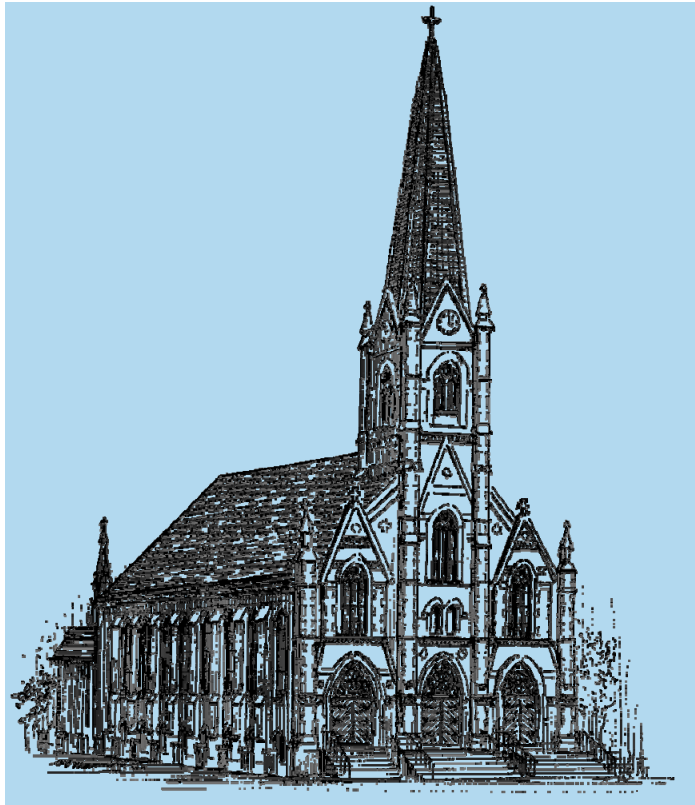


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

**WWW.SacredHearts-StStephen.com**



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

**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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**Parish Trustees and Advisors**

**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.

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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



## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

**MON. OCTOBER 19, 2015**  
 Noon Anna Santisi  
 BY: Anna Gallo

**TUE. OCTOBER 20, 2015**  
 8:30 Birthday Blessings for  
 Estela Zamora  
 BY: Marlene Buenaobra  
 Noon Vincenza Pillitteri

**WED. OCTOBER 21, 2015**  
 8:30 Giorgio Buono  
 BY: Delgado Family  
 Noon Antonio, Anna & Tina Coria  
 BY: Giuseppa Susino

**THURS. OCTOBER 22, 2015**  
 8:30 Danny Marino  
 BY: Cousin Theresa Petrolino  
 Noon Carmella Infuso  
 BY: Michael & Lou Anne Manus

**FRI. OCTOBER 23, 2015**  
 8:30 Salvatore Mendoia  
 10 Years  
 BY: Daughters  
 Noon Mrs. Notar Francesco  
 BY: Eldine Longtemps & Corinne Anderson

**SAT. OCTOBER 24, 2015**  
 8:30 Giorgio Buono  
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda  
 5:30 PM Loving Deceased Members of  
 The Pellicano Family  
 BY: Rita

**SUN OCTOBER 25 2015**  
 8:00 Michael, John & Darlene Shea  
 BY: Angela & Bill Shea  
 10:00 Elizabeth McCarthy  
 BY: Anthony & Camille Trani  
 11:45 Lucy & Paul Pensabene  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 BY: Angela & Louis Napoli

**Monday**  
 Oct. 19th Mass at Noon  
 Oct. 19th Staff Meeting @ 4:00 PM  
 Parish House  
 Oct. 19th Book Club @ 7:00 PM  
 Meeting at Le Petite Café on Court St.  
 October 19th Rosarians Praying the Rosary  
 Rectory Hall @ 7:30 PM

**Tuesday**  
 Oct. 20th Mass at 8:30 AM  
 Oct. 20th Noon Mass

**Wednesday**  
 Oct 21st Mass at 8:30 AM  
 Oct. 21st Noon Mass  
 Oct 21st Religious Ed Classes  
 Grades 1-5 @ 3:45 -5 PM Rectory Hall  
 Oct 21st Youth Choir Practice  
 5PM-6:30 PM  
 Oct. 21st Children Choir Practice  
 5:45 PM-6:30 PM  
 Oct 21st Adult Choir Practice  
 6:45 PM-8:15 PM  
 Oct 21st AA Meeting @5:45 PM  
 Rectory Hall

