



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

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1930 West 54th Street • Cleveland, Ohio 44102
 Parish Office: 216-631-5633 Fax: 216-631-5634
 Website: ststephencleveland.org

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ March 3, 2019

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

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick

St. Vincent de Paul:

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Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street
 Sister Anne Maline, SND, Director
 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.

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 are 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.

This Week's Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2, Church

Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

5:00 PM † Helen Ujvari

Sunday, March 3, Church

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of David "Dutch" Myers

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass -Quinquagesima Sunday

† Andrew Opincar

11:00 AM German Mass † Adrienne Archacky

Monday, March 4, Rectory Chapel

Weekday

6:30 PM Leo Bevelacqua

Tuesday, March 5

Weekday

6:45 AM (Church) Tridentine Latin Mass (Feria)

Parishioners of St. Stephen

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) † George Cowan

Wednesday, March 6, Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM † Martin Hess

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Rose Harbolt

7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, March 7, Church

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Tridentine Latin Mass † Elizabeth Fleischer

Friday, March 8, Church

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM † Nancy Golden

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9, Church

Vigil of the First Sunday in Lent

4:15 – 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

5:00 PM Intentions of Jack and Florence Kenny

Sunday, March 10, Church

First Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM † John Strayhall

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard) / Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass † Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Alumni Mass - Living and deceased members of the

St. Stephen Alumni Association

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Mar 2 & 3	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
Mar 9 & 10	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 2 and 3

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Katie Ganzer/Ursula Keck
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Ed Moore, Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon Sergio & Bella Rivera	Kevin Kroesen	Luke, Katie & Colin Joyce

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 9 and 10

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 11AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Sergio & Bella Rivera Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Boys

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MARCH 3

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen	Michael George	Ann Stromp
Kathryn Bevelacqua	Susan Hatta	Laura Thomas
Leo Bevelacqua	Agnes Hogan	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Burley Blankenship	Robert Johnson	Karin Whyde
Lawrence Blasius	Joseph Kolecki	
Patricia Burfield	Inis Lustris	
Fran Corbin	Jennifer Martinc	
Fred Courtright	Terry Shannon	
Wanda Eland	Sharon Sneed	

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

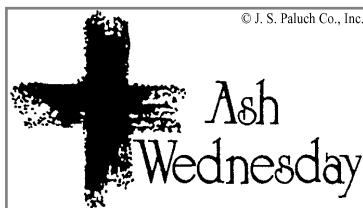
REFLECTION

Humanly speaking it is very easy to see what others do, and hear what others say—predominantly the mistakes—and pass a harsh judgment on them while overlooking our own failures. In today's gospel, Jesus urges each one of us to search as prudently as possible for our own inaccuracies as we do for the faults of others. Because when we are mindful of our own weaknesses and strive to overcome them, knowing that we also have faults, we are slow to judge and swift to give the benefit of the doubt. The Greek philosopher Socrates says that "nature has given us two ears, two eyes and only one tongue so that we should hear more than we speak". But in our contemporary world today it is the opposite—we speak more and we hear less—especially if a good person commits sins (even once) all his good works are gone and erased. So the hermeneutics of Jesus' message is that if we cannot say something good about another person, then it is better to remain silent.

- Fr. Caroli Shao

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit.
For people do not pick figs from
thornbushes, nor do they gather
grapes from brambles.
— Luke 6:44



LENTEN OBSERVANCES

An English Mass will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 5pm, and will be immediately followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

Come join us this Lenten Season!

LENT-FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Those excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, and those suffering from chronic illnesses. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.*

* U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

PROLIFE CORNER — priestsforlife.org Be the Voice of the Voiceless

"Today we stand before new challenges that call us to be the voice of the voiceless. The child growing in its mother's womb and people who are in their declining years are a claim for dignified life that cries out to heaven and that cannot but make us shudder. The liberalization and routinization of abortion practices are abominable crimes, just as are euthanasia, genetic and embryonic manipulation, unethical medical testing, capital punishment, and so many other ways of assaulting the dignity and life of the human being. If we want to maintain a solid and inviolable basis for human rights, we absolutely must recognize that human life must always be defended from the very moment of conception. Otherwise, the circumstances and conveniences of the powerful will always find excuses for abusing persons." -- From n. 467 of the "Aparecida Document" of the Bishops of Latin American and the Caribbean, 2007, presented by Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires (now Pope Francis).

