



# 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](http://ststephencleveland.org)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ April 7, 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 54<sup>th</sup> 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, April 6, Church

#### **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

### Monday, April 8

#### **Lenten Weekday**

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Betty McGinty

### Tuesday, April 9

#### **Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Church) - Tuesday of Passion Week  
St. John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Martin Hess

### Wednesday, April 10, Church

#### **Wednesday of Passion Week**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Martin Hess

7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

### Thursday, April 11, Church

#### **Thursday of Passion Week**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - † Kathleen Schmitt

### Friday, April 12, Church

#### **Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM † Elizabeth Esner

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 13, Church

#### **Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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

5:00 PM † Grace Wyrnn

### Sunday, April 14, Church

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM Intentions of Kathy Kness

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass - † Robert M. Reynolds

11:00 AM Alumni Mass—Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Apr 6 & 7	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
Apr 13 & 14	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 6 and 7

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 13 and 14

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Glenn Sneed & Jean Gandee
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Boys

## SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF APRIL 7

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Thursday: St. Stanislaus

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Martin I

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7;  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

## 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 Stropm
Fran Corbin	Fred Krisch	Laura Thomas
Fred Courtright	Jim Lester	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Inis Lustrì	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.

Please also pray for all those who are helped 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.

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



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### REFLECTION

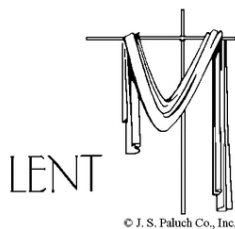
The Lord says, "As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked .. let (him/her) turn from evil and live." This is a gracious invitation for all those who are trapped in sins to benefit from the mercy of God. In line with this offer, Paul confidently said "I consider the past as loss and much rubbish for Christ's sake." Christ came not to condemn but to liberate sinners by showing God's mercy. He challenged those who solve problems by violence or elimination of sinners without giving them the second chance. In a concrete situation Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more". With the Lord every sinner has charge to be forgiven and live. Christians should reflect their Master to win victory by transforming enemies, thieves, adulterers, and other sinners to be better people. The elders who brought the sinful woman to Jesus discovered their faults, meaning that in front of God nobody is pure, we all need repentance, and not to condemn others.

- Fr. Benjamin Koka



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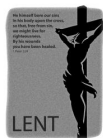
I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
— *Philippians 3:8*



### LENTEN OBSERVANCES

An English Mass will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 5pm, and will be immediately followed by the Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

**Come join us this Lenten Season!**



### 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](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/worship)

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next week's Second Collection will be for our Food Pantry.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl collection boxes are still available from the table in the back of the church. If you haven't picked yours up yet, it is not too late. 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. 25% helps alleviate hunger and poverty in our Diocese.

We will begin collecting CRS Rice Bowl donation boxes on Palm Sunday. Look for the CRS Rice Bowl collection container near the literature rack in the back of the church beginning April 14.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussy-willows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?  
—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### PROLIFE CORNER - [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)

Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question [of abortion]. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations". It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations? - *Pope Benedict, Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, Paragraph 214, November 26, 2013*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**The print deadline for the Sunday Bulletin has been accelerated for the remainder of the Lenten Season.** As a result, the March 30 and 31 Offertory Collection counts will be posted in the April 14 Bulletin.

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2019

- Sunday, April 7:** Schola Rehearsal — 8:30am (CR)  
Latin Mass Social—10:30am (CR)  
German Mass Social—12:00pm (R)
- Monday, April 8:** 150th Kick-Off Mass Meeting—7:00pm (CR)
- Tuesday, April 9:** Choir Rehearsal for 7am St. John Berchmans Altar  
Servers Ministry Mass—6:15am  
St. Vincent de Paul—7:15pm (SFR)
- Thursday, April 11:** Food Pantry 9:30am-1:00pm (R)  
Secular Servites 7pm (CR)
- Friday, April 12:** Lenten Fish Fry — 4pm-7pm (MBC)  
Stations of the Cross — 5:30pm  
Girl Scouts—7pm (CR)
- Saturday, April 13:** First Penance—10am (CR)

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

## Parish Announcements

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope that you have been finding our weekly Parish Announcements section informative. Beginning this 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!

### 150th FUNDRAISER DONOR MASS

Special thanks to The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. for hosting a 150th Fundraiser Donor Mass for us this past Tuesday, April 2. Our Parish is truly Blessed!

