



# 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)

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 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, May 11, Church

#### **Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

5:00 PM † Bud and Edna Nelson

### Sunday, May 12, Church

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Deacon Moisés Cruz

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Third Sunday after Easter)

† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Alumni Mass—Living and Deceased Members of

St. Stephen Alumni Association

### Monday, May 13, Rectory Chapel

#### **Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)**

6:30 PM Lawrence Blasius

### Tuesday, May 14

#### **Saint Matthias, Apostle**

6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria of Paschaltide) (Church)

† Art Burke

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Patricia Burfield

### Wednesday, May 15, Church

#### **Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Salvatore Bevelacqua

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

### Thursday, May 16, Church

#### **Saint Ubaldus, Bishop & Confessor**

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass - Intentions of Judy Kovalsky

### Friday, May 17, Rectory Chapel

#### **Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM Mass CANCELLED

### Saturday, May 18, Church

#### **Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

5:00 PM † Eleanor Fischbach

6:15 PM Baptism

### Sunday, May 19, Church

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Fran Corbin

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

Intentions of Alyssa Opincar

11:00 AM † Hilde Spaeth

Baptism after 11:00am Mass

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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
May 11 & 12	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Caroli
May 18 & 19	Fr. Ben	Fr. Franz	Fr. Ben
All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 11 and 12

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Diana Lipfird / Liz Filippi
Acolytes	Terry Shannon Sergio and Bella Rivera	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Boys

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 18 and 19

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Russ Nieling	John Rieth	Dianna Hosta/Diana Lipfird
Acolytes	Terry Shannon Sergio and Bella Rivera	Kevin Kroesen	Mason Martina/Augustine Cruz

## SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MAY 12

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday:	St. Matthias
Wednesday:	St. Isidore the Farmer
Saturday:	St. John I; Armed Forces Day

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## 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 Stropm
Fred Courtright	Jim Lester	Laura Thomas
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Inis Lustru	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Wanda Eland	Jennifer Martinc	Evelyn Trucks
		Karin Whyde

Nicholas Johanni — Discernment of Holy Orders

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 or removed from this prayer list,  
please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### REFLECTION

In Jesus Christ the fullness of the Good Shepherd resides. He personally loved, fed, healed, knew and sacrificed his life for the flock. Those who belong to him are marked by obedience to his voice as he said, "My Sheep listen to my voice...." The sheep of Christ live in a world which has many shepherds with different voices. The promises of these voices are temporal and limited to material goods, individual joy, pleasure, comfort, power or success in life. The voice of Christ promises eternal unification of his Mystical Body with the Father. It is important that true sheep should learn to identify themselves with Christ in their words and deeds. The point is that every Christian is called to share in the mission of Christ and to be a good shepherd to those in need of food, shelter, consolation, medical care, education, acceptance, Word of God, the sacraments, justice, protection, etc. Do not doubt, Christ is with you.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FOLLOW-UP

There will be a Follow-Up Parish Appeal collection taken next week to Improve and Enhance the Camp Experience for Campers with Disabilities. See the Catholic Charities Announcement in the Around the Diocese section of this Sunday Bulletin.

### UTILITY FUND

Next week's Second Collection will be in support of our Utility Fund.

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES – WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

- Sunday, May 12:** Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)  
Latin Mass Social—10:30am (CR)
- Tuesday, May 14:** St. Vincent de Paul—7:15pm (SFR)
- Friday, May 17:** 150th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala—6:00pm  
(Intercontinental Hotel)
- Saturday, May 18:** Prayer Group—8:30am (CR)  
Sacramental Prep—10:00am (SFR)  
Baptism—6:15pm

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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### PROLIFE CORNER - [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org) The People of Life

It is wondrous enough that someone rose from the dead by his own power. But the Lord Jesus, in rising from the dead, does not just conquer his death; he conquers ours. He overturns the entire kingdom of death. The entire ministry of the Church is focused on bringing us – and all humanity – the eternal life that flows from Christ and his Resurrection. This is the sense in which he is the Good Shepherd. Not only does he keep us from danger in this life; he shepherds us through death itself to the life that knows no end.

### MAY 4 and 5 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: \$3,589.12      Children: 7 / \$2.29  
Food Pantry: \$575.00 / SVDP: \$263.12  
Mother's Day: \$380.00 / Easter: \$100.00

Envelopes Issued: 181      Envelopes Returned: 66

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### PARISH REWARDS WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon gives! Select St. Stephen Catholic Church Cleveland as your charitable organization, make a qualifying purchase and that's it! Each quarter St. Stephen will receive a .5% donation from each and every qualifying purchase you've made.

