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    Email: ststephendh@gmail.com

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 2, 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 Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi
Cantors:
Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb
Latin Schola Director:
Nathan Marinich
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
216-281-4044

Sisters of Notre Dame Convent
1891 West 57th Street
216-631-0754

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Those wishing to become Catholic are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

New Parishioners—Please contact the Parish Office to register.
**MASS SCHEDULE**

We welcome all Parishioners and Visitors back to Mass at St. Stephen. The Confession schedule is as follows—

**Saturday, August 1, 2020, Church**

Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Anthony Cardinal’s Son—Healing

**Sunday, August 2, Church**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Wanda Eland—Cure
9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM Tridientine Latin Mass (9th Sunday after Pentecost)—
   Intentions of Ray Schmiß
11:00 AM German — † Marine Sgt. Wolfgang “Kyle” Weninger
5:00 PM Tridientine Latin Mass — Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Monday, August 3, 2020, Rectory Chapel**

Weekday
6:30 PM † Jerome Duhigg

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

Saint John Vianney
6:45 AM Tridientine Latin Mass (St. Dominic) (Church)
   Intentions of Ray Schmiß
6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † Helen E. Devaney

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020, Church**

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6:30 PM Tridientine Latin Mass — Intentions of the Marinchick Family
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

**Thursday, August 6, 2020, Church**

Transfiguration of Our Lord
6:30 PM † Jerome Jankowski

**Friday, August 7, Church**

St. Cajetan
6:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass (1st Friday) † Johanna Wirbel

**Saturday, August 8, 2020, Church**

Vigil of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM † Chrisann Blankenship, Dawn Tucker, Deceased Members of the Smith Family, Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

**Sunday, August 9, Church**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM † Joann Guira Musgrave, Helen Guira
9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM Tridientine Latin Mass (10th Sunday after Pentecost)—
   † Coletta Spuhler
11:00 AM Alumni —Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association
5:00 PM Tridientine Latin Mass — Karen Cables

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

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**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

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All Sundays at 9:30am & 5:00pm & Holy Days: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES August 1 & 2**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2**

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**SAINTS & OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF AUGUST 2**

Tuesday: St. John Vianney
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II & Companions; St. Cajetan; 1st Friday
Saturday: St. Dominic

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Walter Allen   Alberta Gall   Maureen Masterson
Luann Ashby    Mike Gallo     Cielo McClain
Victoria Bailey Jack Grimm, Sr. Patricia McGonegal
Burley Blankenship Susan Hatta Elizabeth Niehaus
Lawrence Blasius Larry Haynes Mark Reynolds
Patricia Burfield Barb Helon Randy Rollins
Jack Busdiecker Conor Hennessey Ken Schneider
Ann Caldwell   Catherine Henry Terry Shannon
Fr. Joseph Callahan Cecilia Hoefer Glenn Sneed
Fran Corbin    Agnes Hogan    Sharon Sneed
Christine Courtright Milan Kovatch Ann Stromp
Fred Courtright Fred Krisch    Isabel Guadiz Tobey
Deacon Moisés Cruz Inis Lustri  Evelyn Trucks
Rebecca D’Andrea Ann Malone    Karin Whyde
William Fry    Tracy Martin    Verona Family
Wanda Eland    Jennifer Martinc John Young

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—for his pursuit of his priestly vocation
Rose Johanni—Discerning Religious Life
Curtis McQuaide Family

Our brave First Responders 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.
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION
In our gospel reading today, we hear much rather about something very strange. We meet with someone who has the power to give us food, all the food we would want. And no money needed. “Though you have no money, come! Listen to me and you will have good things to eat” (Isaiah 55). This sounds too good to be true! But it is not just anyone who is calling. It is the Lord himself, opening wide His hand. “You open wide your hand, grant the desire of all who live” (Psalm 144). In this episode, Jesus feeds five thousand plus: “They all ate as much as they wanted.” The connection with the Eucharist is obvious and deliberate. This miracle teaches us to be aware of how Jesus feeds us in a miraculous way in the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the hunger in our world today is all too real and painful. But there are other hungers too: hunger for love, hunger for peace, justice and security, hunger for help and comfort in difficulties and, perhaps the strangest and deepest of all, the hunger for happiness, and a hunger for coronavirus vaccine, etc. So, what remains? To believe, to trust that the Lord is absolutely to be relied on. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao

DONATE / GIVING — OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
We would like to request that you continue to prayerfully consider mailing in your weekly offertory and/or to utilize the On-Line giving through our website, ststephencleveland.org. Understandably, St. Stephen Church consistently relies upon your individual offertory donations, and your personal giving to meet our monthly expenses.

