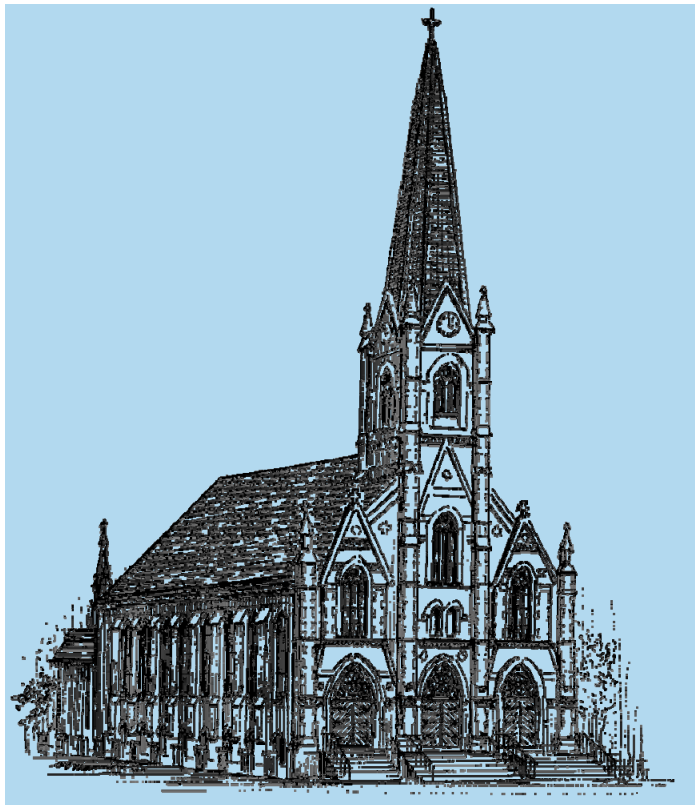

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
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MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

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**

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MON. NOVEMBER 1, 2015 ALL SOULS DAY

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrance

Noon All Souls Remembrance

7:00PM All Souls Remembrance

TUE. November 3, 2015

8:30 Vincent Musacchia

BY: Carolyn & Alan Johnson

Noon Angie Amato

BY: Husband Sal & Family

WED. NOVEMBER 4, 2015

8:30 Carmine Graziani

BY: Daughter Teresa

Noon Deceased of The DeMartini Family

BY: Catherine

THURS. NOVEMBER 5, 2015

8:30 Luigi "Gino" Masi

BY: Carolyn & John Zodda

Noon Maryellen Adinolfi

BY: George & Josephine Maggiore

FRI. NOVEMBER 6, 2015

8:30 Deceased of Massie & Sisto Families

**Noon In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of
St. Michael The Archangel and
St. Joan of Arc for the Intentions of
All Living & Deceased Military Veterans
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico**

SAT. NOVEMBER 7, 2015

8:30 Luigi "Gino" Masi

BY: The Delgado Family

**5:30 PM Deceased Members of
The Pepe & Giuca Families
BY: Louis Pepe**

SUN NOVEMBER 8, 2015

8:00 Lorianne Sgro Zodda

BY: Rosemary Polito & Family

10:00 Anthony Troiano, Sr.

BY: Troiano Family

11:45 Corado Joe Manfredi

BY: Rosa Bellatuono & Family

Monday

ALL SOULS DAY

Nov. 2nd Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 2nd Mass at Noon

Nov. 2nd Mass at 7:00 PM

Tuesday

Nov. 3rd Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 3rd Noon Mass

**Nov. 3rd Parish Council/150th Anniversary
of St. Stephen Parish Mtg. @ 7:00 PM**

Parish House

Wednesday

Nov. 4th Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 4th Noon Mass

Nov. 4th Religious Ed Classes

Grades 1-5 @ 3:45 -5 PM Rectory Hall

Nov. 4th Youth Choir Practice

5PM-6:30 PM

Nov. 4th Children Choir Practice

5:45 PM-6:30 PM

Nov. 4th AA Meeting @5:45 PM

Rectory Hall

Thursday

Nov. 5th Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 5th Noon Mass

Friday

Nov. 6th Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 6th Noon Mass

Nov. 6th AA Meeting @ 5:45 PM

Rectory Hall

Nov. 6th Boy Scouts Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Cabrini Hall

Saturday

Nov. 7th Mass at 8:30 AM

Nov. 7th Scotto Funeral Home Mass

for All Souls at Noon

Nov. 7th Confessions

@ 4:45 PM Church

Nov. 7th AA Meeting

@ 5:15 PM Rectory Hall

Nov. 7th Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday

Nov. 8th Mass at 8:00 AM

Nov. 8th Mass at 10:00 AM

**Nov.8th First Communion Enrollment
at 10:00 AM Mass**

**Nov. 8th Rel Ed Classes @ 11:10 in
Cabrini Hall**

Nov.8th 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
November 1st has been donated

In Memory of
YOLANDA DIOCA

Requested with love by:
Dr. Nick, Michelle, Sofia & Gianna

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of 10/26, 125 donors made their pledge to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Our goal is \$28,221. Pledges through 10/26 totaled \$41,965.00. Total collected is \$39,629.** 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
11/1/2015 have been donated

In Loving Memory of
GINO MASI
BY: Sylvia & Louise

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 **\$11,375.00** 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.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Monday, November 16th @ 7:00 PM in the Parish House to discuss *The Good Nurse* by Charles Graeber.