## Parish Announcements

### 150th CELEBRATION KICK-OFF MASS HIGHLIGHTS

Many grateful thanks and appreciation are extended to:

- Fr. Franz and Fr. Ben for celebrating our German Mass in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration kick-off;
- Fr. Caroli for his sacrifice of not being able to attend due to First Communion at St. Colman Parish;
- the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for organizing a beautiful tribute to our Lord and forefathers;
- Paula McClain for her inspirational opening remarks;
- Roger Lipfird for organizing the Knights of Columbus and St. John to escort the entrance procession;
- the Society of St. Stephen for providing German Mass booklets with English translation for our parishioners and visitors;
- Ed Moore for coordinating the Forest City Singers who lifted their beautiful voices in glory to God;
- our bakers (many who were part of the Forest City Singers) who donated delicious pastries, cookies, cakes and various other items for our reception;
- Ron Strah who videotaped the celebration;
- Russ Nieling for narrating an inspirational tour of our beautiful Church;
- those who participated in the celebration of this Mass;
- and all who assisted in set up and clean up of the reception.

**Your participation in this Mass made it a truly blessed celebration!**

### HOLY LAND GIFTS WILL BE ON SALE MAY 25 and 26

There will be a display of hand carved religious items for sale from Holy Land Gifts outside the Blessed Mother's side church entrance on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. Nativity and last supper scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and many other beautiful religious articles will be available.

Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles.

When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension and oppression. Thank you for supporting this project and helping to keep Christians present in the Holy Land, the birthplace of Jesus.

**May God Bless You!**

### CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE

Our Church restoration efforts continue. Scaffolding is erected on the North side of the Church facing West 54th. The entrance on the North side will be closed until further notice. Please use the main entrance or the South side entrance facing West 54th.

### ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETINS

If you are interested in having an article or announcement published in one of our Sunday Bulletins, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633. **Thank you!**

## Parish Announcements

### 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

### CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Augustine Institute

From Saints to poets to Popes, many great and Holy Men and Women have contributed to the richness of our faith. And sometimes this can be intimidating: Which book to read? Where to start? What questions should I tackle first? We heard your requests, and we are honored to launch our latest series, **What Every Catholic Should Know**. Over the next few years, we will release many exciting titles designed to give you a wide panoramic view in easy-to-understand language sure to inspire your faith. And starting today, the first book is available. Written by renowned theologian and Scripture scholar - Dr. Michael Patrick Baber - **Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know** will give you clear answers to important questions every Catholic should have about salvation. This book makes the perfect gift for a friend or family member looking to dive deeper. Grow in wisdom and appreciation for the beauty of the Church's teachings while gaining confidence in how you explain and share your faith.

For more information, check out our website: [augustineinstitute.org](http://augustineinstitute.org)



### 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 5:00pm. The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. will minister the Sacrament.



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!**

## 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

### 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, 6:00pm-10:30pm, (Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm):

#### 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.

**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](http://www.ststephencleveland.org) for an Advertisement Request Form.

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL HELP TO DEFRAID 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 Inter-continental 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. Brad Sussman, former WEWS-TV Meteorologist.

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

### THE HOUSE OF LORETO.....

a **ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Spirit**, has openings in their Senior Citizens and Palliative Care Center.

The House of Loreto is a non-profit home offering resource-determined rates with no need to spend down. They accept Veterans' Aid and Assistance. The monthly payment is all-inclusive without "add-ons" for every care need.

For more information or to arrange a tour of the facility, please call 330-453-8137.

## Around the Diocese

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FOLLOW-UP

Next weekend, we will be participating in an important Follow-Up Parish Appeal for Catholic Charities. Funds raised through this effort will support improving the camp experience for campers with disabilities through camperships to help reduce financial burdens, programming and activities for campers with special needs, and cabin renovations that are adaptive for campers of all abilities. With your support, Catholic Charities will be able to serve more campers with special needs and enhance their experience once they arrive at Camp Christopher.

#### **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

All new, increased, and additional gifts returned in the In-Pew Envelopes next weekend or donated online at: [www.CatholicCommunity.org/Camp](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/Camp) will be matched up to \$100,000. We hope you see the benefits that camp can have on persons with special needs. Prayerfully consider the impact you can have on all who attend Camp Christopher, and please give as generously as possible. Contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910.

**Thank you for making a difference!**

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

#### Monthly Grief Support—May 19 at 3:00pm

Please join us for an hour of leaning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00pm, except on holidays then we meet the 4th Sunday. **The next Support Group is Sunday, May 19th** at: St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).

#### **The topic for May is: "Your New Normal. What is Normal?"**

No registration is required— just come and join us. For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>; or you can contact Rhonda Abrams directly at 216-930-4866 or at [rabrahms@clecem.org](mailto:rabrahms@clecem.org).



### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT)

Walsh Jesuit High School is offering the HSPT Practice Exam again on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00am-12:30pm. The Practice Entrance Exam offers 7th grade students their first look at the HSPT. This exam can be taken only once a season. There is a \$20 exam fee, payable on the day of the test—cash or check made payable to Walsh Jesuit High School. Students should bring pencils, but calculators are not permitted for the exam. For more information or questions, contact the Office of Admissions at 330-929-4205 or [admissions@walshjesuit.org](mailto:admissions@walshjesuit.org).

### MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous