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

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) ~ April 28, 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 Marinich
St. Vincent de Paul:
Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

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

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.

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.
This Week’s Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27, Church
Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM †† Russell & Dawn Sutherland

Sunday, April 28, Church
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
8:00 AM Burley Blankenship
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Low Sunday)
Thomas O’Donnell Family
11:00 AM † Hilde Spaeth, First Holy Communion
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday, April 29, Rectory Chapel
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
6:30 PM Evelyn Trucks

Tuesday, April 30
Easter Weekday
6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Church) (St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin) Susan Hatta
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † John Jackson Alexandre Smith

Wednesday, May 1, Church
St. Joseph The Worker, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Intentions of Leah Johanni
7:00-8:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, May 2, Church
St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Bob Tubero

Friday, May 3, Church
Feria - First Friday
6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Dr. Timothy Beddow

Saturday, May 4, Church
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (St. Monica, Widow)
   First Saturday - † Manuela S. Clark
   Following Mass - May Crowning
Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter
4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM †† Russell & Dawn Sutherland

Sunday, May 5, Church
Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary
9:15 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Second Sunday after Easter)
   Intentions of Louis Balzer, First Holy Communion
11:00 AM German Mass (150th Celebration Kick-Off Mass)
   † Horst Kinscher, †† Max & Sophie Juran

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
Apr 27 & 28 Fr. Caroli Fr. Ben Fr. Caroli
May 4 & 5 Fr. Caroli Fr. Caroli Fr. Franz
All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 27 and 28

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
Lector Russ Nieling Barb Rieth Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min Jim Lisi John Rieth Jean Gandee/Daria Lipfird
Acolytes Terry Shannon Kevin Kroesen Cruz & Duncan Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 4 and 5

Saturday 5PM Sunday 8AM Sunday 11AM
Lector Steve McElroy Barb Rieth Dr. Tina Waters/Tony Ganzer
Euch.Min Jim Lisi John Rieth Ed Moore/Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes Terry Shannon Kevin Kroesen Luke, Katie & Colin Joyce

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF APRIL 28

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy);
   Julian Calendar Easter
Tuesday: St. Pius V
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer; Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
   Confirmation of the Apostles
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Ps 11:1-2, 3; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Wednesday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Tuesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or
   (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15,
   17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Please pray for the following:

Walter Allen Alberta Gallo Cielo McClain
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 Allan Shoman
Patricia Burfield Joseph Kolecki Sharon Sneed
Fran Corbin Fred Krisch Ann Stimpf
Fred Courtright Jim Lester Laura Thomas
Deacon Moisés Cruz Inis Lustri Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Wanda Eland Jennifer Martinc Karin Whyde

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 or removed from this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.
REFLECTION
The Lord is truly risen. The Apostles failed to understand the message of resurrection because they were in the land of doubt, fear and discouragement due to the death of the Lord. Jesus, in His Divine Mercy, handled the situation and appeared suddenly to the helpless Apostles and restored peace in their hearts and the community. With the inner resurrection the Apostles, including Thomas, sincerely confessed the risen Christ, their “Lord and God.” Since the Joy of Resurrection is for all people, the Lord said to the Apostles, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathed on them and said, “receive the Holy Spirit.” The Apostles transmitted the faith: they preached, baptized, wrote Gospels/Letters, performed miracles and died for the cause of the resurrection. To follow Christ, we need to drop our doubts and fears like the Apostles, and believe in the resurrection. Christ said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Let us continue to spread the JOY of Easter and write it in the lives of others by acts of mercy.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
APRIL 28, 2019

PROLIFE CORNER - priestsforlife.org
Divine Mercy and Pro-life
Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina’s diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: “On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn’t figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children” (Diary, 1276).

A PRAYER FOR THE NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL
“May Notre Dame Cathedral once again become – thanks to reconstruction efforts and the mobilization of all – a sign of the faith of those who built it.”

~ Pope Francis

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Next week’s Second Collection will be in support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019

Tuesday, April 30: 150th Committee Meeting—7pm (CR)
Thursday, May 2: Holy Name Society—7pm (R)
Saturday, May 4: Prayer Group—8:30am (CR)
                                Sacramental Prep—10am (SFR)
                                May Crowning—Following 9:30am Mass

APRIL 13 and 14 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
General Collection: $3,782.12 Children: 7 / $2.64
2nd Collection - Food Pantry: $846.62 / Easter Flowers: $45.00
Catholic Relief Services: $35.00 / Black & Indian Missions: $20.00
Envelopes Issued: 181 Envelopes Returned: 84

APRIL 20 and 21 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
General Collection: $7,665.99 Children: 5 / $2.63
Easter Flowers: $65.00 / Holy Thursday—Westside Catholic Center: $169.00 / Good Friday-Holy Land: $405.00
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Thank you for your generosity!
Ministry Updates

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY
How do you say "Thank you?" Sharing your blessings through the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry can be an important and effective way. Today's Psalm response reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting." Your past giving has helped a young mother arrange repayment plans for rent she could not pay while out of a job. Now working again and with assistance provided through your generosity, she has been able to keep the apartment that shelters her and her child. She is thankful to you for your help, and you have shown in action your thankfulness to God for his forgiveness and merciful bounty. Please be generous and thankful again as you prepare your envelope for next week’s St. Vincent de Paul Ministry collection.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) UPDATE
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FORMED Book Club: A community to Inspire Spiritual Growth
Looking for a community in which you can learn and grow spiritually? Introducing FORMED Book Club, an online community for learning about and discussing exciting Catholic books.

FORMED will be launching their second Book Club book, From Fire, By Water—My Journey to the Catholic Faith, by Sohrab Ahmari, shortly after Easter. Learn from this unlikely story: moved by the beauty of the Mass, Ahmari moved from Marxism and atheism to Catholicism. This compelling new Catholic voice will inspire you to engage your faith with renewed vigor!

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News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....
Mr. and Mrs. Justin Dailey, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 27th!

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....
our 2019 First Holy Communion Candidates who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass, Sunday, April 28: Adriana Nikole Santana, Julianna Ramos, Nicholas Andrew Crolley-Julian, and Charles Edward Ashton, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS.....
St. Edward High School is pleased to announce that John D. Sherman made Honor Roll for the current grading period.

Congratulations!
SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US
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 Mrs. Paula McClain—Lead Co-Chair of the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee. The STV Bavaria Choir will be performing in both German and English, with accompaniment provided by Mr. Joe Kolecki, St. Stephen Organist. Special Mass prelude and postlude music and hymns are planned. Escort for the ceremonial procession and recess of the celebrant and official party will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. A reception and tour of St. Stephen Church will follow the service and conclude our 150th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off Event. Please plan to join us for this very special celebration, and experience for yourselves the traditional German service of our Parish Founders.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE 150th FUNDRAISING GALA
Here are some ways that you can Participate / Donate / or Help Sponsor the 150th Fundraising Gala, planned for Friday, May 17th, at the InterContinental Hotel:

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,

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL HELP TO DEFRAY THE COST OF OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.

150th FUNDRAISING GALA EVENT UPDATES
We are happy to announce that The Forest City Singers will be performing at our Fundraiser Gala on May 17, at the Intercontinental Hotel. Mr. Joe Kolecki, our St. Stephen organist, will be providing accompaniment and other piano background music throughout the evening.

Our emcee for the event will be Mr. Joe Cronauer from WKYC Channel 3 and WFHM 95.5 the FISH. Some of the Silent Auction items for our Gala are: a week long stay at a private home in a gated golf community in San Tan Valley, Arizona; a 4-course wine/food paired dinner for 8 prepared and served at the winning bidder’s home; autographed boxing gloves from Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini; an autographed bat from Sandy Alomar, Jr.; ticket packages from the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians; a 4-some of golf at Signature of Solon Country Club; a 50” flat-screen television, and a gift basket of gift cards from unique Ohio City Restaurants.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP PEREZ
“I wish to offer my deep appreciation and thanks to Gov. Mike DeWine, members of the Ohio state legislature and all who worked so hard to bring about the passing of legislation to prevent the abortion of a baby once a heartbeat is detected. The passage of the “heartbeat bill” represents a major step forward in efforts to protect the sanctity of life.

Pope Francis reminds us that all life has inestimable value -- even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor -- are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

Always remembering that God is the creator and we are not, I encourage everyone to pray that the world grows in its respect for life, from conception to natural death, and to build awareness to reaffirm the Gospel teaching about the gift of life.

We have a lot of praying to do. Never underestimate the power of prayer. As the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities from the U.S. Catholic Bishops reminds us, "Only with prayer -- prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls -- will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

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METRO CATHOLIC SCHOOL MAY CROWNING
May Crowning at the Stephen Campus will be Thursday, May 2, at 9:00am.

All are welcome to join!

Father, You have given us the mother of your Son to be our queen and mother. With the support of her prayers may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

METRO CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONORS ASSEMBLY
WHEN: Tuesday, May 7, from 7:00-8:00pm
WHERE: The Stephen Campus Gym

Honors Assembly is an evening where students are honored for their success during the school years. Scholarships are also awarded. Parking goes quickly, so early arrival is suggested.

All are welcome to attend this evening of honors!

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME
Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you’ll have no time for criticism of others.

--Anonymous