### 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!

### 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 57<sup>th</sup> — next to the Convent at 1891 W. 57<sup>th</sup> and directly behind the Church.

### CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that **MOST** of the boards on the floor in front of the altar railing and in the aisles have been removed. 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](mailto:salmij@jspaluch.com).

## Ministry Updates

### ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH MINISTRY

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 57 patrons last week from our Food Pantry. We were also blessed to welcome five new volunteers to our ministry from our Sister Church, St. Bernadette. THANK YOU LADIES for your time and good work! Reminder: Next week's second collection is for the Food Pantry.

**Thank you all for your continued generosity!**

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Please pray for our children who are in the final stages of preparing to receive their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, April 13.



### WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK LATIN LOW MASS

The tenth annual Saint John Berchmans World Language Week Latin Low Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM at Historic St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Mass will be served by the Saint John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry, comprised of students from Saint Ignatius, Benedictine, Lyceum and other local Catholic high schools. Music will be directed by Annette Spallone Murphy, soprano; along with Donna Stewart, alto; Dylan Glenn, tenor; and Ron Andrico, baritone.

The World Language Week Latin Low Mass is an opportunity for local Catholic high school students to worship together and to celebrate Latin, the official language of the Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Saint John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry is inviting Catholic men ages 14-18 interested in learning how to serve the Latin Mass to become members.

Please see Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB or the Saint John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry posters on display in the back of Historic St. Stephen Church, or call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 for more information. Thank you!

## 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

**WANT TO HELP THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE?**  
If you'd like to help with any of the anniversary events we have planned, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

### 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 FROM THIS EVENT WILL HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.** 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](http://ststephencleveland.org).

### WAYS TO SUPPORT THE 150th FUNDRAISER GALA

Here are some ways that you can Participate / Donate / or Help Sponsor this Event:

1. Purchase a ticket to the Event and Attend  
Visit [www.ststephencleveland.org](http://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](http://www.ststephencleveland.org) for an Advertisement Request Form.

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### FROM THE ARCHIVES OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Did you know.....

In order for Father Reichlin to borrow the funds necessary to continue with the construction of our new Church building during the nationwide financial panic of 1873, three of our Parishioners—Bernard Kinkelaar, John Muller and William Wissing—gave their own property as security for the loan.

In 1876, in lieu of the permanent and ornate stained glass, the first set of windows installed had a simple geometric stained glass pattern. Today, the simple stained glass window behind the pipe organ is the only vestige of this first set of windows.

Once these temporary windows were in place, and despite the fact that the remainder of the interior was unfinished, the first services were conducted in the new St. Stephen Church on July 2, 1876.

## Around the Diocese

**THE METRO CATHOLIC DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:**  
**"If Only....."**

The Metro Catholic School Drama Club will be presenting a performance of "If Only.....", on Thursday April 11, at 6:00pm in the Stephen Building gymnasium. The play is a history of the founding of Metro Catholic School. All are welcome to join us!

**GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL CLEVELAND**  
**7370 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, 44138**

### Summer Camp 2019—Prehistoric Times

Join the fun and learn something new this summer! This camp allows children to get an introduction to the German language in a fun setting. Crafts, games, songs, and treasure hunts are topic related. No prior German knowledge is required. Need NOT be a dinosaur to attend. JUNE 17-21, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Cost \$150—Registration and online payment:

[www.germanschoolcle.org/events/summer-camp](http://www.germanschoolcle.org/events/summer-camp)

For more information contact:

Heike Gombar: [heikegombar@hotmail.com](mailto:heikegombar@hotmail.com) / 330-321-4774,

Emily Hall: [emilywallacehall@gmail.com](mailto:emilywallacehall@gmail.com) / 330-241-3643

-or- [www.germanschoolcle.org](http://www.germanschoolcle.org)

Camp Flyers available on the table in the back of the church.

**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](http://malachicenter.org) / 216-771-3036

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**

**Retire Old Glory**



Do you have a worn, tattered, or faded American Flag? The Catholic Cemeteries Association is now accepting flags in need of retirement. Flags will be accepted year-round at all eight of our cemetery offices during normal business hours. To find an office near you call 216-539-7943 or visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org).

There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in June. More information will be provided as the date gets closer. All are welcome to experience this American Tradition.

**GOOD INFORMATION**

Our judgments are only as good as our information.

—Anonymous