We wish to extend a very special thank you, always, for your very thoughtful and prayerful generosity in support of our Church, especially during these challenging times.

Please continue to join us in praying for all of those who are suffering from this virus, from illness or disease of any kind, and for all of our dedicated health care workers.

PROFLIFE CORNER — In June of 2013, Pope Francis led a weekend celebration in honor of the Gospel of Life. In his homily, he proclaimed that God is Life, and that being pro-life is a great yes to who God is. He said, “All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the “Gospel of Life” but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, ... It is the idea that rejecting ... the Gospel of Life, will somehow lead to freedom, to complete human fulfillment. As a result, the Living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death.” Together, let us choose life! ~Priestsforlife.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding 1st Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be 14 years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood. A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that “children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion.” This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.—Rev. James Field, © J.S. Paluch Co.

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...
Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Nina Nardy united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 1, 2020!

Rosalina Lola Greene and Elisabeth Mallias who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, August 2nd at the 9:30 AM Mass!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
Evelyn Trucks, who is celebrating her 84th birthday on August 2nd!

A message from Abbé Nicholas Johanni —
“Upon finishing my first year of seminary and with having received the cassock, I would like to thank the Saint Stephen’s Community for its spiritual and financial support of my vocation. This has been an immense aid for me, one for which I give daily thanks to God. I pray for you all, entrusting you especially to Saint Joseph. Please continue your gracious support. May God bless you abundantly for your generous spirit. In Christo Rege et Maria, Abbé Johanni”
Welcome Back to St. Stephen Church!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank God profoundly for his love, mercy and goodness to all of us throughout this unprecedented time in our life’s history. Unequivocally, no one ever imagined or envisioned such an experience, but all in all we should be thankful to God that you and I are still alive, healthy and resilient. Thank you for continuing your love and faith to God during this difficult time. Please accept my humble gratitude for your philanthropy and support to St. Stephen Church during this crisis. Praised be to God that all our parishioners are safe, supposedly transitioning from stay home to stay safe in Ohio! This is the reason why we should tremendously offer gratitude to God for his guidance and protection.

Regardless of the challenges and uncertainties of the world’s experience today, I am delighted to welcome all of you back to our beloved St. Stephen Church. The coronavirus pandemic experience should and must not deter us from coming together in solidarity stronger than even before, and to respond with conscientious focus on the profound resolve to reopen our church. The Catholic Bishops of Ohio have graciously recommended to have a soft opening of our Catholic Churches for public worship on Pentecost Sunday (i.e., Sunday, May 31, 2020). On that same note, the Administrator of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Rev. Fr. Donald Oleksiak, has humbly recommended that we softly open our churches with the public celebration of our weekday Masses on Monday, May 25.

Please be reminded that this soft opening of public celebration of Masses is temporal and will continue until the situation becomes normal. With weekday Masses here at St. Stephen, we shall maintain the status quo. With the Sunday Masses, note the following addition:

- Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Sunday English Mass 8:00 AM
- Sunday Latin Mass 9:30 AM
- Sunday English Mass 11:00 AM
- Sunday Low Latin Mass 5:00 PM

These changes are brought about mainly by two factors: distancing and cleaning of the church after every Mass. After missing you all for two months, I am looking forward with excitement to seeing you very soon!

