



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

*A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869
Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition*

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634
Website: ststephencleveland.org

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 31, 2019

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J. (ext. 17)

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J. (ext. 14)

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

German Mass Celebrant:

Rev. S. Michael Franz (Ret.)

Parish Staff

Church Secretary:

Debbie Hemphill (ext. 11)

Church Accountant:

Russ Nieling (ext. 12)

Maintenance:

Glenn Rollins

Sacristan:

Melissa Daubert

Organists:

Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick

St. Vincent de Paul:

Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street
Sister Anne Maline, SND, Director
216-281-4044

Sisters of Notre Dame Convent

1891 West 57th Street
216-631-0754



Mission Statement

Saint Stephen Parish, as guided by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Sacraments, is sent forth to know, love and serve God. For the salvation of souls, we endeavor to evangelize the Gospel message through Christ-centered ministries and truthful witness. Our parish pledges fidelity to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church. We offer traditional, orthodox and reverent practice of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the edification of the faithful and for the making of saints. The Saint Stephen parish family seeks to actively build a culture of life and recognizes the dignity of all persons as children of God.

English Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8am and 11am

Latin (Tridentine) Weekend Mass

1st Friday 6:30pm / 1st Saturday 9:30am

Sunday: 9:30am

German Weekend Mass

1st Sunday of every month: 11am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays

See full schedule inside bulletin

New Parishioners

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45pm

Sunday 9-9:20am (or by appointment)

Baptism

The baptism of infants and children under the age of seven are celebrated monthly. Call the Parish Office to Register.

Marriage

Weddings should be arranged with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick / Funerals

Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

This Week's Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, March 30, Church

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM † Judith Kenny

Sunday, March 31, Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Mary Eleanor Baker & † James Ray Baker
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - †† Joseph & Charlotte Bija
11:00 AM † Joe Londrico

Monday, April 1, Church

Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 2, Church

Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - Tuesday of Fourth Week in Lent
Leo Bevelacqua
6:00 PM Benefactors of St. Stephen

Wednesday, April 3, Church

Wednesday of Fourth Week in Lent

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Sandy Esner and Family
7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, April 4, Church

Thursday of Fourth Week in Lent

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - †† Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

Friday, April 5, Church

Friday of Fourth Week in Lent

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - 1st Friday - Sick and Disabled
Parishioners of St. Stephen

Saturday, April 6, Church

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - Saturday of Fourth Week in Lent -
1st Saturday - Thomas & Dawn Cables 61st Wedding Anniversary

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM † Helen Ujvari

Sunday, April 7, Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Leo Bevelacqua
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - Passion Sunday - Intentions of the
Joseph Blatnick Family
11:00 AM German Mass †† Artur & Marlies Petter

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Mar 30 & 31	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
Apr 6 & 7	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz

All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 30 and 31

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Russ Nieling
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Glenn Sneed

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 6 and 7

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Diana Lipfird	Barb Rieth	Robert Filippi & Dan Cavoli
Euch.Min	Pat Burfield	John Rieth	Ed Moore, Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Luke, Katie & Colin Joyce

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 31

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Monday: April Fool's Day
Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola
Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville
Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen	Alberta Gallo	Jennifer Martinc
Victoria Bailey	Mike Gallo	Elizabeth Niehaus
Kathryn Bevelacqua	Michael George	Teresa Rutherford
Leo Bevelacqua	Susan Hatta	Thomas Rutherford
Burley Blankenship	Agnes Hogan	Terry Shannon
Lawrence Blasius	Robert Johnson	Sharon Sneed
Patricia Burfield	Joseph Kolecki	Ann Stromp
Fran Corbin	Fred Krisch	Laura Thomas
Fred Courtright	Jim Lester	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Inis Lustris	Karin Whyde
Wanda Eland		

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.

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

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary stipend (offering) is \$10.00.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

The Pharisees and scribes are angry with Jesus because he mingles with the tax collectors and sinners, who in their eyes, are cast out from the purview of God. One feels pity for their piety and religiosity that can only find meaning in division and seclusion, not in communion and inclusion. They believe that they are resourceful in the eyes of God because of their external practices. What an illusion indeed! The younger son in the parable of the prodigal son is led to believe that when he is in communion with his father and elder brother he is less resourceful and he imagines that with his share of inheritance he will be happier. It does not take much time for him to squander his inheritance which eventually lands him in communion with only pigs. He comes to his senses, learns from his mistakes, and humbly returns to the father. In their presumed resourcefulness the Pharisees are in a similar situation. Luckily the son realizes his condition; the Pharisees and scribes do not. A repentant sinner experiences more communion than a self – righteous saint.

- Fr. Caroli Shao

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
-- 2 Corinthians 5:17



CHANGE TO LENTEN OBSERVANCES

First Friday Latin Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm on April 5. There will be NO ENGLISH MASS that day in the Church at 5:00pm. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30pm. **Come join us this Lenten Season!**



EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

Next week's Second Collection will be for our Easter Flowers.

