



# 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](http://ststephencleveland.org) Email: [ststephendh@gmail.com](mailto:ststephendh@gmail.com)

*Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 27 and 28, 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:**

### **Organist:**

Joe Kolecki

### **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

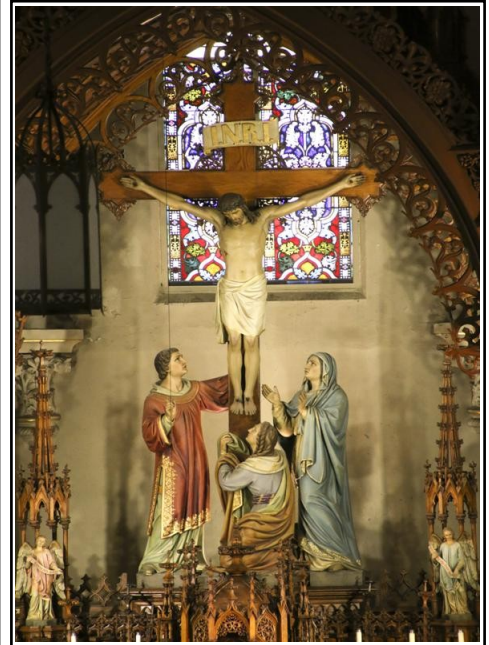
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita

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, April 27, 2024—Church

**Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM † Thomas Hayne, The Spaeth Family

### Sunday, April 28, 2024—Church

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Sharon Sneed

11:00 AM † Carolyn Salvatore

### Monday, April 29, 2024—Rectory Chapel

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 PM Kathryn DeCapite

### Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Easter Weekday**

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Shirley Rowehl

6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — Penelope Jankowski

### Wednesday, May 1, 2024—Church

**Easter Weekday**

6:30 PM Paul Marinchick

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

### Thursday, May 2, 2024—Church

**Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 PM Latin Mass — † Raymond Polantz Sr.

### Friday, May 3, 2024—Church

**Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

6:30 PM Latin Mass (1st Friday) Vicki Myers

### Saturday, May 4, 2024—Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter)  
 (1st Saturday) † Ralph Nock

**Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM † Tom Hanway

### Sunday, May 5, 2024—Church

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Rosemary Jankowski

11:00 AM German Mass — †† Horst and Herman Kinscher  
 †† Sophie and Max Juran

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



## CELEBRANT & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 APRIL 27, 2024—APRIL 28, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Benjamin	Fr. Franz	Fr. Benjamin
<b>Lector:</b>	Russ Nieling	Doris Peters	Diana Lipfird
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		Diana Hosta
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Kevin Kroesen	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 MAY 4, 2024—MAY 5, 2024

	<u>5:00PM MASS</u>	<u>8:00AM MASS</u>	<u>11:00AM MASS</u>
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Caroli	Fr. Franz
<b>Lector:</b>	Glen Sneed	Diana Lipfird	Tina Waters / Ursula Keck
<b>EM:</b>	Jean Gandee		
<b>Acolyte:</b>			Kevin Kroesen

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

## Prayer Corner

### Prayer before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus  
 while before Your face I humbly kneel and,  
 with burning soul,  
 pray and beseech You  
 to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments  
 of faith, hope, and charity;  
 true contrition for my sins,  
 and a firm purpose of amendment.



While I contemplate,  
 with great love and tender pity,  
 Your five most precious wounds,  
 pondering over them within me  
 and calling to mind the words which David,  
 Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:

"They have pierced My hands and My feet,  
 they have numbered all My bones."

Amen.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 27 and 28, 2024

In today's gospel passage, Jesus promises His disciples that His relationship with them will remain even after His death. His words, like the vine, will remain with them. As we encounter Jesus through the Word of God, worshiping community and the Eucharist, we too can bear fruit in His love and continue His work of reconciliation in the world. This bond between Jesus and His disciples is the foundation for their strength to continue to do the mission that He began. It is very important, then, that when He says to us "I am the vine and you are the branches," what it means is that we, as Christians, do not just apparently walk with Him or experience Him but rather He is within us, in each other, in our community, and in those outside our community. Because through His own incarnation He has become incarnate in every human being. We pray therefore that He remains always in us and we in Him so that we can walk the way Jesus walked, to care the way He cared and to love the way He loved.