FEBRUARY 23 AND 24 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: \$3218.12 Children: 0 / \$0.00
2nd Collection - SVDP: \$407.12 / Food Pantry: \$137.00
Envelopes Issued: 181 Envelopes Returned: 74

Thank you for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES—WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2019

Sunday, March 3: Schola Rehearsal—8:30am (CR)

Latin Mass Social (CR) after 9:30am Mass

German Mass Social (R) after 11am Mass

Monday, March 4: Society of St Stephen—7pm (CR)

Tuesday, March 5: 150th Committee Mtg—7pm (CR)

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday, Latin Mass—6:30pm

The **Anointing of Ashes** will occur immediately after the Latin Service, followed by a Holy HOUR (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, March 7: Holy Name Society—7pm (R)

Friday, March 8: Lenten Fish Fry—4pm-7pm (MCB)

Stations of the Cross—5pm

Girl Scouts—7pm (CR)

Saturday, March 9: Sacramental Prep—10am (SFR)

(CR)-Club Room (R)-Rectory (SFR)-St Francis Room (MCB)-Michael Bldg Cafeteria

Parish Announcements

NEW SUNDAY BULLETIN-UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We are still formatting and familiarizing ourselves with the layout of our new St. Stephen Sunday Bulletin and will be developing new content and features for future issues. Your patience and understanding while we work through this process is appreciated. Thank you!

CHURCH RESTORATION

Please be aware that additional scaffolding has been erected in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar, over the pews, and near the Confessional booth. For your safety, please try to avoid using the pews and walking around the scaffolding. **For Masses in the Church - The Blessed Mother's side entrance is temporarily closed.** Please use the North entrance or the W. 54th entrance until further notice. Reminder: the boards on the floor in front of the altar railing and in the aisles are not secure. Continue to watch for future notifications and updates.

GOT BAKERY?

The St. Stephen Fish Fry Team is always looking for bakery items to serve as dessert at the Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinners. If you have bakery you'd like to donate, you can drop your item off at the Parish Office on Lenten Friday afternoons before 5pm, or at the Michael Building basement cafeteria anytime after 3:15pm.

Whether store bought or homemade, all bakery is appreciated!



ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN

Our new Sunday Bulletin process requires an accelerated transmission time to accommodate printing and delivery. Article submissions for the Sunday, March 17 Bulletin are now being accepted and must be received by no later than close of business March 8 to be included. Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 if you have any questions.



PARISH REWARDS WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon gives! Select St. Stephen Catholic Church Cleveland as your charitable organization, make a qualifying purchase and that's it! Each quarter St. Stephen will receive a .5% donation from each and every qualifying purchase you've made. Our last quarterly rebate was just over \$40.....our highest to date!

Support St Stephen with a SMILE!

SUNDAY BULLETIN ADVERTISERS WANTED

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support our parish by advertising in our bulletin, please contact John Salmi, from J.S. Paluch, at 216-973-9314 or email John at: salmij@jspaluch.com.

Ministry Updates



OUTREACH MINISTRY

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry was blessed to be able to serve 69 patrons last week from our Food Pantry. Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open from 9:30am-1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

PSR classes prepare students for a lifetime of faith inspired by the graces received in the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. The experience creates an opportunity for the entire family to affirm and celebrate their faith. The sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament of God's mercy for our healing. Sins weigh us down and keep us from growing in holiness and in our relationship with God.

Please keep our younger students in your prayers as they currently work towards making their First Confession on April 13th.



Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a way to serve the Parish this Lenten Season? Are you a High School teen that needs Service Hours? If so, please come join us for our St. Stephen Fish Fry Fridays! Dinners are served between 4pm and 7pm every Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) in the basement cafeteria of the Michael Building. Cafeteria clean-up volunteers are the most needed. If you are interested, all you have to do is show up! Clean-up begins immediately after serving ends at 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS HELP

The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry is in dire need of volunteers, especially in support of our Community Kindness Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry serves those in need that live in our neighborhood and is open from 9:30am to 1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in helping us with this much needed and appreciated community service, please contact: Paula McClain at 440-668-0693.