COMMUNION RITE POSTURE RENEWAL

Beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, we will be changing our Communion Rite posture to reflect the original policy, first established in 2003. We will remain standing after the Lamb of God, throughout the singing of the Communion Hymn, until the end of the distribution of Holy Communion. Once the last person has received Holy Communion and the Communion Hymn ends, we may kneel or sit for private prayer. More information may be found on the Office of Worship website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/worship

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the back of the church (on the St. Rita side), and begin engaging your family in the daily pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, Laetare Sunday, breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness, and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the elect were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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PROLIFE CORNER

UNPLANNED

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers / co-producers of God's Not Dead, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. UNPLANNED brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation. UNPLANNED is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you're on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey. In Theaters starting March 29.

MARCH 23 and 24 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: \$3,635.24 Children: 1 / \$0.50
2nd Collection - Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$141.00 / Raise the Roof: \$1,200.00
Envelopes Issued: 181 Envelopes Returned: 90

Thank you for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES – WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

- Sunday, March 31:** Schola Rehearsal — 8:30am (CR)
Schola Rehearsal—10:40am (CR)
- Monday, April 1:** Society of St. Stephen—7:00pm (CR)
- Tuesday, April 2:** 150th Special Donor Mass—6:00pm
w/The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B.
- Thursday, April 4:** Holy Name Society 7:00pm (R)
- Friday, April 5:** Lenten Fish Fry — 4pm-7pm (MBC)
Stations of the Cross — 5:30pm
1st Friday Latin Mass—6:30pm
- Saturday, April 6:** Prayer Group—8:30am (CR)
Sacramental Prep—10am (SFR)

(CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

Parish Announcements

FIRST FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

First Friday Latin Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm on April 5. There will be NO ENGLISH MASS that day in the Church at 5:00pm. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30pm.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope that you have been finding our weekly Parish Announcements section informative. Beginning next week, Sunday Mass announcements will consist of only those announcements / interest items that did not make the printing deadline for our Sunday Bulletin. Please take a Bulletin home with you to read, and - as always - support our advertisers whenever you can. THANKS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—CASH BONANZA

The Knights of Columbus, from our Sister Church— St. Bernadette, are selling tickets in support of their Annual Fundraiser— CASH BONANZA. Tickets are \$5 each. The Grand Prize winner will receive close to \$50,000, with 22 additional cash award prizes. Tickets will be available for purchase before and after all of our masses during Lent, at our Friday Fish Fry, and during business hours in the Parish Office. The Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciate your generosity and support of this Fundraiser and wish you GOOD LUCK!

PRIOR APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED.....

from the Parish Office for all pamphlets, cards, flyers and other literature that you want to advertise or leave on the back table of the church or post to any of the bulletin boards. Please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 for approval. Thank you!

LENTEN FISH FRY

Serves Every Friday through Lent (Including Good Friday) 4pm-7pm in the Michael Building School Cafeteria. Enter through the Parking Lot on West 57th — next to the Convent at 1891 W. 57th and directly behind the Church.

CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that **ALL** of the boards on the floor in front of the altar railing and in the aisles have been removed. The scaffolding in front of St. Joseph's Altar / side entrance has been removed and that entrance is now open. Work continues above the Sacristy door and in front of Blessed Mother's Altar. Thank you for your patience during this restoration project!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS AND SAFE!

ACCELERATED BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Article submissions for both the Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21 Bulletins have been accelerated by our printer. Deadline for the April 14 Bulletin is close of business April 3. Deadline for the April 21 Bulletin is April 10. Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 if you have any questions.

SUNDAY BULLETIN ADVERTISERS WANTED

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support our parish by advertising in our bulletin, please contact John Salmi, from J.S. Paluch, at 216-973-9314 or email John at: salmij@jspaluch.com.

Ministry Updates

ST VINCENT de PAUL MINISTRY

In December, January and February, the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry considered 20 requests for assistance. Among those seeking help were couples raising their grandchildren, job-seekers needing training for new employment, families facing the emotional and financial challenges of serious health problems, and elderly persons coping with benefit reductions. In 7 cases affecting 15 individuals, help was provided to prevent evictions and to restore power or avoid gas or electric shutoffs. Thank you for making these efforts possible. Please continue your generosity by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelope provided in your Sunday Envelope packets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FORMED

Journey Through Lent with FORMED

We're pleased to announce the availability of **FORMED**, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and e-books On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our members learn and grow in their faith. You will also be able to easily access any featured content the we are promoting within our community from time to time. So please join us!

Register for free at: <https://ststephencleveland.formed.org>

Once you've signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put **FORMED** at your fingertips.

We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift, and please spread the word to others.

There are a few flyers in the literature rack in the back of the church that highlight the Lenten specific services that **FORMED** is offering this Lenten Season.

Contact Jean Gandee at 216-961-1447 if you have questions.

Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Friday Lenten Fish Fry is more popular than ever this year! If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer during this Lenten Season, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to volunteer to help out at our St. Stephen Fish Fry Fridays! Dinners are served between 4pm and 7pm every Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) in the basement cafeteria of the Michael Building. Cafeteria clean-up volunteers are the most needed. Clean-up begins at 6:30pm.

Hope to see you there!



150th Anniversary Jubilee

150th FUNDRAISER SPONSOR MASS

Come join us on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00pm, when The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. will be celebrating a special Mass at St. Stephen for potential donors of our 150th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala.

150th CELEBRATION YEAR KICK-OFF MASS

Our 150th Anniversary Celebrations will begin this year with a special German Mass, planned for Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:00am. Our celebrant will be Fr. S. Michael Franz, with opening remarks provided by Fr. Caroli Shao, Pastor. Plan to join us for this very special celebration, and experience for yourselves the traditional German service of our Parish Founders.

150th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER GALA

A 150th Anniversary Fund Raising Gala is planned for Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel. Proceeds will help defer the cost of our 150th Anniversary Jubilee celebration planned for September. Fundraiser Gala flyers, Corporate Sponsorship forms, Program Advertisement and In Kind Donation forms are available in the literature rack in the back of the church next to the table on the St. Rita side. To purchase tickets to this event, visit our website at: ststephencleveland.org.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE 150th FUNDRAISER GALA

Here are some ways for you to Participate / Donate / or Help Sponsor this Event:

1. Purchase a ticket to the Event and Attend
Visit www.ststephencleveland.org to purchase tickets on-line.
2. Make a Direct Charitable Donation
Send a check payable to St. Stephen Church to the Parish Office.
3. Donate an Item for the Raffle Baskets / Silent Auction
Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.
4. Buy an Advertisement for the Fundraiser Event Program
Full Page Ad ~ \$500, Half Page ~ \$300, Quarter Page ~ \$150, Business Card ~ \$100. Visit www.ststephencleveland.org for an Advertisement Request Form.
5. If you'd like to help with any of the anniversary events we have planned, please contact the Parish Office at 216-531-5633.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Did you know.....

"The New Church 1873-1875: The rapid growth of the Parish soon made a larger structure necessary. In 1873 the present handsome structure was begun, the corner stone being laid by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Gilmour in September of that same year. At first work on the new church progressed rapidly and before the end of the year 1873 the walls were half way up. During the following year (1874) the work was continued and the walls were finished to the roof. In 1875 the building was finally under roof.

The work on the new church, so auspiciously begun in 1873, was greatly retarded by a severe financial panic which swept over the country at this time and paralyzed every enterprise that needed money for its success. These difficult times truly brought out the firmness and administrative ability of the young Pastor."

First printed in the Golden Jubilee Souvenir Book - 50th Anniversary (1870-1920)

For the rest of the story, visit our dedicated 150th Anniversary page at: <https://www.ststephencleveland.org/150th>

Around the Diocese

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY – APRIL EVENTS

You are invited to join The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University at the following events:

(1) On Thursday, April 11, Sir Jeffery Abood, Education Master, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Cleveland will be speaking on the topic of Christians of the Holy Land: Who They Are, Why They Are Leaving, and How We Can Help. This lecture will take place at 7:30pm in the LSC Conference Room of DJ Lombardo Student Center on the John Carroll Campus. (2) On Saturday, April 13, at 4:30pm there will be "A Sacred Lenten Concert" under the direction of Cynthia Caporella, Ph.D., Director of Liturgical Music and Musical Arts, in the St. Francis Chapel on the John Carroll Campus. Both events are free and open to the public. Contact the Institute of Catholic Studies if you have any questions at 216-397-4558.

MALACHI CENTER 20th ANNUAL SOUP for the SOUL

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 11, 6:00pm—10:00pm

Tenk West Bank, 2111 Center Street, Cleveland, 44113

Complimentary Valet Parking—Center Street Entrance

**Celebrity Host—Joan Rosenthal, Owner—Marigold Catering
Sister Michael Marie Griffin Anchor Award 2019 Recipient**

Baldwin Wallace University

Sample Delicious Soups and Sandwiches

Prepared by more than 20 of Cleveland's Top Chefs!

Appetizers ~ Cash Bar ~ Desserts ~ Raffles ~ Silent Auction

All proceeds benefit Malachi Center's After-School Program and Summer Camp. malachicenter.org / 216-771-3036

LIVING BREAD RADIO NETWORK

Living Bread Radio Network has launched Great Catholic Music, a free streaming music platform. Listeners from all over the world can access the music online at GreatCatholicMusic.com or a free mobile app is available on Apple and Android devices. The station is revolutionary and is also 100% listener supported. Great Catholic Music allows listeners from anywhere in the world to stream Catholic music that can be used for praise and worship or meditative prayer. The streaming station can even be played on Amazon Alexa devices. The platform includes traditional hymns and contemporary favorites that are Catholic focused. Listen at GreatCatholicMusic.com or Download it on your Apple or Android device.



HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

--Anonymous