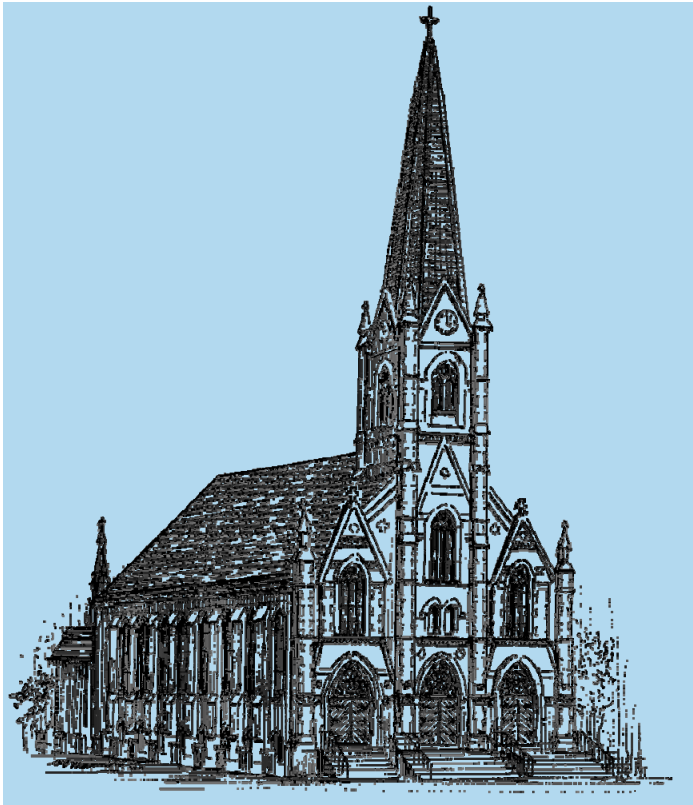

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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM
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 details.

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BAPTISMS:

Every third Sunday at 1:00 PM.
Please call a month before to make arrangements.

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.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**



DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. OCTOBER 5, 2015
Noon For the People of the Parish

TUE. OCTOBER 6, 2015
8:30 Maryellen Adinolfi
BY: Scott Builione

WED. OCTOBER 7, 2015
8:30 Malwine Afua
BY: Rev. Cletus Forson

THURS. OCTOBER 8, 2015
8:30 Lily Di Coscia
BY: Daughter Nancy & Family

FRI. OCTOBER 9, 2015
8:30 Torino Zanzonico
BY: Daughter Lorraine Zanzonico

SAT. OCTOBER 10, 2015
8:30 For Blessings Received
BY: John, Maria & Maria Teresa Heyer
5:30 PM Giovanna & Giovanni Cuzzolino
BY: Nick & Tina Cinalli

SUN OCTOBER 11 2015
8:00 Vera Forson
BY: Troiano Family
10:00 Ciro "Jerry" Geritano
Anniversary Remembrance
BY: Rob, Angela & Robert
11:45 Giuseppina Gangemi & Fortunato, Pasquale, Joseph & Antonia Gangemi & Nestor Taboada
BY: Antoinette Musarella

Monday
October 5th Mass at Noon
October 5th Rosarians Praying the Rosary
Rectory Hall @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday
Oct. 6th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct. 6th Parish Council Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House

Wednesday
Oct 7th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct 7th Religious Ed Classes
Grades 1-5 @ 3:45 -5 PM Rectory Hall
Oct 7th Youth Choir Practice
5PM-6:30 PM
Oct. 7th Children Choir Practice
5:45 PM-6:30 PM
Oct 7th Adult Choir Practice
6:45 PM-8:15 PM
Oct 7th AA Meeting @5:45 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday
Oct. 8th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct 8th Kof C Council Meeting
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Friday
Oct 9th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct 9th AA Meeting @ 5:45 PM
Rectory Hall
Oct 9th Boy Scouts Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Cabrini Hall

Saturday
Oct 10th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct 10th Confessions
@ 4:45 PM Church
Oct 10th AA Meeting
@ 5:15 PM Rectory Hall
Oct 10th Mass at 5:30 PM
Oct. 10th K of C Installation of Officers
@ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

