



St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church

*A National Historic Landmark ~ Founded April 1869
Celebrating over 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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 30 and 31, 2024

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Holidays

Pastoral Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Caroli B. Shao, A.J.

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

Latin Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB

German Mass Celebrant:

Rev. S. Michael Franz (Ret.)

Parish Staff

Church Secretary:

Debbie Hemphill

Church Accountant:

Russ Nieling

Maintenance:

Glenn Rollins

Sacristan:

Organists:

Joe Kolecki and Matthew Tirabassi

Cantors:

Virginija Muliolis and Teagan Webb

Latin Schola Director:

Nathan Marinchick & Matthew Eccher

St. Vincent de Paul:

Herb Rielinger

Metro Catholic Parish School

1910 West 54th Street

Allison Klutarich, Director

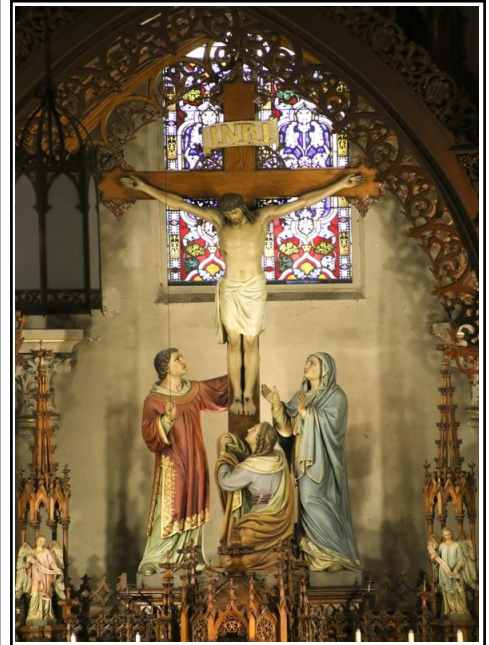
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita

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 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

German Weekend Mass

1st Sunday of every month: 11:00am

Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays

See full schedule inside Bulletin

Adoration and Devotions

Holy Hour, Confession and

Benediction — Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Rosary — Sundays: 9:00am

1st Friday Mass & Benediction: 6:30pm

1st Saturday Mass & Lecture: 9:30am

This Week's Church Services



MASS SCHEDULE

We welcome all Parishioners and Visitors to Mass at St. Stephen.
 The Confession schedule is as follows—
 ➔ Saturday: 4:15—4:45pm —Church—Confessional box
 ➔ Sunday: before 9:30am Mass—Church—Confessional box
 Please call the Parish Office to schedule a private Confession.

Saturday, March 30, 2024—Church

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 PM Parishioners

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM Cancelled

11:00 AM Parishioners

Monday, April 1, 2024—Rectory Chapel

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10:00 AM Intentions of the Marinchick Family

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Gerald E. Frizal

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Lily Tylnski

Wednesday, April 3, 2024—Church

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 PM Conversion of the Free Masons

7:00-8:00 PM Confession, Holy Hour, Benediction

Thursday, April 4, 2024—Church

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 PM Latin Mass — Mark Decapite

Friday, April 5, 2024—Church

Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) † Lona Jean Smith

Saturday, April 6, 2024—Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (Saturday in the Octave of Easter)

(1st Saturday) † "Blue" Rotsaert

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:00 PM Debi Hess

Sunday, April 7, 2024—Church

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00 AM John Grech

11:00 AM German Mass — Herb Rielinger

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



CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MARCH 30, 2024—MARCH 31, 2024

	<u>8:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
Lector:	Diana Lipfird Russ Nieling	Robert Filippi
EM:		Jean Gandee Diana Hosta Liz Filippi
Acolyte:	Glen Sneed	

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) APRIL 6, 2024—APRIL 7, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
Celebrant:	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Januarius	Fr. Franz
Lector:	Glen Sneed	Lou Ockunzzi	Katie Ganzer Tony Ganzer
EM:	Jean Gandee		Liz Filippi
Acolyte:			Kevin Kroesen

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7, or at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

To him be glory and power

For all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

~ Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6

*To him all the prophets bear witness,
 that everyone who believes in him
 will receive forgiveness of sins
 Through his name. ~ Acts 10:43*



The Easter Proclamation

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
 Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
 Let the trumpet of salvation
 Sound aloud our might King's triumph!
 Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
 Ablaze with light from her eternal King,
 Let all corners of the earth be glad,
 Knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
 Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
 Arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
 Let this holy building shake with joy,
 Filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 30 and 31, 2024

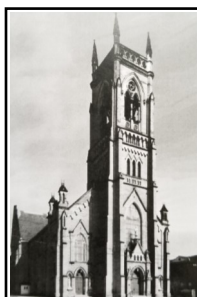
Easter is the Christian Feast celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christian tradition, the Resurrection represents Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life for His disciples. Let us remind ourselves about the famous quote from Archbishop Fulton Sheen "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." This year's Easter echoes explicitly the significance of the Passion, Death and the Resurrection of Christ and how it resonates so well to our lives today. Regardless of what is happening in our society today, we should and must be grateful to God for his love and mercy to all of us. I am recommending that we personalize this Easter celebration. Recalling the Easter reality in the life of Christ, we can acknowledge that, by the gift of faith, we have been able to pick a winner. But the hidden reality and the source of Easter joy is the fact that a winner has chosen us! The triumph is Christ's, of course, but he has chosen to share that victory with us and make all of us winners. How can we not be happy today? How can we not be grateful?

