

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/05/2017

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PRO LIFE CORNER Child psychiatrist Philip Ney relates, "A woman reported telling her nine year old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said, 'I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?'" (Abortion Survivors, p.36). This is a story repeated more times than most people realize, and representing a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors. It is clear that abortion's primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted, and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society. *PriestsforLife.Org*

REFLECTION - Jesus made it clear that his followers are salt and light of the world. They are salt in the sense that they can impart good flavor in the society, and more so protect human life from any abusiveness. Their love for life should be supported by concrete actions; feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, and many other charitable activities. This will make people in deep problems find meaning to their lives. While the image of the light reminds Christians that their services are to guide people to discover God and give the glory to Him alone. They are mere instruments of light and therefore, there is no room for them to win people by their good works to praise, honor, or appreciate them as source of light. - *Rev. Benjamin Koka, 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.

WISH LIST – Just like many of you, St. Stephen's also has a "Wish List". Please look over our list which we updated for 2017, located on the insert, and perhaps you can assist us with item(s) we are 'wishing' for, through your time, talent and /or resources. As always, thank for your help and for your support of St. Stephen's.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the HolyCross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

"YOU DID IT FOR ME" – The 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal begins this month! This year's theme is *YOU DID IT FOR ME*. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus states, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least among us, you did it for me." With your help, we are able to feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, just as Jesus has asked us to do. How will we respond as a community of faith? The goal for St. Stephen's Catholic Church is \$17, 774.50. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 11-12. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Thomas, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. Please help us to meet and surpass our goal. Thank you for everything you do!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME: 5:00 PM 8:00 AM 11:00 AM
February 4 & 5 Rev. C. Shao Rev. B. Koka Rev. Franz
February 11 & 12 Rev. B. Koka Rev. Franz Rev. C. Shao
All Sundays at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

February 4 & 5

General Collection: \$2,170. Children's: (6) \$1.40
Issued: 222 Returned: 76
St. Vincent de Paul: \$526.00 Building: \$190.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ***February 05, 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	William J. Patronit
Larry Pearce	Theresa Dailey	Frances Hasenstaub

Those served by our St. Vincent de Paul Society
If you would like someone added to this prayer list please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES			
February 4 & 5			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russell Nieling	Barbara Rieth	Dr. Albert Juhasz, Karen Whyde
Euch.Min:	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES			
February 11 & 12			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris durica	Barbara Rieth	Frank Kosmerl
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Erin & Augie

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 02/05^(o) = Optional

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Friday: St. Scholastica;
Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary;
World Day of the Sick

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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/

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

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 Healing Intentions of Frances Hasenstaub

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

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

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

Monday, February 6, (Chapel)

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

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 AM (Church) Latin Mass (St. Romuald, Abbot)
† † Myron & Patrick McDevitt

6:30 PM (Chapel) The Deceased Members of the Parish

Wednesday, February 8, (Church)

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. John of Martha, Confessor)
† Chrisann Blankenship

Thursday, February 9, (Church)

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Cyril of Alexandria Bishop, Confessor)
† Joseph E. Flynn

Friday, February 10, (Chapel)

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

Saturday, February 11, Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Tony Chresos

Sunday, February 12, Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Patricia Gee

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Septuagesima Sunday)
The Intentions of Lois Opincar

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass
Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni Association
† Russell Sutherland

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass Intention.
The customary stipend (offering) for a Mass is \$10.
We still have weekday Masses available

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 05, 2017