Sunday
Oct 11th Mass at 8:00 AM
Oct 11th Mass at 10:00 AM
Oct 11th Baptism Prep Class after
10:00 AM Mass, Parish House
Oct. 11th CCD Classes 10:00 AM Mass
Oct 11th Mass at 11:45 AM
Oct 11th Faith Formation Mtg @ 7:00 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
Raj Sandu,	Marie Mekaluk
Michelle Laquercia	Antoinette DiBuglione,
Dolly Vergona,	Gladys Zodda
Angelo Vergona	Barbara Ann Sasso
Maria Carmen Morial	John Nigro
Kai Nam Eng	Leon Tambwe
Michele Morea	Mary Tarsio
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardellla
Valerie Pace	Alissa Aquino
Denise Deacomanolis	Rachel Valenti
Salvatore Gianino	Judith Latalladi
Steven John Alcaras	Matthew Ruggiero



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of
October 4th has been donated

In Loving Memory of

My Dear Cousin

Maureen Bonaccorso Cacciola

Requested by: **Maureen Cantone**

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of 9/29, 123 donors made their pledge to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Our goal is \$28,221. Pledges through 9/29 totaled \$41,615.00. Total collected is \$38,649** If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge. Remember, any monies pledged over our goal return to the Parish and assist in defraying our operating expenses. For more information on how to make a pledge, please contact Msgr. Massie or Rose Marie Foglia at the Rectory. 718 596-7750..

**I am the Church, You are the Church,
We are the Church TOGETHER!**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
10/4/2015 have been donated

In Memory of

LUIGI "GINO" MASI

BY: Clara & Henry Stella

BOOK CLUB

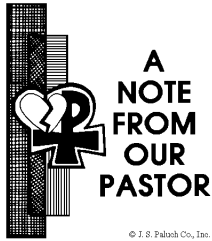
Our Book Club met on Monday, September 21st to discuss Catch 22. Our new book is The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. Our next meeting to discuss this book will be held on Monday, October 19th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. This meeting will take place at La Petit Café located at 505 Court Street between Luquer and Nelson Streets. You must read the book to participate in the discussion. All are welcome. This is a co-ed group.

ROOF REPAIR

The repairs of our Church Roof is now complete. The cost of this repair is **\$16,850.** To date, through your generosity, a total of **\$9,276.00** has been donated to defray the expense of the repair. Included in the amount donated thus far is a donation in the amount of **\$5,000 from a single parishioner.** We thank one and all for your support and commitment to help keep Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen's Church in good condition. Your love of our great Parish is sincerely appreciated. We wish to express our thanks for the generosity of an anonymous donation totaling \$450.00 towards the repair of our roof as well as a \$500.00 general donation to the normal operating expenses of the parish.

SAVE THE DATE

This is an early announcement for a Parish Trip to take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. A brand new show is being launched for the Year 2016 at The Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster Pennsylvania...SAMSON! The world's first superhero, the strongest man who ever lived. He killed a lion with his bare hands and defeated thousands of soldiers but he's not a hero because of the strength of his hands, he's a hero because of the faith in his heart. One of the most captivating stories in the Bible, Samson is filled with colorful characters, extraordinary feats of strength and amazing special effects that the whole family will love. When Samson stands between two colossal columns in a godless temple and starts to push ..its an immersive scene that literally brings the house down. A message of hope for the wayward, comfort to the weary and the incredible grace of God that enables us to truly be strong in Him! Further details will be forthcoming in future bulletins. This trip will include the show, dinner at Good and Plenty Restaurant and shopping at Tanger Outlets.



Dear Parish Family:

Today's first reading and Gospel invite us to consider the Sacrament of Matrimony. Matrimony is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Like all the sacraments, Matrimony is instituted by God and is a source of grace, that is the life of God, for all who are married. Catholic marriage brings into existence a community. This community finds its foundation in the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is a community of persons in a loving and self-giving relationship. Marriage calls its participants to seek to imitate the life of the Trinity.

For Catholics, Matrimony is also a covenant relationship between one man and one woman. Marriage is an exclusive relationship between the couple and the couple with God. In the Hebrew Texts, the People of Israel were seen as being in a nuptial relationship with God. The Prophet Hosea speaks in nuptial terms to illustrate the intimate relationship which exists between God and God's people. For us, the covenant of marriage finds its foundation in the covenant relationship which Jesus has with the Church. The covenant which Jesus makes with us is found explicitly in the Eucharist. The relationship with which Jesus enters into with us at Baptism and in the Eucharist is most characterized by Christ's total giving of his entire self for us. Jesus gives us his Body and Blood and even breathes out his Holy Spirit upon us. Jesus gives of himself for our good. Christ's total sacrificial self-giving for us is our illustration of true and unselfish love. For those called to the vocation of marriage, Christ's love points us in the way we should live.

