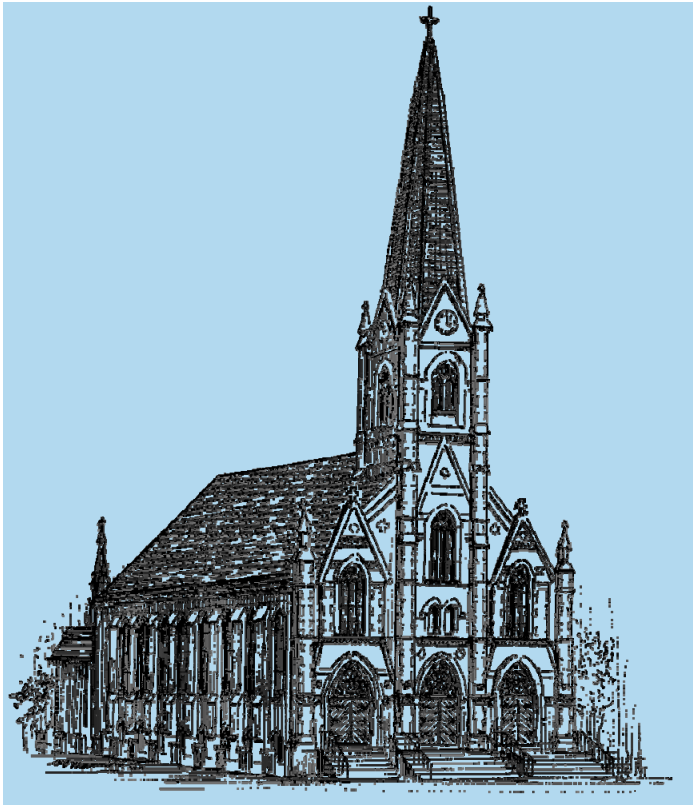

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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.

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BAPTISMS:

Every third Sunday at 1:00 PM.

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**

MON. OCTOBER 12, 2015

Noon Deceased Members of
The Groccia & Avanzo Family
BY: Richie & Susie

TUE. OCTOBER 13, 2015

8:30 Biagio Lubrano
BY: Wife, Children &
Grandchildren

Noon Frank Foti
Birthday Blessings
BY: Loving Family

WED. OCTOBER 14, 2015

8:30 Carmine Graziani
BY: Daughter Teresa

Noon Vincenza & Carmelo Vascone
BY: Nephew Joseph

THURS. OCTOBER 15, 2015

8:30 James Zagarella
Birthday Blessings
BY: Daughter Gertrude

Noon Marie Orrichio
BY: The Stella Family

FRI. OCTOBER 16, 2015

8:30 Giorgio Buono
BY: Andy Di Manso

Noon For The Intentions of
The Zanzonico Grandchildren &
Great Grand-Childtren
BY: Dora Zanzonico

SAT. OCTOBER 17, 2015

8:30 Alfred Pipitone
BY: Mom & Dad

5:30 PM Anthony Polito & All Deceased Members
of The Polito & DeLosa Family
BY: Loving Family

SUN OCTOBER 18 2015

8:00 Kevin Sheehan
BY: Wife & Son

10:00 Angelo Prinzivalli
BY: The Rea Family

11:45 Salvatore & Jennie Zerilli,
Nettie & Gasper Adelfio
BY: Antoinette Musarella

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday

October 12th Mass at Noon
October 12th Rosarians Praying the Rosary
Rectory Hall @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday

Oct. 13th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct. 13th Noon Mass
Oct. 13th Faith Formation Meeting
@ 7:00 PM Parish House
Oct. 13th Colmbiettes Meeting
@ 7:45 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

Oct 14th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct. 14th Noon Mass
Oct 14th Religious Ed Classes
Grades 1-5 @ 3:45 -5 PM Rectory Hall
Oct 14th Youth Choir Practice
5PM-6:30 PM
Oct. 14th Children Choir Practice
5:45 PM-6:30 PM
Oct 7th Adult Choir Practice
6:45 PM-8:15 PM
Oct 14th AA Meeting @5:45 PM
Rectory Hall

Thursday

Oct. 15th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct. 15th Noon Mass

Friday

Oct. 16th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct. 16th Noon Mass
Oct 16th AA Meeting @ 5:45 PM
Rectory Hall
Oct 16th Boy Scouts Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Cabrini Hall