May the Easter message of Jesus, "Peace be with you!" be the gift your families and friends celebrate with each other, the gift we celebrate with each other and the gift that together we breathe into all we meet.

"HE IS TRULY RISEN ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!"

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.



The Tower Lights are being illuminated during the month of April 2024
In Memory Of

† Wanda Eland and † Phyllis Rittwage

Please remember them in your prayers!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Marie Adamo	Tim Hennessey	Sarah Morkeberg
Luann Ashby	Catherine Henry	Kevin Mulholland
Victoria Bailey	Cecilia Hoefler	Tom O'Donnell
Danielle Becka	Agnes Hogan	Juliana Ore
Tom Beercheck	Dianna Hosta	Kenneth Pachasa
Anna Berg	Diane Kinzer	Christopher A. Park
Burley Blankenship	Joe Kolecki	Greg Ray and Family
Lawrence Blasius	Kosmerl Family	Herb Rielinger
Kenneth Brady	Karen Kranstueber	Katie Schneider
Ann Caldwell	Sr. Jane Lab	Ken Schneider
Ruth Casto	Justin Latchney	Michael Sherman
Daniel Cavoli	Sr. Linda	Allan Shoman
Fran Corbin	Jim Lisi	Jill Snedden
Deacon Moisés Cruz	Linda Lucas	Glenn Sneed
Martin Eland	Inis Lustri	Sharon Sneed
Joe Eshleman	Ruth Martin	Wayne Sneed
Karen Fisher	Jennifer Martinc	Mary Jo Tacka
Kyoko Fry	Maureen Masterson	Edward Tadiello
William Fry	Cielo McClain	Evelyn Trucks
John Grech	Robin McClain	Fr. Albert Veigas
Doris Harboldt	Ben McDonald	Noel Walters
Rhonda Harrel	Steve McElroy	Devon Zink
Susan Hatta	Patricia McGonegal	
Tadaaki Hatta	Victoria Miller	

Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood

Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,
Burning Furnace of Mercy

First Responders—Officer Chris Larson, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd

Traditions and Treasures

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water! ~ Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024**

*Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord. ~ cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a*

Parish Announcements

NOTICE: PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Easter Monday (April 1).

MARCH 24, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,520.00
Children.....	\$4.50
Altar Cloths.....	\$100.00
Candles.....	\$104.00
Ecclesia Nostra.....	\$2,338.12
Fish Fry.....	\$1,506.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$20.00
Maintenance.....	\$100.00
Pierogi Fundraiser (2nd Half Sales).....	\$335.00
Rosary.....	\$35.00
Utilities.....	\$302.00

Thank you all for your generosity!

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday, March 31 Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
Saturday, April 6 Latin Lecture (CR).....after 9:30am Mass

(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

2024 Lenten Fish Fry

"Thank You!"

The 2024 St. Stephen Lenten Fish Fry again captured the Community so important to this annual event and our parish in general. Our informal polling showed that about one in five of this year's attendees lives in the St. Stephen neighborhood! Our outreach is working. Although we had plenty of to-go orders, the cafeteria was packed on most nights with folks deep in conversation and up to their elbows in fish, shrimp, pierogi and all of the other good food and drink.

The new 50/50 raffle was an additional (and very successful!) feature this year; congratulations go out to our winner, Carmen Rivera! **Between the fish fry, the 50/50 raffle and the pierogi sale, we cleared nearly \$4,000 to help sustain our beloved St. Stephen Church.**

The Parish Council extends its deepest thanks to the volunteers who put in many hours to make the 2024 fish fry so successful, and to all those who donated desserts. Thank you to Father Caroli, Father Ben and the wonderful Parish staff for their support. Most of all, thank you to the Parish community, near and far, who made this both a joyful and rewarding event.

Happy Easter everyone!

Special Thank You!

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped decorate the church with beautiful Easter flowers. We were able to purchase them with your generous donations to the Easter Flower Fund this year.



Blessings to all of you an Happy Easter!!!

Catholic Relief Services ~ Rice Bowl

Please convert your change collected to dollars or check, and mail it directly to:

CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.



If you wish, you may send your check directly to St. Stephen and we will forward it to CRS Rice Bowl. Be sure to write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line of your check.

You may donate directly online at crsricebowl.org/give.

God bless you for your giving spirit. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family!

