

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/21/2017

No 8 AM Mass on May 21, 2017, due to the Rite Aid Marathon

No meetings this week

“For all the obstacles we see before us, gratitude and appreciation should prevail over concerns and complaints.” - Pope Francis

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Pro-Life Feminism

Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

REFLECTION: When Jesus revealed the message of his going to the Father, the Apostles were badly affected. The Lord calmed the situation when he promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is Father's gift to those who keep the Commandment of love. The believers are called to examine their hearts on the basis of love of God and the people. This means all spiritual obstacles caused by anger, hatred, insincerity, selfishness, immorality, jealousy etc. be removed from the hearts. The presence of the Holy Spirit brings blessings both for individuals and the entire mystical body of Christ. The Spirit plays a central role in the Mission of Christ; unites all the new converts to Mother Church, preserve the truth of the Faith from generation to generation from erroneous teaching, and strengthen the believers in moments of suffering, temptation or persecution. Let us open our hearts to receive the Paraclete. May He bring renewal to our families, friends, Churches and the World. – Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

CLEVELAND PREGNANCY CENTER The Loose Change For Life (LCFL) campaign is an easy way to help protect the unborn through the life-saving work of the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. From Mother's Day until Father's Day St. Stephen's will be assisting the Cleveland Pregnancy Center to compassionately provide mothers with life-affirming information to build strong Christian families. They do not perform abortions nor do they counsel toward abortion. Please deposit your spare change into the baby bottles located by the doors of the church. **Every day is a day to Celebrate & Support Life!** <http://www.clevelandpregnancycenter.org/>

GOLF OUTING – Sunday, June 4, 2017. The 16th Annual St. Stephen Church Invitational Golf Outing is at Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon. For information and tickets please see the order form at the back of the church or call the parish secretary. Even if you don't golf you can still join us, enjoy a great steak dinner and help support the Alumni Association & Historic St. Stephen Church!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES – We are postponing the Catholic Charities Appeal until the weekend of May 27 & 28 due to the Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon. All new, increased and additional gifts made in the in-pew envelopes will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. Donations may also be designated to any of three regional sites that are most in need of support. Your pledged donations remain here, in Northeast Ohio. You designate where the money goes. All of the money raised from next weekend's Appeal will provide help for the *Hungry and Homeless*, through fundamental needs, such as food, hot meals, shower facilities and clothing. Please consider a generous gift that will transform the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank you!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
May 20 & 21	Rev. C. Shao	NO 8 AM MASS	Rev. Franz
May 27 & 28	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

May 13 & 14 Offertory Contributions	
General Collection:	\$2,439.12 Children: \$3.83 (8)
Issued:	203 Returned: 84
Food Pantry:	\$580.00
Newman Campus:	\$103.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!	

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Eleonora Kinscher	Victoria Bailey	Burley Blankenship
Theresa Dailey	Agnes Hogan	Noel Walters
Hans Speier	Terry Fleischer	Rose Marie Soeder
Joel Rivera	Ann Miller Kufner	Rosemary Shannon
Wanda Eland	Judith Kenny	Russell Kamps
Margaret Clark	Sidonia Speier	Dr. Frank Young

Please pray for all the families assisted by our
St. Vincent de Paul Society

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>May 20 & 21</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	NO 8 AM MASS	Diana Lipfird
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	DUE TO RITE AID	Gary Brown
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	MARATHON	Augie

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>May 27 & 28</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	
Euch.Min:	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Augie

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 05/21 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday)
Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Philip Neri
Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

FREE CD LIBRARY! Faith comes from hearing! We have 100 Catholic CDs covering a wide array of fascinating topics. Simply choose a CD, listen and return the CD next week. Please use the log to check the CD's in and out. It's free and easy to use!

GARDEN BRICKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE and make a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift, memorial, or commemoration. How about to mark a graduation or your child's Baptism or First Communion? Whatever the occasion these memorial bricks create a lasting memory while helping St. Stephen's. Order forms are available in the back of the Church or call the parish secretary for more info. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, May 20 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM (Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter)
† † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

Sunday, May 21 Church Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM No Mass
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Fifth Sunday after Easter)
† Dorothy Healey
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† † Jack and Florence Kenny

Monday, May 22 Chapel

6:30 PM † Horst Kinscher

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 AM (Church) Latin Mass (Feria of Paschaltide)
Intention of Father Paul Pietrzyk
6:30 PM (Chapel) Deceased Members of this Parish

Wednesday, May 24 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Vigil of the Ascension)
† Carolos Robledo
7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, May 25 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Ascension of the Lord)
Special Intention of Thomas, Dawn and James

Friday, May 26 Chapel

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

Saturday, May 27 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM (Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord)
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, May 28 Church Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
(Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord)
Intention of Alyssa Opincar
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass Intention
The customary stipend (offering) for a Mass is \$10.00