**Don't put limits on yourself.
So many dreams are waiting to be realized.
Decisions are too important to leave to chance.
Reach for your peak, your goal and your prize.**

**Nothing wastes more energy than worrying.
The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.
Don't take things too seriously.
Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.**

**Remember that a little love goes a long way.
Remember that a lot.....goes forever.
Remember that friendship is a wise investment.
Life's treasures are people...together.**

**Realize that it's never too late.
Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.
Have health and hope and happiness.
Take the time to wish upon a star.**

**And don't ever forget, for even a day
How very special you are!**

From the Pastor

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Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel Jesus describes his disciples in two ways. The disciples are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt is a metaphor for flavor and preservation for the community. Without salt, food tastes flat. Without salt as a preservative, the food will spoil. Light points us to good example and truth. So, how do we become the salt of the earth and the light of the world?

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are told that the faith we have must be lived in action. Keep in mind while reading or hearing these readings, they are addressed to the faith community. Therefore, the reading is addressed to us as members of a community not as individuals. However, each individual in the community by doing good deeds helps the community to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The task of changing the world is too big for one person. It is rather all the communities of the world hearing and responding to the direction of the Prophet Isaiah that can change the world one person at a time. Faith in action is charity and mercy. Faith leads us to follow the directions of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah tells his people and us as well that we must: feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked. We are further instructed to remove false accusation and malicious speech from our midst. If we do these things, we will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The instruction from Isaiah may be seen in light of Matthew 25 which gives us the corporal works of mercy. The word "mercy" in Latin is *Misericordia*. This means to have pain in one's heart for the sufferings of another. Hunger, nakedness, oppression, affliction can be interpreted in many ways.

Hunger could mean someone who needs food. It can also mean someone who needs attention or recognition. It can also mean someone who is hungry for knowledge or for God. Nakedness can mean a need for clothing. It may also mean someone who needs their dignity restored after being humiliated by some negative experience. Oppression can mean anything that keeps a person down. An example of an oppressed person may be a victim of domestic violence or someone who is unemployed and needs help.

In the Responsorial Psalm we pray: "The just man or the just one is a light in the darkness to the upright." When a society cares for its less fortunate, when a person shows a kindness which is random, when someone is moved by compassion they are a light in the darkness of someone's life. Those who believe in God act on their faith convictions and are involved in doing these good works not for the glory of humanity alone, but rather for the greater Glory of God because the Glory of God is humanity fully alive. No one can be fully alive if he/she is oppressed, hungry or ill or in need. We glorify God through celebration of the Eucharist, through our personal prayer and through our service of others.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During this time of the year we are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians of every denomination. Sadly, Christianity has experienced brokenness. This shattering of Christianity has become a scandal to the non-Christian World. It has hindered the preaching of the Gospel especially in mission lands. If we cannot reconcile our own differences, how can we be a light for the world? I have in my priestly ministry worked among Christians of various communities working towards a greater understanding among us. Perhaps we can remember every Sunday when we pray the Lord's Prayer before communion that other Christians in other Christian and non Christian communities are praying this same prayer and unite our thoughts with them and ask for Christian Unity. The second reading today seems to direct us to this intention.

The followers of Christ are called to be the light of the world. Christians are called to be united in faith. Paul addresses the issue of unity among the members of the Church in Corinth. In today's second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle urges the Corinthians to preserve the unity of faith. It seems that at the time of the writing of this letter, factions among the people were devastating. These factions may have been based on one's relationship to a particular leader in the community. Therefore one was saying he/she belonged to Paul because Paul had baptized him/her. Another claimed importance because Peter had baptized him/her. Still others claimed a place of honor because Apollo has brought them into the faith. Paul warns against this behavior because it undermines the unity of faith we have in Christ Jesus. He directly reminds the Corinthians that Christ is the center not Paul, Peter or Apollo. He states that they were baptized into Christ Jesus not into Paul, Peter or Apollo.

This letter is a reminder to all of us that while we may like a particular Bishop, pope or priest, it is Christ and the gospel which matter not the priest, Bishop or pope. While it is true some clergy have a personality which we may like and find easy to understand, we cannot make idols of our favorite clergy persons. Such behavior may even prevent us from hearing the more challenging parts of the gospel which we may need to hear. Thus, it is not me, Fr. Cletus, Fr. Long or even the Bishop or Pope Francis who is the message. It is Christ Jesus. The head of the Church is Christ. With him the Church will succeed in every situation. It is for Christ and Christ alone that we exist, move and have our being. The parish, the Catholic School, the Parish activity all exists for the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. With Christ all is possible. Without Christ all our plans and everything fails.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

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