Yours in Christ—Fr. Caroli Shao

New Altar Cloths Needed

We are looking to purchase new Altar Cloths for our Church. If you would like to help with this very important purchase, please place your donation in a plain white envelope marked "Altar Cloths" and place it in the collection basket at any of the Masses. **Thank you for your help!**

1st Annual St. Stephen Flower/Plant Sale

With spring just around the corner, you may be planning your vegetable garden, flower beds or planter boxes. This year you can beautify your yard and support St. Stephen at the same time! **We will be selling Annuals (in flats and 4in pots), Hanging Baskets and Vegetable Plants.**



You can find order forms at the doors of the church. **You will have until April 17th to place your order.** Flowers will be available for pickup on Wednesday, May 15th. If you have any questions, email Gail at: ststephendh@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Bonanza Raffle

The Knights of Columbus of St. Bernadette (our sister parish) are partnering with St. Stephen to support both KoC's and our parish's charity fundraising.

Annually, the Knights of Columbus hold a state-wide Super Cash Bonanza Raffle to allow local councils to raise funds for their charitable activities. All proceeds go to charity.

This year's Raffle campaign is underway. Each ticket offers 25 chances to win cash prizes ranging from the top award of \$49,680 down to \$500. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish office. Make checks payable to Knight of Columbus #16376. Sales will continue through April 30.

The Knights will rebate to our parish, \$2.00 for every \$5.00 ticket purchased.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support charities during this Lenten season and to support our parish fundraising efforts.

Learn more about the St. Bernadette Knights at:

<https://stbernadettekoc.wixsite.com/stbkoc>

The Divine Mercy Novena

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday, March 29, and concludes Saturday, April 6th. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The novena can be accessed online at:
thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times: *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!*

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father..." (see 6. above) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion..." (see 7. above) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.


9. Conclude with

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times)

10. Closing Prayers

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Jesus, I trust in You.

World Language Week Latin Mass

St. John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry
Latin Mass

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr
World Language Week
Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB, Celebrant
Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 7:00 am
Historic St. Stephen Catholic Church
1930 W. 54th St., Cleveland, OH 44102



The 15th Annual St. John Berchmans World Language Week Latin Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Bede Kotlinski, O.S.B. on **Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 7:00am** at Historic St. Stephen Catholic Church 1930 West 54th St. Cleveland, OH 44102.

Mass will be served by the St. John Berchmans Altar Servers Ministry (SJB), comprised of students and alumni from St. Ignatius, Benedictine and other local Catholic high schools.

Music will be directed by Annette Spallone Murphy. **Prelude begins at 6:45am.**

The World Language Week Latin Mass is an opportunity for local Catholic high school students to worship together and celebrate Latin, the official language of the Catholic Church.

Latin-English Missals will be provided for use during Mass. Rosaries will be distributed and refreshments served following the Mass. All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

The SJB is inviting Catholic men ages 14-18 interested in learning how to serve the Latin Mass to become new members. Please see Fr. Bede or call the St. Stephen Parish Office at: 216-631-5633.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.
~ John 13:34

Parish Community Advertisements

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

Help defray our costs of printing with your "freewill offering" and see your advertisement here in future Weekly Bulletins!
GOD BLESS and THANK YOU!

Thinking about buying or selling?

RUSSELL
REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Contact us for all your real estate needs

Dianna Hosta
440-785-6800
dianna@diannasellshomes.com

Rick Salvatore
216-319-6553
brookparksalvatore@gmail.com

Shaklee
Independent Distributor

Tom & Sally Ann Gaghan
Wellness Consultants

nutritional products
sports nutrition
green biodegradable cleaners
water purification
anti-aging skin care
weight management program
earning opportunity

20852 Sterling Way
Strongsville, Ohio 44149

440.238.4606
Cell: 440.263.9793

TGaghan470@aol.com
pws.shaklee.com/healthylifestyles4u

Hallowed Home
Maureen Easley
etsy.com/shop/Hallowedhome
Maureen.easley@yahoo.com
Use coupon code:
Return15 for 15% discount
for repeat customers

Specializing in vintage religious items for your home!



Tilma

Our Lady's Store in Berea
146 Front Street, Berea, OH
(440) 243-1060

Open 10 am - 4 pm
Closed Wednesday & Sunday

We sell Latin Mass Missals and Mantillas!

Milliewinks
Maureen Easley
www.etsy.com/shop/milliewinks

We deal in vintage clothing and household items!

Tranquil Healing Massage
Joan Donnelly, LMT
Licensed Massage Therapist
JoanM737@proton.me
216-269-4485

caring, focused, healing touch

Knights of Columbus

John Desmarteau, FIC
Field Agent

Phone: 440-926-6060
john.desmarteau@kofc.org

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

amy@5starspace.com
216.202.0136

Fivestar Space
Organized by Amy A. Mushinski

Professional Organizing Services
Certified KonMari Consultant



nla
nancy lowrie
and associates, LLC

Kristen Ashenbach
MA, LPC

comprehensive behavioral health services & programs

11565 Pearl Road, Suite 200
Strongsville, OH 44136
kristen.ashenbach@nancylowrie.com
www.lowrieandassociates.com

Office: 440-846-0862
Fax: 440-846-0890