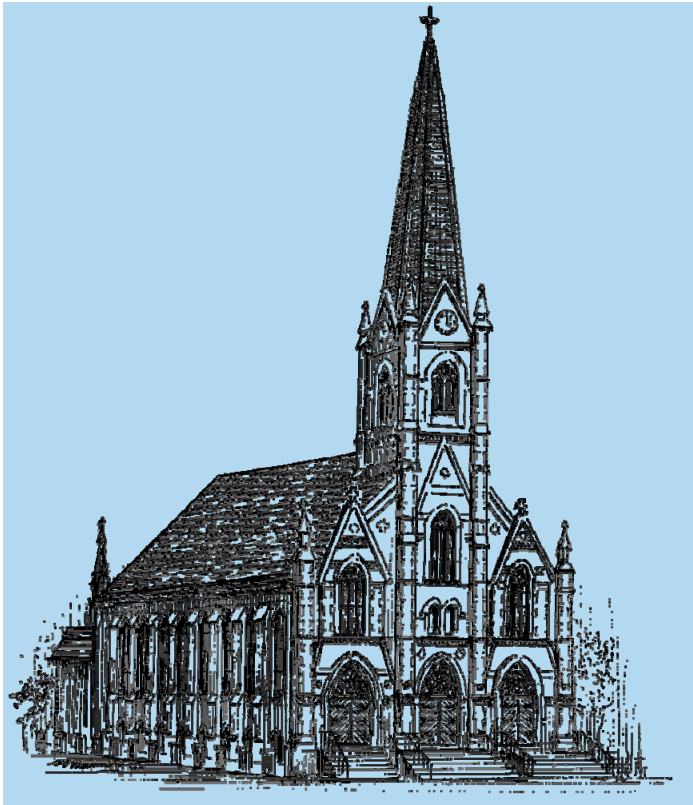

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C.CHURCH

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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 & 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
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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**

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. OCTOBER 26, 2015
 Noon Theresa & Salvatore Tilocca
 BY: The Troiano Family

TUE. OCTOBER 27, 2015
 8:30 Enrico Dellaporte
 8th Anniversary
 BY: Wife Catherine & Family
 Noon Guido Porcelli
 BY: Wife & Loving Family

WED. OCTOBER 28, 2015
 8:30 Filomena Scotto
 BY: Children
 Noon Dominick Marino
 BY: George & Josephine Maggiore

THURS. OCTOBER 29, 2015
 8:30 Danny Marino
 BY: Vinny DiStefano
 Noon Giorgio Buono
 BY: Rosemary Polito & Family

FRI. OCTOBER 30, 2015
 8:30 Nicole Vergona
 BY: Tina & Nick Cinalli
 Noon Luigi "Gino" Masi
 BY: M/M Supoj Tanchajja

SAT. OCTOBER 31, 2015
 8:30 Louis Trani
 BY: Carolyn & John Zodda
 5:30 PM Connie, Ernie & Joey Missoni
 BY: Loving Family

SUN NOVEMBER 1, 2015
 8:00 Elizabeth DeMeglio
 Birthday Blessings
 BY: Loving Family
 10:00 Kevin Sheehan
 BY: Wife & Son
 11:45 Pietro Reca
 BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Monday

Oct. 26th Mass at Noon
 Oct. 26th Finance Committee Mtg.
 @ 7:00 PM Parish House

Tuesday

Oct. 27th Mass at 8:30 AM
 Oct. 27th Noon Mass
 Oct. 27th Rosarians Praying the Rosary
 @ 7:30 PM Rectory Hall

Wednesday

Oct 28th Mass at 8:30 AM
 Oct. 28th Noon Mass
 Oct 28th Religious Ed Classes
 Grades 1-5 @ 3:45 -5 PM Rectory Hall
 Oct 28th Youth Choir Practice
 5PM-6:30 PM
 Oct. 28th Children Choir Practice
 5:45 PM-6:30 PM
 Oct 28th Adult Choir Practice
 6:45 PM-8:15 PM
 Oct 28th AA Meeting @5:45 PM
 Rectory Hall

Thursday

Oct. 29th Mass at 8:30 AM
 Oct. 29th Noon Mass

Friday

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

Saturday

Oct 31st Mass at 8:30 AM
 Oct 31st Confessions
 @ 4:45 PM Church
 Oct 31st AA Meeting
 @ 5:15 PM Rectory Hall
 Oct 31st Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday

ALL SAINTS DAY
 Nov. 1st Mass at 8:00 AM
 Nov. 1st Mass at 10:00 AM
 Nov. 1st 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 Gambardella
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 25th has been donated

