

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/29/2017

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Thursday, February 2 @ 6:30 PM is the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candle Blessing Mass in Latin

PRO LIFE CORNER - "Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the *Roe v. Wade* decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion "is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be." Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a "right" so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the Court ruled. As an act of "raw judicial power" (to use Justice White's biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in *Roe v. Wade* has so far been made to stick. But the Court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, *Roe v. Wade* has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation." – President Ronald Reagan, in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* (1983). reprinted Priestsforlife.org

REFLECTION - In today's Gospel, Jesus describes those who are truly fortunate, those who have wisely chosen to follow the way of the beatitudes. But it is not the emperors, conquerors, politicians, priests, and the wealthy who enjoy this favor. Rather, it is the common people, those whom the earthly success has largely passed by; the poor, the humble, the oppressed, the persecuted, the just, and the peacemakers. How can this be? The answer is that even though they may have been denied worldly success, what cannot be taken away from them is their potential to live rightly and justly with one another. It is all too easy for those who enjoy the pleasures of this world from their hilltop mansions to float above such obligations. Jesus goes on to say that so long as ordinary people stand for the right things and do not retreat in their rightness before those who seem to have more power, what is right and just will always prevail. It's their kingdom, a kingdom organized not from the top down, but from the bottom up. In the beatitudes, Jesus offers a description of the community of goodwill, His teachings will build in this world. Let us all strive to follow the way of the beatitudes. - Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

DO YOU HAVE ANY PALMS FROM LAST YEAR?

If you have old palms you are no longer using please bring them to the church for proper recycling. There is a box on the back table. Thank you.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
January 28 & 29	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz
February 4 & 5	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz
All Sundays at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
LIBERATION AND REFORM**

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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SAVE THE DATE! The West Shore Chorale will be performing for us at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017 @ 3 PM. This concert is free but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Church. The West Shore Chorale was founded in 1968 by a group of Lakewood residents dedicated to bringing excellent choral music to Cleveland's West Side. Debuting at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium in May 1969, the Chorale has been an anchor in the lives of singers and audience members for decades. Music will include Schubert "Mass in G" and a collection of hymns, folk songs and spirituals. More info on the group may be found by going to westshorechorale.org/

Please say a prayer today for someone on our Prayer List.

January 21 & 22	
General Collection: \$2,485.	Children's: (10) \$6.50
Issued: 222	Returned: 83
Latin America: \$112.	Utilities: \$140.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Edwin Moore	Cesare Chiaradonna	Burley Blankenship
Margaret Clarke	Patricia Burfield	Noel Walters
Victoria Bailey	Anne Marie Kufner	Rose Marie Soeder
Wanda Eland	Sally Ann Gaghan	Rosemary Shannon
Agnes Hogan	Judith Kenny	Larry Pearce
William J. Patronite		

For All Safety and Military Personnel

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>January 28 & 29</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barbara Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min:	Steve McElroy	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>February 4 & 5</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barbara Rieth	Kevin Young
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, January 28. Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† John Rieth Sr.
† Mary Rieth

Sunday, January 29. Church Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† Creighton Hayne

Monday, January 30. (Chapel)

6:30 PM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 AM (Church) Latin Mass (St. John Bosco, Confessor)
† Gerald Kane

6:30 PM (Chapel) † Helen Kroesen

Wednesday, February 1. (Church)

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr)
The Members of this St. Stephen Parish
7 - 8 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, February 2. (Church)

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Candlemas)
Blessing of the Candles and Missa Cantata
The Intentions of The Thomas O'Donnell Family

Friday, February 3. (Church)

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)
† † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

Saturday, February 4. Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (St. Andres Corsini, Bishop & Confessor)
† Kevin Ellis
4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Arthur Siek
† Doris Siek

Sunday, February 5. Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)
The Intentions of Leo Beveacqua, Sr.

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass
Deceased Members of the Thies Family

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 01/29 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

COLLABORATIVE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

JANUARY - Human Trafficking Awareness month. LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

We would like to start coffee socials after the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. If you can volunteer even one Sunday a month that would be very helpful and much Appreciated! Please call the Parish Secretary at (216) 631-5633 for details and to sign up. Thank you!