**Thursday**  
 Oct. 22nd Mass at 8:30 AM  
 Oct. 22nd Noon Mass  
 Oct. 22nd K of C Council Meeting  
 @ 7:30 PM Cabrini Hall

**Friday**  
 Oct. 23rd Mass at 8:30 AM  
 Oct. 23rd Noon Mass  
 Oct 23rd AA Meeting @ 5:45 PM  
 Rectory Hall  
 Oct 23rd Boy Scouts Meeting @ 6:30 PM  
 Cabrini Hall

**Saturday**  
 Oct 24th Mass at 8:30 AM  
 Oct. 24th LI Chapter Columbiettes  
 Luncheon @ 1:00 PM Cabrini Hall  
 Oct 24th Confessions  
 @ 4:45 PM Church  
 Oct 24th AA Meeting  
 @ 5:15 PM Rectory Hall  
 Oct 24th Mass at 5:30 PM

**Sunday**  
 Oct 25th Mass at 8:00 AM  
 Oct 25th Mass at 10:00 AM  
 Oct. 25th CCD Classes 10:00 AM Mass  
 Oct 25th 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:

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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 18th has been donated  
In Loving Memory of

**DEAR AUNT**

**GRACE CACCIOLA**

Requested by: **Loving Niece, Maureen Cantone**

## BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of 10/12, 123 donors made their pledge to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Our goal is \$28,221. Pledges through 10/12 totaled \$41,715.00. Total collected is \$39,105** 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  
10/18/2015 have been donated

In Loving Memory of

**ANGELA ILARDI**

**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 **\$11,211.00** 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:

How and for what do you pray? Do you pray for what God can give you? Do you ask for guidance on how you may better serve the Lord who is present in the people who you encounter in everyday life, at work and in your family? How and what will you give to serve the Lord most faithfully? Do you expect to be recognized or rewarded for the good you do?

The Gospel for today, the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time is challenging. In the Gospel, we meet the apostles James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They, along with Peter, make up an inner circle of apostles who were invited by Jesus to witness the Transfiguration and the raising of the daughter of Jairus. We met the apostle John a few weeks ago when John had informed Jesus that other people were driving out demons in his name. (cf Mk 9:38-48) John urged Jesus to stop these unknown believers. Jesus calmed the over-enthusiastic John. Jesus addresses John and opens his mind to a more positive and inclusive approach to these apostles who are unknown to John. Both John and James seemed to be passionate about their relationship with Jesus. At one point James and John were called: "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus due to their passionate temperament.

While the request of John and James to sit one at the right and the other at the left of Jesus seems a bit audacious, pushy and somewhat shocking, we may look upon them in a more positive light by recognizing that they wanted to be with Jesus in a special way. On the other hand, we may say perhaps their motives were mixed. Perhaps they were exhibiting ambition or the need for recognition. We need to remember that at this point of their relationship with Jesus, they are still naive. While they think they truly want to be with Jesus, they do not realize what they are asking for. They also betray the fact they do not understand the message of Jesus. The two will grow in their relationship with Jesus. They will mature in their spiritual lives and probably they will regret having made this request. They probably were embarrassed by their behavior in today's Gospel, especially after they witnessed the Agony in the Garden and the death of Christ. After the Resurrection, we read in Acts that James, the son of Zebedee, was the first apostle to be martyred for the sake of the Gospel. (cf Acts 12) In the end, James and John learned the seriousness and the cost of their discipleship and both gave witness to Christ through their respective lives and deaths.

Ambition and the need for recognition, as well as a sincere desire to be with Christ may have motivated these two brothers to ask for a great reward. We need not be too hard on James and John. They ultimately got the message that discipleship means death to one's self and life for Christ. What about us? What are our reasons for our association with Christ? Do we really want to advance the Kingdom of Christ? Do we really want to see good and truth win the day? Do we really want to see reconciliation be a way of life? Do we think we deserve a reward for the good we do? Do we think by coming to Mass will be protection from suffering? Do we see Christ more like the giver of good gifts rather than the one whose cause we need to follow? Has our belief in Christ caused us to suffer? Have we had to refrain from certain behaviors because such behaviors would hurt our relationship with Christ? How do we order our priorities in light of Christ? If you are a priest or religious, are you looking to advance in the hierarchy or do you want to be the superior of the order? If you are looking for advancement, nice vestments and recognition, you missed the point of the Gospel. The Gospel tells us that following Christ can bring great joy and freedom but also the Cross. Do we want a deeper relationship with Christ or would we rather keep our relationship with him only on a surface level? Jesus is very clear. Discipleship means his way comes first and all else will follow.

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 WLL 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.

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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