Upcoming Parish Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Starting Friday, March 8, 2019

LENTEN FISH FRY

Serves Every Friday through Lent (Including Good Friday)
4pm-7pm in the Michael Building School Cafeteria

Enter through the Parking Lot on West 57th — next to the Convent at 1891 W. 57th and directly behind the Church

Menu

Takeout available on ALL Dinners and A La Carte orders

Dinners	Price	Seniors (60+)
Fish Dinner (2 pieces)	\$9.00	\$8.00
Half-Order Fish Dinner (1 piece)	\$8.00	\$7.00
Shrimp Dinner (8 pieces)	\$11.00	\$10.00
Half-Order Shrimp Dinner (4 pieces)	\$9.00	\$8.00
Combination Dinner (2 fish & 4 shrimp)	\$11.00	\$10.00
Pierogi Dinner (6 pierogi)	\$9.00	\$8.00

* Baked Fish available upon request *

All Dinners include:

- Coleslaw or Applesauce
- 2 Pierogies **or** French Fries **or** Mac & Cheese **or** Cabbage & Noodles
- Roll & Butter
- Dessert



A La Carte (Side) Orders

Coleslaw	\$1.00	French Fries	\$2.00
Applesauce	\$1.00	One Piece of Fish	\$2.00
Shrimp	\$1.00	Mac & Cheese	\$2.00
Dessert	\$1.00	Hushuppies (6)	\$1.00
Roll & Butter	\$1.00		
Homemade Pierogi (Sauerkraut or Potato & Cheese)	\$1.00		
Homemade Cabbage and Noodles	\$2.00		
Coffee, Tea, Pop or Water	\$.50		

METRO CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLANT SALE

Spring is less than a month away and soon we will be turning our clocks ahead. That must mean that the Metro Catholic School plant sale can't be far off. Proceeds from the sale support the student garden program. You can purchase flats of annuals, hanging baskets, 4" pots and vegetable plants all grown at Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake. Dean's is a locally owned family business in operation since 1924. If you would like to see their flowers you can check out their website: Deansgreenhouse.com.

Just email mcps@gmail.com to receive an order form.



Around the Diocese

39th ANNUAL ST MALACHI CHURCH WALK/RUN

On March 16, 2019 more than 4,000 people will gather on the Near West Side of Cleveland to participate in or watch the 39th Annual St. Malachi Church Walk/Run. This Cleveland tradition features a festive morning filled with 8am Mass, a 5 mile or 2 mile walk/run course and an after party celebration! Walkers are welcome to participate! The race supports St. Malachi Parish, which boasts a 153 year history of providing much-needed services to the Near West Side community. Race participants can look forward to a fantastic course through downtown Cleveland, automated chip timing with LIVE results, festive costuming, a Sole Clothing Co vintage race t-shirt, Irish dancers, a post race awards ceremony, and a party at Mulberry's. Reserve your bib today at <https://www.runstmalachi.com/>. Can't participate, but want to join in the fun? Consider registering for the virtual race where you can get the t-shirt and make a donation to St. Malachi Parish!

THE MOTHER ANGELICA TOUR

St. Raphael Center, Inc., sponsor of The Mother Angelica Tour, is announcing the 2019 local tour dates. Those who make the journey will learn about the life of the Canton native and the foundress of the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN), Mother Angelica (Rita Rizzo). The tour takes you to local sites that have a special meaning to the life of Mother Angelica. Tour pilgrims will see St. Anthony Catholic Church, the home of Servant of God Rhoda Wise, St. Peter Catholic Church and Sancta Clara Monastery. There will be an Italian lunch, Holy Mass, the Rosary and shopping at St. Raphael Books & Gifts. The tour dates are May 07, June 11, July 09, August 13, September 10 and October 08. Those interested should visit MotherAngelicaTour.com to book their journey to Canton.

ST. ROCCO PARISH MISSION

"IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD." Jn. 4:10

Join us March 10-14 at 7:00pm in the Church.

Led by FR. MIKE HOUSTON, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist Priest and Missionary

Sunday: The Love of God

(with Healing Service & Anointing of the Sick)

Monday: The Four Last Things

Tuesday: Sin and Forgiveness (Confessions offered)

Wednesday: The Catholic Family: The Image of God
(with Blessing of Children)

Thursday: Mary Mother of Perpetual Help

Everyone is WELCOME for Refreshments in the Parish Hall following services on Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday!

Thank You

Thank you to the J.S. Paluch Company for helping us work through the redesign of our new St. Stephen Sunday Bulletin.



The St. Stephen Bulletin Editors