Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 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 Kolec 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:** 4:15—4:45 pm — St. Francis Room
- **Sunday:** before 9:30 am Mass — St. Francis Room & Club Room

*Please call the Parish Office if you wish to scheduled a private Confession. In addition, please see Fr. Caroli's letter on page 4.*

**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, 2020, 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  Tridentine 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  Tridentine Latin Mass — Karen Cables

**Monday, August 10, 2020, Rectory Chapel**

Saint Lawrence
6:30 PM  Joseph Jankowski

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Saint Clare
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria) (Church)
Joshua Marinchick
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel) †† Lloyd and Gregory Zimmer

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020, Church**

St. Clare
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass — Emily Rogacs & Kurts Wagner
7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

**Thursday, August 13, 2020, Church**

Feria
6:30 PM  Intentions of Justin Dailey

**Friday, August 14, Rectory Chapel**

Saint Maximilian Kolbe
6:30 PM  Intentions of Brian Rotsaert

**Saturday, August 15, 2020, Church**

**Vigil of The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM  † Mary Pearce Renner, † Elizabeth Pearce and † Lawrence Pearce

**Sunday, August 16, Church**

**The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM  All Impacted by COVID-19
9:00 AM  Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (11th Sunday after Pentecost)—† John Dailey
11:00 AM  † Chrisann Blankenship, Dawn Tucker, Deceased Members of the Smith Family, Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family
5:00 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass — † Travis Garczynski

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — August 8 & 9**

**Saturday 5PM**
Lector  Steve McElroy
Evelyn Trucks
Matt Minarik

**Sunday 8AM**
Lector  Steve McElroy
Andy Reichert
Jerry Nowesnick

**Sunday 11AM**
Lector  Steve McElroy
Evelyn Trucks
Matt Minarik

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9**

- **Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- **Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 13; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- **Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
- **Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59; 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- **Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- **Saturday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
- **Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**SAINTS & OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF AUGUST 9**

- **Monday:** St. Lawrence
- **Tuesday:** St. Clare
- **Wednesday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- **Thursday:** Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
- **Friday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe
- **Saturday:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Walter Allen
- Mike Gallo
- Cielo McClain
- Luann Ashby
- Jack Grimm, Sr.
- Patricia McGonegal
- Victoria Bailey
- Susan Hatta
- Elizabeth Niehaus
- Burley Blankenship
- Larry Haynes
- Mark Reynolds
- Lawrence Blasius
- Barb Helon
- Randy Rollins
- Patricia Burfield
- Conor Hennessey
- Ken Schneider
- Jack Busdiecker
- Catherine Henry
- Terry Shannon
- Ann Caldwell
- Cecilia Hoefer
- Glenn Sneed
- Fr. Joseph Callahan
- Agnes Hogan
- Sharon Sneed
- Fran Corbin
- Milan Kovatch
- Ann Stromp
- Christine Courtright
- Fred Krisch
- Tirabassi Family
- Fred Courtright
- Roger Lipford
- 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 Martinic
- John Young
- Alberta Gall
- Maureen Masterson

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.
REFLECTION

God who created in love does not abandon his creatures. He reveals and identifies Himself with those who need help. The Prophet Elijah had a hard mission and fulfilled it by the Grace of God. He battled with number of obstacles like violent wind, earthquakes, and flashing fire. Amid these life-threatening images, The Lord revealed himself to the Prophet in a tiny whispering sound. In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus revealed the true God who is intimately with His people. He made himself ever available and quickly intervenes to rescue his people as he did to the Apostles when their boat was being tossed about by violent waves. He got into their boat, and at once the wind died and peace returned in the boat. The revelations of God in the lives of the Prophets and Apostles communicates a strong message to all believers not to doubt the Lord’s presence and his intervention during tribulations. Let us always run to Jesus and in faith cry out like Peter, “Lord, save me/us”. ~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

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And immediately Jesus stretching forth his hand took hold of him, and said to him: O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt? ~ Matthew 14:30

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.

“He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.” “What does it cost us to say, ‘My God help me! Have mercy on me!’ Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it.”

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

JULY 26 — AUGUST 2, 2020
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 239

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X’s generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord’s table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pro-Life Corner

Pope Francis: Abortion is Not ‘Progressive’ - In November of 2013, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation called “The Joy of the Gospel.” In it he says, “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this… Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems… Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights… It is not “progressive” to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” Together with Pope Francis, let us defend life! “PriestsforLife.org

News from the Pews

Are you a dedicated Latin Mass Young Adult (age 18-26) who is interested in our new group, Fillii Maria, for Service, Holy Recreation and Prayer? If so, please contact:
Nina Verona at oldfashionedgirl4@gmail.com
OR Matthew Tirabassi at mattirabassi@gmail.com

Traditional Latin Mass Propers

If you wish to print the propers for the translation of each Sunday Traditional Latin Mass, please go to propra.org, download the current Sunday proper and print.
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

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL WITNESS


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. ...

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 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. To read more, go to https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/news/2020/07/22/bishop-malesic-is-eager-to-get-acclimated-with-the-diocese-of-cleveland

August Pre-Baptism Class for Parents. Monday, August 10 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith. This class meets Sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please check with your parish to make arrangements for baptism. Cost per couple: $20

Every year at this time, The FEST brings together thousands of people from across our Diocese for an amazing day of faith, family and fun. Things are a little different this year for just about everything. Join us on

Monday, August 10th – 7:00pm
VIA Zoom – Fr. Don Dunson
Topic: Discovering Christ in the Most Vulnerable Fellowship & Fabulous Discussion for Adults 40 & Over

We are challenged to find Christ in our fellowman. Fr. Dunson, Ph.D. Parochial Vicar at St. Angela Merici, & past winner of the Bishop A.J. Quinn Justice Award, has written three books about his time spent in East Africa. Fr. Dunson will share what he has learned through his ministry and help us understand the most vulnerable in our own communities. We look forward to seeing you!

Limited to a 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 6 p.m. Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a special discount coupon. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the duration of the seminar.

St. Joseph Cemetery - 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon
RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 8

News from AM 1260 The Rock!
Join Brian Patrick, Dr. Matthew Bunson and Fr. Thomas Petri, OP every Saturday on “The Church Alive” to hear discussion on what is happening within the Church and world. “The Church Alive” airs twice at 7:00 am and 1:00 PM EST. Be up to date with Catholic current events!

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The FEST

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Sunday, August 9. You’ll get to enjoy the most inspiring and uplifting music from NINE of the top Christian artists/bands that you hear on 95.5 The FISH ( Casting Crowns, for King and Country, Danny Gokey, We are Messengers, Matt Maher and more). While listening to this music on the FEST website (www.theFEST.us), you’ll also be able to ‘visit’ amazing displays, get free giveaways for Moms, visit the Man Cave, all while the kids get to do crafts and activities that will offer lessons of faith and family. It’s truly going to be a glorious day. The FEST will end in a beautiful outdoor Mass with Bishop Roger Gries, followed by an amazing fireworks display (all in the comfort of your home). Please invite everyone you know to join us for a day of faith and family. While everything is different, what won’t change is God’s faithful love for us and the promise of HOPE that we will celebrate and proclaim this Sunday during The FEST@Home. Please join us: w.theFEST.us.