Marriage is not easy. Those entering into this vocation need to consider most seriously the commitment they are planning to make. Marriage requires that couples share their lives. Selfishness must give way to selflessness. A self-centered attitude must give way to a life centered on the marriage. Communication skills must continue to develop. Couples must speak with each other as well as listen to each other with mutual respect. While love may be the foundation of the marriage, love must include respect for each other. The love which leads to marriage must be self-sacrificing love. If love means the effective willing of the good for the other, in marital love, it means total giving and at times, self-sacrifice. There are many sacrifices in marriage, letting go of one's own agenda, seeking reconciliation and forgiveness, giving up individual wants for the good of the marriage can be difficult. It is the grace of the sacrament which makes this possible.

Marriage is the bringing together of two people. Each member of the couple comes to the marriage with one's own history, one's own background, one's own expectations, hopes and fears. Bringing two together to form one is a lifetime process. How parents interact with each other has a profound influence on their respective children. We begin marriage preparation while our children are still children. The first marriage we experience for better or worse is the marriage of our parents. Without thinking or intending, parents pass to their children habits, expectations and customs. For better or worse, our parents' marriage becomes the normative marriage experience for all of us. We will judge all other marriages upon our first experience.

Commitment to marriage is serious. Couples must stop and ask themselves important questions: Do they want a wedding or do they want a marriage? Are they in love with each other or are they in love with the idea of being married? What does each member of the couple expect of their spouse in this marriage? What do they expect of themselves in the marriage? What do they expect of their spouse in this marriage? They must consider if they are ready to make such a commitment.

Many married couples at times struggle in their marriage. We are all changing and the older we get and the longer we are in a relationship means that we have changed much. The ideal is to keep growing in the marriage together. Arguing, disagreements, talking issues out are part of the marriage. Sometimes a good argument where both are listening to each other and not just shouting at each other is a good way to clear the air and to enter into reconciliation. Listening, listening and listening is very important in marriage. We listen to what is said and to what is not said. Couples must seek to reconcile for the sake of the marriage. Oftentimes couples need to work out their difficult issues. Sometimes they do not need the interference of their respective families which can do a great deal of harm to the marriage.

Marriage is a great commitment filled with the possibilities of love, family, joy and partnership. It is also a relationship which needs constant work and vigilance. Marriage requires sacrifice which by nature is difficult. Love can make a sacrifice easier and perfect love can even make sacrifice a joy.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Bishop Kearney's TACHS Prep Program from September 15th to November 3rd, Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm 8th Grade-Co-Ed, Fee is \$250.00

St. Saviour High School 2015 Open Houses, Thursday, October 8th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, October 25th from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Saint Saviour High School is located at 588 6th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Call 718 768-4406 to schedule a Buddy Day or visit www.stsaviour.org

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER COLUMBIETTES LUNCHEON

Our Annual Harvest Luncheon to support the Educational Grant Program will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Cabrini Hall. Cost is \$30.00 which includes a hot buffet, beverage, coffee and dessert. There will be lots of raffle prizes! All are welcome! For more information please contact Michele Ruggiero-Sheehan 718- 852-0613 or Phyllis Ruggiero 718 858-2597. Hope to see you there!

NOVELTY ANIMATED ANIMAL SALE

Once again this year, we welcome members of the Guy M. Stewart Cancer Fund, Inc. who will be selling unique Novelty Animated Singing Animals to raise money for the children at the Ronald McDonald House in NYC and the pediatric unit of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center after Masses on October 17th and 18th. Each bear moves and sings its own song. Most cost \$30.00. If you don't need a bear, please consider making a monetary donation to help the children.

CALENDAR INFORMATION REGARDING NOONTIME MASSES

Please take note, noontime Masses during the week are scheduled to commence on **Tuesday, October 13th and not on Tuesday, October 6th.** The October calendar indicates the date of the October 6th. We are sorry for the confusion. **Once again, daily noontime Masses will commence on Tuesday, October 13th.** These masses are in addition to the regular 8:30 AM morning Masses.

Thank you for your understanding.

TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

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