In Memory of

LUIGI "GINO" MASI

Requested by: M/M Andrew S. Moriello

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of 10/19, 125 donors made their pledge to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Our goal is \$28,221. Pledges through 10/19 totaled \$41,965.00. Total collected is \$39,511.** 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
10/25/2015 have been donated

In Loving Memory of

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE RUSSO & RUGGIERO FAMILY**

BY: Matthew & Rosemary Ruggiero

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 **\$11,331.00** 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Laura Ramirez Galeas was raised in Jackson Heights Queens. During her late teenage years she became very active in the parish life of her local parish, Blessed Sacrament, Queens. She served as a Catechist, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Later in her early 20's she became the Spanish Prayer Group Leader for young adults and in 2005 she was commissioned as a Lay Minister and became a member of the Pastoral Council. Throughout the recent years, Laura has worked very profoundly with the youth within her parish and also throughout the Spanish Charismatic Renewal. She also worked at Catholic Charities and has a Psychology Major background. She is looking forward to working with the youth and young adults of our community and open to new ideas. Laura will be working amongst three parishes...Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, Visitation of the BVM and St. Paul/St. Agnes. Her salary is covered by a grant received from the Office of Catholic Foundation.

SHSS CCD

Your help is needed! We've had a great response to our Wednesday afternoon classes, in addition to our Sunday program, and need assistance in serving all our new and returning families. If you are available on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 PM-5:00 PM, perhaps you could consider offering time as a monitor, aide or even a catechist! Call Nancy in the Parish Office for more information. (718 596-7750 Ext. 20) Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.



**A
NOTE
FROM
OUR
PASTOR**

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Dear Parish Family:

‘Lord I want to see.’

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel portion today closes a unit which began with the story of Bartimaeus, another blind man in Mark 8:22 and closes with this story of a blind man in Mark 9:48. From the position of this story of the blind man in the Gospel, it seems that St. Mark is speaking about both physical blindness and spiritual blindness. St. Mark is not only addressing the healing of this blind man, but he is also alluding to the spiritual blindness of the apostles. While the blind man knows he is blind, the apostles may not know they are blind with regard to the meaning of the words and actions of Jesus.

Blindness and seeing are manifested in many ways. Comprehension and knowledge are related to seeing. In the Gospel we discover various levels of meaning. On one level the blind man in the Gospel is physically healed. On another level, the blind man is healed spiritually. He is given a greater insight to Jesus. This event is witnessed by the apostles. At this point of the Gospel, the apostles have seen and heard Jesus in many situations. They seem to be blind to the meaning of the message of Jesus. The blindness of the apostles is a spiritual blindness. The blindness of the apostles is evident in the passages preceding this morning’s reading. In Mark 9:30-35, the apostles argue about which one of them is the most important. In Mark 9:28, they seem more interested in power than humility. In Mark 8:31-38, the apostles do not understand that suffering is part of the gospel message. In Mark 10:17-31, the apostles do not understand that wealth is not a sign of God’s favor nor poverty a curse. In last week’s Gospel from Mark 10:35-45, James and John are looking to be at the right and the left of Jesus in the kingdom. In Mark’s Gospel, the apostles are presented as dense, while the blind man is physically, and acknowledges he is without sight. The apostles are spiritually blind and they do not seem to know they are in the dark.

What causes blindness? Not being a doctor, I can only assume that there are many causes of blindness. Some of those causes may be organic, meaning there is something biological which prevents the eye from seeing and the brain from recognizing. Another cause of blindness could be an obstruction in the eye. Still another cause may be damage done to the eye. Whatever the cause, we must say there is a problem of filtering light into the eye. Only a professional can help heal such cases. The causes of spiritual blindness are varied. Spiritual blindness can be caused by not willing to see, by preconceived notions embedded in our minds which prevent us from seeing reality, by denial of the reality presented to us and the fear of taking responsibility for what we see. Perhaps medical procedures can help the physically blind, but only grace can help the spiritually blind.

I think we all have blind spots in our lives. There are things we just do not see about ourselves or those we love. There are areas of our lives we choose not to see. There are parts of our relationship with the Lord and others that we would like to ignore. Some of us are selectively blind to our faults and we blame others for our errors. Some of us are blind due to self absorption. We can only see how things are in relationship to ourselves and not anyone else since we are the centers of our respective small worlds. Blindness comes in many forms.

The question to consider is: Do we want to see? If we see than we are responsible for what we see. Let us pray that we may see, that we may be free to recognize Christ in ourselves and in others. May we see ourselves one day as Christ see us.

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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