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

1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
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Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff
Pastor:
Rev. Carol 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
Lectors:
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
Nathan Marinchick
St. Vincent de Paul:
Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

Metro Catholic Parish School
1910 West 54th Street
Mary Lou Toler, Director
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita
216-281-4004

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 pledged 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 is 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.
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 17, Rectory Chapel
Weekday, Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
6:30 PM  Lloyd Hemphill

Tuesday, February 18
Weekday
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria) (Church)
          Wedding Anniversary—Brian and Mary Rotsaert
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel)  Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, February 19, Church
Feria
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass — Special Intentions of Tammy Bevelacqua & Family
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, February 20, Church
Feria
6:30 PM  Ed Habjanic

Friday, February 21, Rectory Chapel
Weekday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop
6:30 PM  Conversion of Sinners

Saturday, February 22, Church
Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  †† Russell & Dawn Sutherland

Sunday, February 23, Church
Seventh 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 (Quinquagesima Sunday) – In Thanksgiving Daniel Odoemene
11:00 AM  † Chrisann Blankenship, Deceased Members of the Smith Family, Living & 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

Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Feb 15 & 16  Fr. Benjamin  Fr. Franz  Fr. Caroli
Feb 22 & 23  Fr. Caroli  Fr. Franz  Fr. Caroli
All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  February 15 & 16
Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Lector  Russ Nieling  Andy Reichert  Jerry Nowesnick
Euch.Min  Jim Lisi  TBD  Dianna Hosta, Mary Lucianov,=
Acolyte  Glenn Sneed  Kevin Kroesen  Mason Martina

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  February 22 & 23
Saturday 5PM  Sunday 8AM  Sunday 11AM
Lector  Glenn Sneed  Andy Reichert  Diana Lipfird
Euch.Min  Jim Lisi  TBD  Dianna Hosta, Jean Gandee
Acolyte  Bella & Sergio Harris  Kevin Kroesen  Mason Martina

SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9
Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents’ Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9
Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
                   1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:
Walter Allen  Alberta Gall  Tracy Martin
Luann Ashby  Mike Gallo  Jennifer Martinc
Victoria Bailey  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Cielo McClain
Burley Blankenship  Susan Hatta  Patricia McGonegal
Lawrence Blasius  Larry Haynes  Elizabeth Niehaus
Patricia Burfield  Barb Helon  Barbara Rieh
Jack Busdiecker  Catherin Henry  Mark Reynolds
Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefer  Ken Schneider
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Terry Shannon
Fran Corbin  Roger Hoy  Glenn Sneed
Fred Courtright  Robert Johnson  Sharon Sneed
Deacon Moisés Cruz  Renée Kolecki  Ann Stomp
Rebecca D’Andrea  Milan Kovatch  Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Dianna Daubert  Fred Krisch  Evelyn Trucks
Wanda Eland  Inis Lustr  Margie Walters
Kelem Fabrice  Ann Malone  Karin Whyde
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 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.
REFLECTION
In today’s Gospel, Christ is not abolishing the ten commandments, but rather he is challenging us his disciples to be more practical, perfect and sincere in fulfillment of them. The whole moral value of any legal observance (the Mosaic law included), comes from the interior disposition of one who witnesses or keeps the law. No one serves or honors God by only exterior acts, be we ever so laborious or continuous, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honor and please God. This is the approval of the constitution of the new law, Christianity. The old law is not abolished, but expanded and given a new interpretation. True and sincere service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the ten commandments is our way of demonstrating to God that we are grateful, obedient and faithful to him who gave us all we have and who has assured us future gifts infinitely greater still. And just as our love for God is attested by our true love for our neighbor, so the last seven of the commandments impose on us obligations regarding our neighbor. It is only by fulfilling these seven that we can fulfill the first three which govern our relations with God.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020
What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION
Next week’s second collection will be in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.
Your generosity is a blessing to those less fortunate. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 8 & 9 OFFERTORY COLLECTION
General Collection: (56) $2,136.00 / Children: (3) $3.00
Ecclesia Nostra: (28) $1,192.12
Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 234

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9
Sunday, Feb 16
Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)
Schola Practice-10:40am-12:00pm (CR)

Monday, Feb 17
Parish Office Closed—President’s Day

Saturday, Feb 22
Sacramental Prep—11:00am (SFR)
- Confirmation
(CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

PROLIFE CORNER
Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his first encyclical letter “God is Love”: “In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. “Worship” itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented” (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn. ~ priestsforlife.org
Parish Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of President’s Day.

