

# St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

*A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869  
Celebrating 150 Years of Tradition*

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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 20, 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 Marinchick

### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

Steve McElroy (ext. 16)

### **Metro Catholic Parish School**

1910 West 54<sup>th</sup> 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



### *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.*

### **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.

### **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

# This Week's Church Services

## 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 schedule a private Confession. In addition, please see Fr. Caroli's letter on page 4.

### Saturday, September 19, 2020, Church

**Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Keck and Long Families

### Sunday, September 20, Church

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 AM † Ray LaFerriere  
 9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)  
 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (16th Sunday after Pentecost)—  
 † Coletta Spuhler  
 11:00 AM † David Sacco  
 5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Tim & Mary Ellen Jakubisin

### Monday, September 21, 2020, Rectory Chapel

**Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

6:30 PM Penelope Jankowski

### Tuesday, September 22, 2020

**Weekday**

- 6:45 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (St. Thomas of Villanova)  
 (Church) — Intentions of Christine Irvin  
 6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) Rachel Hemphill

### Wednesday, September 23, 2020, Church

**Ember Wednesday**

- 6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — † Raymond Polantz, Sr.  
 7:00-8:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration and Benediction)

### Thursday, September 24, 2020, Church

**Feria**

6:30 PM M.C. Smith— Recovery

### Friday, September 25, 2020, Rectory Chapel

**Weekday**

6:30 PM Josefa Hetherington— Health

### Saturday, September 26, 2020, Church

**Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Intentions of Jason Gilligan

### Sunday, September 27, Church

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 AM Campbell Family— Good Health  
 9:00 AM Pray the Holy Rosary; Confession (see above)  
 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass (17th Sunday after Pentecost)—  
 Intentions of the Thomas O'Donnell Family  
 11:00 AM † Chrisann Blankenship, Deceased Members of the  
 Smith Family, Living and Deceased Members of the  
 Bewley Family, Maryanne Sutherland—Milestone  
 5:00 PM Tridentine Latin Mass — Lila Thornton

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



## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
<b>Sept. 19 &amp; 20</b>	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Sept. 26 &amp; 27</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Caroli
All Sundays at 9:30am & 5:00pm & Holy Days: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — September 19 & 20

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Glenn Sneed		Jerry Nowesnick

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES — September 26 & 27

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Glenn Sneed		Doris Peters

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;  
 Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,17; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
 Mt 21:28-32

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES — WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Matthew  
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—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.

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### REFLECTION

In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus presented the Kingdom of Heaven like a Landowner who hired laborers to do different amounts of work for the same payment. At the time of rewarding, the people who were employed first grumbled because they expected to get more than the late comers. They wanted to impose their will and change the original plans of the Master. The Landowner responded saying, "... am I not free to do as I wish...Are you envious because I am generous?"

There are lessons for us to learn from this parable. One of it is that the purpose of carrying out Church activities is not for gaining merit from God. Those who hold Offices, make good contributions, have built a nice spiritual structure, are active volunteers, etc. and are expected to value their services, but not to claim a reward. Works are not meant for pride, or to demonstrate one's excellency over others. The Lord wants His laborers to work lovingly with every person. His generosity is endless and rewards equally those who consider themselves as mere servants.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2020

So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen. Mt 20:1-16



### 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](http://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.

### SEPTEMBER 6 & SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

General Collection: \$4426 Children: \$2.09

Ecclesia Nostra: \$2515.12

Food Pantry: \$295 | Building Fund: \$3.06

Utilities: \$182 | General Donation: \$498.50

Wish List: \$250

Assumption of Mary: \$1 | School Support: \$31

***Thank you all for your generosity!***

Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 241

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation.

The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness. —J. S. Paluch Co.

## Pro-Life Corner

### Life and Choice

"Choice" is a positive concept, and an attractive concept. That's why abortion apologists use it. But the way they use it is a lie and, increasingly, Americans are catching on. There is hope in this development.... Increasingly, Americans are recognizing what a moral evil is embodied in Roe. Increasingly, they are aware of the vast network of lies that have been spun and fortified to sustain the illusion that abortion is somehow a good, or at least a morally neutral procedure; that it is a standard part of health care and family planning; that it is a proper exercise of a woman's freedom; that it is a solution to intractable social problems. It is, of course, none of these things. What it is, is an unfettered right to take an innocent, human life from the mother's womb. All this, more and more Americans are coming to know." ---Cardinal William H. Keeler, Former Archbishop of Baltimore January 23, 2005, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ~ PriestsforLife.org

## News from the Pews



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Arden Bischof**  
united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony  
on September 18, 2020!

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

*All Meetings and Activities – Cancelled*

**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>.

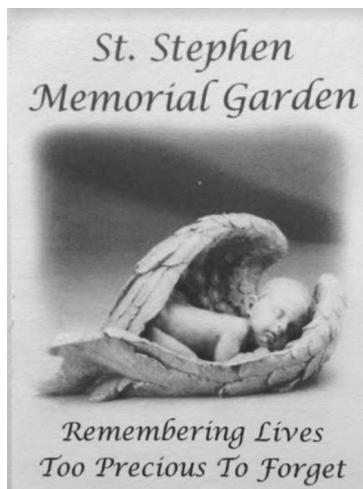
Finally, you know that I, Fr. Benjamin, Fr. Franz and Fr. Bede continue to pray for you and for all those affected by the coronavirus – the sick, the deceased, the grieving, the healthcare workers, first responders and all those who are impacted by this disease. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede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

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Caroli B. Shao A.J.

"Dost thou wish to receive mercy?  
Show mercy to thy neighbor." — St. John Chrysostom

## Please Visit St. Stephen's Prayer Garden



**You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.**

**I praise you, because I am wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works!**

**My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you.**

**When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth,**

**Your eyes saw me unformed.**

**In your book all are written down.**

**My days were shaped before one came to be.**

**-Psalm 139: 13-16**

On Saturday September 12, 2020, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League co-sponsored the 8th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children with solemn prayer vigils conducted at 54 gravesites of aborted children across the United States, as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated to the memory of aborted children.

**Did you know that St. Stephen Church has a Memorial Garden for the Unborn? It is located in the corner just to the right of the rear porch entry to the rectory. Go down the sidewalk alongside the rectory rear porch and you will see it. Look for a small pedestal with the image pictured here.**

**Please take a moment and visit the Memorial. Join your prayers with those of the National Day of Remembrance. Please take a moment and pray for an end to abortion in our nation and throughout the world. Pray for those contemplating abortion and for those who have had an abortion. Pray for those involved in promoting and performing abortions. Pray for the souls of the children whose lives were taken before they ever had a chance to be born. Please pray, especially in this election year, that voters will have the discernment to vote for pro-life leaders.**

## Traditional Latin Mass Propers

If you wish to bring your own copy of the translation of each Sunday Traditional Latin Mass, please go to [propria.org](http://propria.org), download the current Sunday proper and print.

## Around the Diocese

### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 1 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. 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.

HOLY CROSS Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park  
RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3



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](mailto:oldfashionedgirl4@gmail.com) OR  
Matthew Tirabassi at [matttirabassi@gmail.com](mailto:matttirabassi@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Collection for September 26-27



Catholic  
Communication  
Campaign  
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Next week, our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**.

This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

## St. Pius of Pietrelcina

### ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968) - September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in mid-air, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did St. Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" ~ —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.