Saturday

INFANT BAPTISM
Oct 17th Mass at 8:30 AM
Oct 17th Confessions
@ 4:45 PM Church
Oct 17th AA Meeting
@ 5:15 PM Rectory Hall
Oct 17th Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday

INFANT BAPTISM
Oct 18th Mass at 8:00 AM
Oct 18th Mass at 10:00 AM
Oct. 18th CCD Classes 10:00 AM Mass
Oct 18th Mass at 11:45 AM

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 11th has been donated
In Loving Memory of
LOUIS TRANI

Requested by: **Fran & Destiny Bivona**

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of 10/5, 123 donors made their pledge to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is **\$28,221**. Pledges through 10/5 totaled \$41,615.00. Total collected is \$38,955 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
10/11/2015 have been donated
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES BARBARO
BY: The Ilardi Family

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 **\$10,063.00** 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.

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.



**A
NOTE
FROM
OUR
PASTOR**

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Dear Parish Family:

Saint Benedict (480-554) said: “prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ...” In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told that the Word of God is “....sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joint and marrow and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart...” The Gospel is an illustration of how the Word of God can challenge us and upset us as well as comfort us.

The question for today is: where is wisdom found in the Gospel today? According to ancient Jewish thinking, wisdom is found in one’s heart. It was in the heart that one discerned and made decisions.

In today’s Gospel, the Word of God made flesh, (Jesus), encounters a rich young man. The encounter resulted in the rich young man being faced with a life altering decision. Will he accept the challenge issued by Jesus or will he prefer his possessions. The gospel today challenged the status quo and the popularly held belief that wealth, health and power were signs of God’s favor. In short, Jesus who is the Wisdom of God incarnate, causes the world view held by the rich young man, ourselves as well as the apostles to be turned upside down.

The wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of the world tells us that acquiring possessions, wealth, fame and power matter for us to be successful. The wisdom of God tells us that it is giving away, losing our lives for the love of others, acts of mercy and the altruistic use of our material goods matter for success. The wisdom of the world tells us that it is in retribution, retaliation and revenge for hurts that wins the day and establishes us as being in the right. The Wisdom of God tells that it is reconciliation, forgiveness and rehabilitation that wins the day.

The Word of God for us means Jesus. We believe that the Word of God, revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures ultimately became human and was made visible in the great mystery of the Incarnation of God among us in Christ Jesus. Knowledge of the scripture and our tradition helps us to know Christ. Unfortunately many Catholics do not know their sacred text especially the Gospel. Knowing the Lord through the scripture, especially the Gospel, helps us to encounter Christ more deeply in the Eucharist. The Scripture, the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, are to be held together in Catholicism. Through these two fonts of spiritual life, we come to know Christ. Knowing Christ helps us to reflect upon our own lives, thus we come to know ourselves more intimately. The rich young man encounters Jesus and Jesus calls him to a deeper relationship with God through Him. The rich young man must now examine his world view. He must examine his possessions and his life. He must examine and re-evaluate his life goals. The more we know Jesus, the more we need to imitate Jesus.

Where are we in these scripture readings? Possessions, wealth, poverty, power, influence are neither good or bad. What we need to ask is are we possessed by our possessions? The Word of God seeks to have us face ourselves. In facing ourselves, we are challenged to recognize: what is truly important, what is lasting and what has permanent value. In facing the Word of God, we are presented with ourselves. This encounter with the Word of God helps us to ask ourselves such questions as: Where do I need to grow? What and who do I need to forgive? What parts of my life need healing? What are my true motives for the good I do? Who am I and why am I here? Once Christ, the Word of God enters my life, my life, my value systems, my goals are sure to change. As we begin to know Christ, our religious observances become faith celebrations.

The question put to the rich young man by Jesus is: “You have one thing more to do.” What are the things you and I need to do to enhance our life in the spirit at least for now?

Rev. Msgr. Guy A. Massie

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK
FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2016
JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2016, January through June will open on Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in 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 their 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 wish, but this may not happen. What matters is that our loved one is remembered at the Mass. Therefore, 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 name 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 this mass request so we need not have to say for his/her anniversary or for his/her birthday. Just the mass intention, not 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.

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