St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church
A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869
Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9, 2020

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 Kolecik and Matthew Tirabassi
Lectors:
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
Nathan Marinchick
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 faithful 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 is celebrated monthly. Call the Parish Office to register.

Marriage
Weddings should be arranged with the Parish Office 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, February 8, Church
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Emily Sted

Sunday, February 9, Church
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Septuagesima Sunday) - Jim and Linda Lucas Family
11:00 AM  Alumni—Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

Monday, February 10, Rectory Chapel
Saint Scholastica
6:30 PM  Intentions of Nicholas Lichter

Tuesday, February 11
Weekday, Our Lady of Lourdes
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes) (Church) † Emily Sted
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel) Homebound Parishioners

Wednesday, February 12, Church
Seven Holy Servite Founders
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass— Special Intentions of Don and Missy Krock and Hawaii Neighbors
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, February 13, Church
Feria
6:30 PM  Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 14, Rectory Chapel
Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
6:30 PM  Intentions of Laura Bonneau

Saturday, February 15, Church
Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Anthony Chresos

Sunday, February 16, Church
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Sexagesima Sunday) - Special Intentions of Thomas and Dawn Cables
11:00 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

Sunday:        FiŌh Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Monday:        St. ScholasƟca
Tuesday:       Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday:            Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Saturday:       Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

Monday:       1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:       1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 11:1-43; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Thursday:     1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:      1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:         Sir 2:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen  Albertina Gall  Jennifer Martinc
Luann Ashby  Mike Gallo  Cielo McClain
Victoria Bailey  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Patricia McGonegal
Burley Blankenship  Susan Hatta  Elizabeth Niehaus
Lawrence Blasius  Larry Haynes  Barbara Riehl
Patricia Burfield  Barb Helon  Mark Reynolds
Jack Busdiecker  Catherin Henry  Ken Schneider
Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefere  Terry Shannon
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Glenn Sneed
Fran Corbin  Roger Hoy  Sharon Sneed
Fred Courtright  Robert Johnson  Ann Stomp
Deacon Moisés Cruz  Renée Kolecki  Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Rebecca D’Andrea  Milan Kovatch  Evelyn Trucks
Dianna Daubert  Fred Krisch  Margie Walters
Ed Duritsky  Inis Lustri  Karin Whyde
Wanda Eland  Ann Malone
Kelem Fabrice  Tracy Martin

Nicholas Johanni — Discernment of Holy Orders
Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Mallo-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.
REFLECTION
Jesus in the Gospel told His followers, “You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.” This explains that believers have Divine grace to purify or transform the world for people to experience concretely in their life the Goodness of God. In this mission of Christ, the faithful believers are illuminated by the Holy Spirit to see the truth and lead others wisely to the truth. The world is urgently in need of these Divine treasures [Salt and Light] of Christians to encounter the universal love of God. In the message of prophet Isaiah, your light shall shine brightly before God especially when you share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless...etc. The point of focus for us is to persevere in practicing works of Mercy.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Light shines through the darkness for the upright.— Psalm 112:4

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez already. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal. To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)   February 8

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.” “— Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PROLIFE CORNER   Abortion Survivors

Child psychiatrist Philip Ney relates, “A woman reported telling her nine year old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said, ‘I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?’” (Abortion Survivors, p.36). This is a story repeated more times than most people realize, and representing a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors.

It is clear that abortion’s primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted, and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society. “priestsforlife.org
**Parish Announcements**

**LENTEN SEASON SPIRITUAL GUIDES**
Limited copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion*, and *One Bread, One Body* booklets are available in the back of the church to help enhance your spiritual journey during this Lenten Season. Look for them in the new literature rack located in the back on the St. Rita side of the church.

**NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION**
Next week’s second basket collection is in support of our Parish Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

**Save the Date!**

The West Shore Chorale Coming to St. Stephen – February 23, 2020

St. Stephen welcomes back the West Shore Chorale for “Great American Choral Classics-Then and Now,” at 3pm on Sunday February 23, here in the sanctuary. The 90 members of the Chorale will treat us to an afternoon of choral music celebrating American Composers. We’ll hear pieces covering a range of styles, including Thompson’s the Peaceable Kingdom, Ives’s Sixty-Seventh Psalm, Lullaby by Billy Joel, and others. The concert will also feature works by native-born composers including Ave Maria by David Conte and the Cleveland Premieres of Threads of Joy by Tim Brent and The Field from Dave Malloy’s new Broadway musical, “Octet.” John Drotleff will conduct, along with Associate Conductor, Michael Lisi.

No tickets are necessary but a freewill offering will be taken. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Stephen. For over 50 years, the West Shore Chorale has been serving Cleveland with great choral performances and a commitment to community outreach.

For more information call 216-373-7773 or visit: www.westshorechorale.org.

**This Week in the Latin Rite**

“While men were asleep, his enemy came and over-sowed cockle among the wheat.”

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Thought for the Day:** God is the Creator of the world, and what He has made is good. How then do we account for the evil in the world? Because man has free will, he can misuse God’s gifts and transgress His Commandments and do evil.

Bible and Liturgy: God, Who is a loving Father, may permit good people to undergo suffering and frustration to cleanse them from all attachment to evil. Often evil is a mystery.

**Prayer:** O faithful Jesus, Thou great lover of our souls, who hast sown the good seed of Thy Divine Word in our hearts, grant that it may be productive, and bear in us fruit for eternal life; protect us from our evil enemy, that he may not sow his erroneous and false doctrine in our hearts, and corrupt the good; preserve us from the sleep of sin, and sloth that we may remain always vigilant and armed against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, overcome them manfully, and die a happy death. Amen. Rev. Fr. Leonard Goffine

**Ministry Updates**

**2020 FISH FRY APPEAL**
Our Annual Fish Fry has been a tradition here at St. Stephen Parish during the Lenten Season for over 30 years. Initially started as a way to bring our own parishioners together during the Holy Season of Lent, it has grown to include visitors from all over the Cleveland Diocese who not only partake in the Fish Fry, but who come to tour our historic church and to pray the Stations of the Cross with us.

Our number of committed Fish Fry volunteers has been steadily decreasing. To properly manage the increasing volume of weekly patrons, we need a commitment from our St. Stephen parishioners in the form of volunteers to help us sustain this blessed Lenten tradition. Without your assistance, we will need to suspend our Parish Lenten Fish Fry.

Whether you are available for every Fish Fry, or only a few, help is needed EVERY FRIDAY during Lent for set-up (3:00-4:00pm), the serving line (4:00-7:00pm), and clean-up (6:30-8:00pm). Fish Fry Fridays this Lenten Season: February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10.

Please call the Parish Office at (216) 631-5633 to VOLUNTEER!

**LATER . . .**
One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. —Samuel Johnson
Pope Francis names Bishop Nelson J. Perez as Archbishop-Elect of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

... “I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this appointment and his confidence in me. It is with great joy tinged with a sense of sadness that I accept the appointment — joy that I will be returning to serve the archdiocese in which I was ordained to the priesthood, where I served as the pastor of two parishes and where I held several leadership positions within the archdiocese, and sadness that I will be leaving an area and the incredible people in Northeast Ohio I have come to love deeply,” said Bishop Perez. “I will never forget the kindness and hospitality of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland. They will remain in my heart and prayers always. A change is an ever-present part of life, I now turn my attention southeastward as I look forward to my return to Pennsylvania to shepherd the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.”

“I am especially grateful to the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and all the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland and, needless to say, my senior staff and all who work with me at the diocese for their help over the past two and a half years in continuing to advance the mission of the Church in the diocese with great passion and dedication. I will never forget the kindness and faithfulness of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland.”

Archbishop-Elect Perez will remain at the helm of the Diocese of Cleveland until his installation as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on February 18. Direction on the future governance of the Diocese of Cleveland is forthcoming.

To read the article in its entirety, go to:

National Marriage Week 2020—February 7-14, 2020

Married Life
Marriage is a vocation to holiness. From their first days as husband and wife through their golden years, married couples have the awesome task of witnessing to God’s faithful love to each other, their children, and society. No couple does this perfectly, and everyone needs help when love feels strained and the going gets tough. All marriages can grow in knowledge, faith, joy, and love. Whether you are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under your belt, the advice, real life stories, and Church teaching here can help strengthen and bless your marriage. For more resources, go to www.foryourmarriage.org/married-life/

Prayer for Married Couples
Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

February Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, February 17 from 9:30am - 11:00am. With Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. Cost: $10. Offered at Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register, contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
From February 26—April 5, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray any time between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm—12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44102 or Planned Parenthood—25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights, 44146 or Family Planning—54 South State St., Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr church in Eastlake on February 25 at 7 pm with Keynote Speaker, Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

www.40daysforlife.com/Cleveland
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