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.

THE “ECCLESIA NOSTRA” FUND
Every penny donated to the Ecclesia Nostra fund will be used to support only the operating needs of the Parish. If you wish to donate to this fund, please write “EN” in big letters on any envelope. Writing “EN” will direct your donation to the Ecclesia Nostra Fund. Blue-colored Ecclesia Nostra envelopes will be included in your Offertory Envelope mail starting in April of 2020. Thank you for your generous contribution to this fund!

Save the Date!

Join Us on February 23, 2020 • 3:00pm
for
Great American Choral Classics
Then and Now

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 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

“But that on the good ground, are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.”

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Thought for the Day: Many are the evils that threaten our eternal salvation in the midst of the world; the good seed falls on the highway, but its growth is prevented in many ways. Each one of us should resolve at the foot of the altar to make use, as St. Paul would have us do, of every means to ensure our final salvation. What shall it profit us to gain the whole world, if by so doing, we imperil our own soul?

Prayer: O Lord God, King of heaven and earth, may it please Thee this day to order and to hallow, to rule and to govern, our hearts and our bodies, our thoughts, our works, and our words, according to Thy commandments, that we, being helped by Thee, may here and for ever be delivered and saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.—Roman Breviary

‘Offer your heart to the Mother of God and to all the saints that you may know and live their sentiments towards the things of the world. Beg them to destroy within your own soul by the power God has given them, any attachment you may have for the world and its pleasures.’ ~ St. Jean Eudes

Opportunity to Serve

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland will celebrate the Rite of Election on Sunday, 1 March 2020, in two liturgies, 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM. We are in need of volunteers to assist us with these liturgies!

Altar Servers will serve in the traditional roles (thurifer, cross, book, candle) for the liturgy, and will in addition be asked to carry candles during the Procession of the Catechumens and the Procession of the Candidates for Full Communion.

Volunteers for the 2:30 PM liturgy are asked to arrive no later than 1:30 PM. The liturgy should conclude between 3:30-4:00 PM.

Volunteers for the 5:30 PM liturgy are asked to arrive no later than 4:30 PM. The liturgy should conclude between 6:30-7:00 PM. Carpooling is suggested, if possible.
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: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/news/2020/01/23/pope-francis-names-bishop-nelson-j-perez-as-archbishop-elect-of-the-archdiocese-of-philadelphia

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Did you know Theology on Tap West will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at Around The Corner Saloon & Cafe in Lakewood?

Father Andy Turner, vice-rector, Borromeo Seminary and director, pastoral formation, Saint Mary Seminary, will discuss "Missionary Millennials: A Call to Discipleship."

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Holy Spirit Prayer Center and the Living Word Ministry of Praise Prayer Group will host a Healing Mass & Service on Saturday, February 22nd, at 6:30 pm at St. Ambrose Church. Fr. Bob Stec will be the Mass celebrant. There will be Eucharistic Adoration following the Healing Mass and Denise Calabrese will lead the praise and worship time and healing prayer service.

During the days when we are feeling a sense of brokenness and facing challenges in life, let us come together for God’s Healing Grace.

This is a Free Event! Visit http://www.StAmbrose.us or holyspiritprayercenter.org for more details.

6th ANNUAL STITCHING THE FUTURE: A NIGHT AT THE RACES — February 21st from 7:00-10:00pm, Cost $40.00. All proceeds go to Esperanza Threads. Price includes pasta buffet, beer and wine, raffles, and a night full of fun. Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 1355 W. 70th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Esperanza Threads 216-961-9009 Email: customerservice@esperanzathreads.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE — February 26—April 5

You too can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God’s help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

16,746 babies saved from abortion
196 abortion workers converted
104 abortion centers closed

Here’s how you can participate:

Vigil locations:

Preterm—12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44102
Planned Parenthood—25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Hts., 44146
Family Planning—54 South State St., Painesville, 44077

Vigil hours: 7am—7 pm daily

Local contact: John Noall 2216-245-9744 or email: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com

Learn more... get involved... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaigns at the web addresses shown below:

www.40daysforlife.com/Cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights