

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/24/2019**

**Sunday, February 24:** Schola Rehearsal 8:30 AM & after 9:30 AM Latin Mass (CR)

**Tuesday, February 26:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social Media Committee Meeting 7:15 PM (R)

**1st Friday, March 1:** 6:30 PM Latin Mass (Church)

**1st Saturday, March 2:** Prayer Group 8:30 AM (CR) • Latin Mass Seminar 10 AM (CR) • Sacramental Prep 10:00 AM (SFR)

**REFLECTION** — This call to love and mercy is radical and remains a huge challenge for us Christians. It’s not easy to love one’s enemies as Jesus did, but at the end of all things, it is the only way to move forward towards God. It is even more challenging when Jesus commands us not only to love them, but do good for them! This can only be possible when we transcend our human reasoning and come down to that level of faith. We are often paralyzed by our hatreds and grudges, and the desire to use whatever means we have at hand to destroy our enemies occupies our thoughts from time to time, driving out the gift of love. Jesus gives us another way, and the celebration of the Mass reminds, renews, and refreshes us on this way. We ought to remember that He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, so be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful. – Fr. Caroli Shao

**CHURCH RESTORATION** – Please be aware that additional scaffolding has been erected in front of the Blessed Mother’s Altar, over the pews, and near the Confessional booth. For your safety, please try to avoid using the pews and walking around the scaffolding. **For Masses in the Church – the Blessed Mother’s side entrance is temporarily closed.** Please use the North entrance or the W. 54<sup>th</sup> entrance until further notice. Reminder: the boards on the floor in front of the altar railing and in the aisles are not secure. Continue to watch for future notifications and updates.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th this year. We invite all parishioners to please bring last year's palms to the Church at any of the Masses. They are needed early to have time to burn the palms, and to get them prepared for Ash Wednesday. There will be boxes in the back of the Church to receive them from February 16th through February 24th. Thank you!

**NEW PARISH BULLETIN** - Our old, reliable, and very distinguished St. Stephen Parish Bulletin is retiring this weekend. It is stepping aside gracefully, being replaced, and making way for a new and improved format, in living color, and complete with two additional pages of upcoming Parish Events, Diocese Events, and even News from the Pews! Anyone, especially our St. Stephen parishioners with businesses, are asked to consider advertising weekly so our parish community can be aware of, and support, each one of your businesses. Space is limited. Please contact John Salmi from J.S. Paluch at 216-973-9314 or salmij@jspaluch.com. THANKS!

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table, soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forbearers in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, and an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**ST. EDWARD HIGH** is pleased to announce that John D. Sherman made High Honor Roll for the current grading period. Congratulations!

This spring, St. Edward High School is offering the Per-HSPT Practice Test for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys. The Pre-HSPT Practice Test enables 7<sup>th</sup> Graders to practice the HSPT (High School Placement Test), which must be taken at St. Edward High School in October 2019 to apply for admission to the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. Date: April 6, 2019 and time: 9:00 a.m. Test Fee: There is a non-refundable \$20 test fee. **Families interested in this practice test must pre-register by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.sehs.net/prehspt](http://www.sehs.net/prehspt).** If you have questions, please call: 216-521-2204 or [admission@sehs.net](mailto:admission@sehs.net).

**DONATIONS** – Thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners, we currently have donations of toys and clothing for all ages, as well as miscellaneous household goods. The St. Francis Room will be open every Saturday from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM through the end of March to distribute the items. No appointment necessary – just stop in! Please contact Jean Gandee (216) 961-1447 if you have any questions.

<b>CELEBRANT SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>MASS TIME:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Feb 23 & 24	Rev. Paschal	Rev. Franz	Rev. Paschal
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

**February 16 & 17 Contributions**  
**General Collection:** \$ 3,126.12    **Children:** \$ 2.38 (8)  
**Issued:** 181    **Returned:** 66  
**Food Pantry:** \$ 107.00  
**HSS Building Fund:** \$ 494.00  
**Thank you for each and every contribution!**

# THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please pray for the following: **February 24, 2019**

Walter Allen	Michael George	Ann Stromp
Kathryn Bevelacqua	Susan Hatta	Laura Thomas
Leo Bevelacqua	Agnes Hogan	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Burley Blankenship	Robert Johnson	Karin Whyde
Lawrence Blasius	Joseph Kolecki	
Patricia Burfield	Inis Lustrì	
Fran Corbin	Jennifer Martinc	
Fred Courtright	Terry Shannon	
Wanda Eland	Sharon Sneed	

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES February 23 & 24

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	Glen Sneed
Euch.Min		John Rieth	Jean Gandee
Acolytes	Sergio & Bella Rivera Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Augustine Cruz, David & Emma Duncan

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 2 & 3

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Katie Ganzer & Ursula Keck
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Ed Moore, Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Sergio, Bella Rivera & Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Luke, Katie & Colin Joyce

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/24/2019 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY LECTURE** – Please join the Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University at the Augustine Lecture: Exegesis of the Human Heart: Narrating the Emotional Life of Christians with St. Augustine and Maximus the Confessor. This lecture will take place on February 28 at 7:30 PM at John Carroll University, Lombardo Student Center in the LSC Conference Room. Presented by Rev. Andrew J. Summerson, S.Th.D., JCU '09, from St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting Indiana. This Lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Institute of Catholic Studies at 216-397-4558.

**COME, LISTEN & PRAY** with St. Padre Pio & Cindy Russo, OFS, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Holy Family Church, 7376 York Road, Parma. Come and listen to an amazing testimony by Third Order Secular Franciscan, Cindy Russo as she tells us about her encounter with St. Padre Pio. She will bring St. Padre Pio relics for veneration and prayer. A reception will follow.

## Saturday, February 23, Church Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM † Russell & Dawn Sutherland

## Sunday, February 24, Church Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass  
Sexagesima Sunday  
Robert Spuhler

11:00 AM † John Strayhall

## Monday, February 25, Chapel Weekday

6:30 PM † Mary Maddix † Kevin Broderick

## Tuesday, February 26, Church Weekday

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass  
Leo Bevelacqua

6:30 PM (Chapel) Priests of St. Stephen

## Wednesday, February 27, Church Weekday

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass  
† George Donnelly, Sr.

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

## Thursday, February 28, Church Weekday

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass  
† Elaine Olthuis

## Friday, March 1, Church Feria -1<sup>st</sup> Friday

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass  
† Mario Pekar

## Saturday, March 2, Church Feria -1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass  
Intentions of the Lucas Family

## Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM † Helen Ujvari

## Sunday, March 3, Church Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of David "Dutch" Myers

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass  
Quinquagesima Sunday  
† Andrew Opincar

11:00 AM German Mass  
† Adrienne Archacky