As we prepare for the reopening of our church, consequently we should prepare and humble ourselves to follow all the guidelines from our Catholic Bishops and those from the Governor of Ohio. Please allow me to mention some few guidelines here which I thought are imperative: (i) The faithful are obliged to wear a mask (or other face covering) upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Disposable masks should be made available at the doors of the church. (ii) Seating is to be arranged such that six feet of distance should be maintained between members of one household and another. (iii) All parishioners should be encouraged to take their temperatures prior to coming to Mass. Any parishioner with a temperature of 100.4 F or more should stay home. Anyone not feeling well should be encouraged to stay home. Read more about the guidelines at https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/forward-with-christ/worship-guidelines.

Finally, you know that I, Fr. Benjamin, Fr. Franz and Fr. Bede continue to pray for you and for all those affected by the coronavirus – the sick, the deceased, the grieving, the healthcare workers, first responders and all those who are impacted by this disease. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Caroli B. Shao A.J.

Go forth and set the world on fire.
—St. Ignatius of Loyola
**Around the Diocese**

**BISHOP MALESIC IS EAGER TO GET ACCLIMATED WITH THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND**

Now that he’s officially been introduced as the 12th bishop of Cleveland, Bishop Edward Malesic is back in Greensburg, Pennsylvania -- where he has led the diocese for five years -- as he prepares to transition to his new role.

Bishop Malesic said he called Archbishop Perez soon after learning he would succeed him in Cleveland. They had a wonderful conversation, he said, and the archbishop told him how fortunate he was to be going to Cleveland.

“He told me, ‘I have two words: lucky you,’” Bishop Malesic recalled. The archbishop spent some time together last weekend when Bishop Malesic traveled to Philadelphia for the July 19 Mass when the archbishop received his pallium. The archbishop greeted him warmly and posed for a photo, sharing the encounter on Twitter tweeting, “With the new Bishop of Cleveland, Bishop Edward Malesic (@DIOCESEofCLE). So happy for Cleveland!!!”

“Bishop Malesic brings to his new diocese vast administrative expertise, a priestly heart and a deep commitment to serving the pastoral and temporal needs of the Church with zeal and energy,” Archbishop Perez said. “It has been a privilege to work with him here in Pennsylvania since my appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia in January. The Church in Ohio is receiving a true gift from Pope Francis in the person of Bishop Malesic. I know he will serve joyfully as a faithful shepherd and spiritual father.”

“The people of the Diocese of Cleveland will always be near to my heart. My service as their shepherd was filled with many happy memories. I know they will embrace Bishop Malesic with the same spirit of faithfulness and warmth I experienced during my time there,” the archbishop added. ...

Bishop Malesic will be installed on Sept. 14 during a Mass in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Installation details are being arranged. The Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website.

Until the new bishop is installed, Father Don Oleksiak will continue serving as diocesan administrator, a role he has filled since Archbishop Perez was installed in February in Philadelphia.


**PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL WITNESS**


**Holy Land Gifts**

**HOLY LAND GIFTS — ST. STEPHEN — August 1 & 2**

There will be a display of handmade articles for sale today, such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosary, the last supper and many beautiful religious articles. 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 who live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land of Jesus’ birth.

**The FEST**

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for Aug. 9. It promises to be a “Glorious” day as The FEST marks its 20th year with a special event filled with faith, hope and family fun.

Father Bob Stec, pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick and FEST founder, said even the coronavirus pandemic couldn’t stop The FEST 2020. And the best thing about this year’s event is everybody – from anywhere in the world -- can attend from the comfort of their homes, he added.

“You can all join in and invite everyone you know because TheFEST@home is restructured with the help of the latest technology,” Father Stec said.

TheFEST@home will conclude with a livestreamed, outdoor Mass (weather permitting) and fireworks display. For more information on TheFEST@home, to register for a craft kid, giveaways, purchase raffle tickets or signup for the weekly newsletter, visit [thefest.us](http://thefest.us).

**AM 1260 - The Rock**

Now more than ever, our Priests need our prayers. AM 1260 The Rock is pleased to support The Seven Sisters Apostolate. This Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of your Pastor or a specific Priest. Learn How to Start a Group at Your Parish! Join our Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87203015661](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87203015661).