



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 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, 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

7:00-8:00pm 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. Franz	Fr. Caroli
May 4 & 5	Fr. Ben	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/Diana 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 Dr. Albert Juhasz
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

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: 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

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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 Stromp
Fred Courtright	Jim Lester	Laura Thomas
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Inis Lustrì	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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 28, 2019

Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.

-- Revelation 1:18



COMMUNION RITE POSTURE RENEWAL

Beginning today, Divine Mercy Sunday, our Communion Rite posture is changed 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

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

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or Sunday in White. During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed Quasimodo Sunday, or Low Sunday. In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing Low about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

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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).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it" (Diary, 474). *What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion."* ("Wombs of Mercy," *Marian Helpers Bulletin*, Summer 1995, p.13).

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: 86

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
Envelopes Issued: 181 Envelopes Returned: 84

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Announcements

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

There will be a Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service on April 28, at 3:00 PM. Please join us.

MAY CROWNING

May Crowning will be on Saturday, May 4, immediately following the 9:30am Latin Mass. Our celebrant will be Rev. Bede Kotlinski.

LATIN MASS SOCIAL CHANGE

BEGINNING MAY 12, our First Sunday Coffee and Doughnuts Latin Social in the Club Room will be held on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of each month after the 9:30am Mass. We are in need of volunteers to help coordinate future Second Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts Socials. Please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to volunteer. See you there!

CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE

Church restoration efforts are temporarily suspended and will continue after our 150th CELEBRATION YEAR KICK-OFF MASS, planned for Sunday, May 5, at the 11:00am German Mass.

Please plan to join us for this very special celebration!

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN

Article submissions for the Sunday, May 5 Bulletin are now being accepted and must be received by no later than close of business April 26 to be included. 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.

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!

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

Our Confirmation **confirmandi** (candidates) continue their religious studies preparing for the Confirmation Mass scheduled for June 1, 2019, at St. Colman Parish at XXXXXX. Confirmation forms a unity with Baptism and Eucharist as one of the three "sacraments of Christian initiation." It gives the grace needed to live life following the Catholic way. Confirmation is not the end of spiritual growth, it is the beginning of a life long journey of growth, learning, and discovery.



Please keep our Confirmation confirmandi in your prayers!

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!

For more information about the FORMED Book Club, visit: formedbookclub.ignatius.com

FORMED

Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME Want to Help the 150th 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 Anniversary Jubilee

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 recession 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 FUNDRAISER GALA

Here are some ways that you can Participate / Donate / or Help Sponsor the **150th FUND RAISING 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.

ANY DENOMINATION OF GIFT CARD IS WELCOME! WE WILL CREATE RAFFLE BASKETS WITH YOUR DONATED GIFT CARDS!

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.

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

150th FUNDRAISER 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.

Around the Diocese

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."

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