All Saints Day

What is it that we celebrate on these days? What is the communion of saints? What do we mean by the resurrection of the dead? All Saints Day celebrates the memory of all those who have died, some of whose names we know, but for the most part, we do not know, who now see the Face of God. These good and holy people may be our own relatives and friends whose lives inspired you and many others through their prayer and their acts of mercy and charity. In the Apostle Creed we say, "I believe in the communion of saints..." By this term we mean that those who are now seeing the face of God are remembering us. They are praying for us. Thus we here on earth and they in heaven are in communion with each other. Communion means in union with us and we with them. The saints experience God more directly. We experience God through Word and Sacrament. To make this communion clearer I suggest that we think of it like this; when I ask you please pray for me, what am I asking? I am asking you to take my name and petitions to God when you pray. When we ask for example St. Francis to pray for us, we are asking St. Francis who is presently beholding the face of God, to mention our name to God and our needs to God. The saint or those praying for us do not grant us our petitions. They pray for us. Only the Lord grants our needs, graces and petitions. The one praying for us always points us to Jesus. The word; "Saint" comes from the word: "Sanctus" meaning Holy. Who is Holy? Do we really know who is holy? Only God sees what is unseen. Therefore it is not until after death that we know who is holy. How one's life ends tells us of the victory of one's life before God. The "holy ones," also known as the saints, loved Christ to an extraordinary degree. Their deep relationship with Christ inspired them to become examples of charity and mercy. Some gave their lives for Christ as martyrs. Some lived as contemplatives. Some lived ordinary lives in a most extraordinary manner. Their lives were possessed by Jesus. Jesus was their joy, their hope and their reason for living. They tell us by their lives the way to holiness, wholeness, happiness, justice and peace is JESUS. If you want to be a saint, then seek to grow in your relationship with Christ Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to transform you, remake you and help you to know the mind and heart of Christ.



**A
NOTE
FROM
OUR
PASTOR**

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Dear Parish Family:

November is the month of Remembrances. As we see the leaves change colors, the summer sun give way to the dimmer light of fall and winter, we are placed in an atmosphere of remembering. We remember with thankfulness our many blessings on Thanksgiving Day, we remember those who have died for our country on Veterans Day. November lulls us into looking back over the past year and remembering events of the past. Thus, just before the great and joyful season of Advent and Christmas, we take this month of shorter days, colder afternoons and falling leaves to remember in hope those whose lives have touched us.

All Souls Day, we the church, remember and pray for our beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The reason we pray for our faithful departed is because we believe that our prayers can assist our loved ones. We pray that God may have mercy upon them, look upon their faults with a merciful heart and forgive their sins or failings. We are also told in the 2Maccabees 12:43-46 that it is a “good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.” The liturgy of the day moves us to hope. The readings remind us that those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are in the hands of God. Believing that our loved ones are with God gives us hope and peace of mind and heart.

While our faith is our strength and eternal life our hope, our hearts still hurt and our spirits still feel the loss. Love never dies, people die. God is love. The love we have experienced in the lives of our loved ones and the love we have for them survives death. Why? Because God is Love. In the First Letter of John, we read: “we are God’s children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light, when it does, we shall see God as he is.” This tells us that we survive death, that our relationship with God continues, and that death for the Christian means: “life has changed not ended.” For all of us who are going through this year of mourning, life has changed. It seems that grief comes to us in different ways. Just when you think you are healed, you will find yourself in tears. Depending on the depth and the closeness of the relationship, the loss of a loved one leaves us with an emotional wound. We mourn our loss not just for a year, but in many ways, forever, until we see them again. If we can always hold our departed loved ones in our hearts, how much more does God hold us to his heart?

Today and every day, the church prays for her children who have gone before us. We pray for them because we believe that our prayers can assist them. We pray for them because we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and the life of the world to come.

I invite all, especially those who are mourning this year, to see the heart of God manifested to us in the kindness, understanding and compassion we have received from our friends, neighbors and relatives. As we walk through this coming holiday season, perhaps we can pray for each other that we may find our hope, peace and joy in knowing that God is with us.

May God give rest to our loved ones and consolation to all who mourn. May our faith be our strength and eternal life our hope.

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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