

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 02/04/2018

Society of St. Stephen meets on Monday, February 5 at 7 PM in the Club Room

St. Vincent de Paul meets on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:15 PM in the Club Room

Bishop Nelson Perez will celebrate Mass for Metro Catholic on Wednesday, February 7 at 10 AM

PRO-LIFE CORNER: “THE RIGHT TO LIFE”

A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary: “The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical Centesimus Annus... The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia.”

REFLECTION – The most difficult challenge of human life is coming face to face with problems. It is an unfortunate situation that many people have abandoned religious practices due to anger over their unresolved sufferings. While others, like Job complained directly to God or religious leaders for failing to address their health, family or economic problems. God is our Father and as good children we should turn to him for all our needs, not only when we are having difficulties. For Christians, Christ is the solution to all problems and the only source of hope in our lives. He has proven it by healing the sick, raising the dead, restoring sight, feeding the hungry, welcoming the outcasts, liberating people with the Good News, and above all by his Death on the Cross, he destroyed death and restored life for us. This is a clear sign that God is ever present in his children. Let us believers exercise our faith to bring hope to those who lack the knowledge of God's presence in our lives. Our Faith tells us though we cannot understand fully our sufferings, Christ understands all our sufferings.

-- Fr. Benjamin Koka, AJ

EXPERIENCE GOD’S MERCY Join us on Wednesday evening, 28 February for the annual diocesan-wide “Evening of Confession.” All churches in the diocese will have confessors available from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Experience God’s loving mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, “God never tires of forgiving us.” This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 10 at 10 am in the Club Room, here at St. Stephen’s. Please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633 to register.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We’re reading St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul’s day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul’s heart; he wrote to them sometimes “with many tears” (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There’s a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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“ANSWER THE CALL” MEN’S CONFERENCE
Men! On Saturday, February 24, 2018, the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding its 18th annual *Answer the Call* conference at the centrally located Holiday Inn in Independence, beginning at 8 AM and concluding with 4:00 PM Mass. Please go to www.cmfneo.com for registration or more info.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From February 14 until March 25, you’re invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* Contact John Noall at 216-245-9744
CLEVELANDPRAYSFORLIFE@GMAIL.COM
www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASSTIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Feb. 3 & 4	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
Feb. 10 & 11	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

January 27 & 28 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$3,081.12 Children: \$4.55 (9)
Issued: 218 Returned: 84
Latin America: \$58.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$262.12
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

Please pray for the following:

Patricia Burfield Francis Hasenstaub Burley Blankenship
Dolores Bompiedi Michalyn Blasius Deacon Moises Cruz
Streeter Speakman Sidonia & Hans Speier Victoria Bailey
Mike Schmidt Sharon Sneed Judith Kenny

Theresa Stebbins Lawrence Blasius
The doctors, nurses and medical professionals who work both
night and day to heal our minds and bodies.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call
the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES February 3 & 4			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russell Nieling	Barb Rieth	Dr. Iuliasz, Karen Whyde
Euch.Min	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Lucas & Colin Iovce

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES February 10 & 11			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisis	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 02/04 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday: St. Agatha
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human Trafficking
Saturday: St. Scholastica

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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SAFETY FORCES NIGHT AT St. Ignatius High School

Saturday, February 10, 2018 This event, which honors our
Safety Forces, brings together St. Ignatius alumni, parents,
students and friends for a great evening of camaraderie and
basketball. To register or for more information, please visit:
www.ignatius.edu/SafetyForcesNight Mass begins at 4 pm,
dinner to follow watch the basketball game and then join
us for a social! Everyone is welcome, tickets required.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, February 3 Church

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

(St. Blaisé, Bishop & Martyr)

Special Intention of Thomas and Dawn Cables

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Cesare Chiaradonna

Sunday, February 4 Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † George Mullener

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

Sexagesima Sunday

† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass

† Herbert Mausser, Sr.

Monday, February 5 Chapel

6:30 PM †† Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

Tuesday, February 6 Church

7:00 AM Latin Mass (St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor)

For An End To Abortion

6:30 PM (Chapel)

† Jerome Zimmer

Wednesday, February 7 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Romuald, Abbot)

Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Stone

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, February 8 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. John of Matha, Confessor)

Intentions of Lois Opincar

Friday, February 9 Chapel

6:30 PM † Kathleen Riley Schoenecker

Saturday, February 10 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Ann Miller Kufner

Sunday, February 11 Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Betty Wood

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

Quinquagesima Sunday

† Joseph E. Flynn

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass

† Linda Barnard

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.
We are scheduling for 2019.