~ Fr. Caroli Shao, A.J.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

Brother Kevin Cush—Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

Sean Homcy—Vocation to Priesthood

Abbé Nicholas Johanni—Vocation to Priesthood

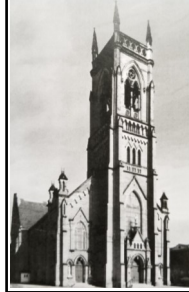
Sister Rose-Marie (Rose Johanni) of the Passion of the Royal Heart,  
Burning Furnace of Mercy

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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

*O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

~ cf. Psalm 98 (97):1-2



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!*

### Traditions and Treasures

Today we hear Jesus say that He is the true vine and we are the branches. The comparison of the chosen people with a vine was used in the Old Testament: Psalm 80 speaks of the uprooting of the vine in Egypt and its replanting in another land; and in Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7) God complains that despite the care and love he has lavished on it, His vineyard has yielded only wild grapes. Here, the comparison has a different, more personal meaning: Christ explains that He Himself is the true vine, because the old vine, the original chosen people, has been succeeded by the new vine, the Church, whose head is Christ. To be fruitful one must be joined to the new, true vine, Christ: it is no longer a matter of simply belonging to a community but of living the life of Christ, the life of grace, which the nourishment that passes life on to the believer and enables him to yield fruits of eternal life. — Rev Bernard J. Papania Jr., scborromeo.org/

### Pro-Life Corner

#### **The meaning of choosing to receive the Holy Eucharist:**

The Church has taught consistently for 2000 years that those who receive the Eucharist are publicly professing their Catholic faith and are seriously striving to live by the moral teachings of the Church. Those who reject the teaching of the Church on the sanctity of human life and those who do not seek to live in accordance with that teaching place themselves in contradiction to the communion of the Church, and so should not receive the sacrament of that communion, the Holy Eucharist. We all fall short in various ways, but there is a great difference between struggling to live according to the teachings of the Church and rejecting those teachings.

- Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You, A Pastoral Letter on the Human Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life by the Most Reverend Salvatore Joseph Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, May 2021. Read the complete statement at:

<https://sfarch.org/inthewomb/>

~ [priestsforlife.org](http://priestsforlife.org)

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia. ~ cf. John 15:1,5*

# Parish Announcements

## APRIL 21, 2024 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection.....	\$1,623.00
Altar Cloths.....	\$1,500.00
Candles.....	\$132.00
Ecclesia Nostra .....	\$1,346.12
Food Pantry.....	\$21.00
Maintenance.....	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$238.12
Utilities.....	\$20.00

*Thank you all for your generosity!*

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	Schola Practice (CR).....8:00am
	Latin Social (CR).....after 9:30am Mass
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	Latin Lecture.....after 9:30am Mass

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

## Offertory Envelope Changes

Beginning with our **May 2024 Envelopes**, Our Sunday Visitor will be shipping all of the Offertory Envelopes **monthly** rather than every other month. In addition, **the design of our Ecclesia Nostra envelope has changed**. Please notify the parish office if you do not receive your Offertory Envelopes.

## Special Thank You!

Fr. Caroli and the Outreach Committee would like to acknowledge and say **“THANK YOU”** to the **Knights of Columbus from St. Bernadette Parish**. The Knights held a vigorous collection for our Food Pantry Ministry and collected an extraordinary amount totaling **\$8,500.00!** Please include the Knights of Columbus and parishioners of St. Bernadette in your prayers for all they do to help St. Stephen and our neighborhood.



From left: Phil Keller, Frank Benkalowycz, Joe Schilens, Father Caroli, Rich Noga, Paul Nicholas, Gail Schmidt.

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. ~ John 15:4a, 5b*

## May Crowning / Mother's Day

We would like to extend a special invitation to all parishioners and guests to attend our **Parish May Crowning after the 9:30 Mass Sunday, May 12th**. Weather permitting, the Crowning will take place in the Parish Garden. **We will celebrate our Blessed Mother and all Mothers** in the garden directly following the Crowning. We would appreciate help setting up and cleaning up, as well as inviting everyone to bring a delicious dish to share. Please call the parish office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



## St. Stephen Plant / Flower Sale

If you missed the deadline for ordering flowers **you can still support St. Stephen's by going directly to Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145.**

Make a purchase between **May 1, 2024 and June 15, 2024** and St. Stephen will receive a percentage of your purchase. Just mention St. Stephen when you check out! **THANK YOU!**

## 2024 Parish Picnic—Save the Date

**St. Stephen Parish Picnic / Upper Edgewater Park Pavilion  
Sunday, August 25, 2024  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Plan to join the fun at our annual parish gathering! Free food, drinks, games and good fellowship! Take a moment now to put it on your calendar. **Hope to see you there!**

## New Altar Cloths Needed

We are in the process of purchasing new Altar Cloths for our Church. If you would like to help with this much needed 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!**

## 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. This year's campaign is almost over, with sales continuing only through April 30.**

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.

**The Knights will rebate to our parish, \$2.00 for every \$5.00 ticket purchased.** Learn more about the St. Bernadette Knights at: <https://stbernadettekoc.wixsite.com/stbkoc>

## Fatima Statue Visit



Eucharistic Congress

# Fatima Statue Visit

Join our parish as we host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima in a day of prayer and reparation in support of the Eucharistic Revival in our nation.

**DATE:** Sunday, June 23, 2024

### Let's Pray Them Back!

We all have family who has fallen away from the Catholic Faith. Please submit your special intentions for these loved ones.

Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA/  
Our Lady's Blue Army. [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)



The World Apostolate of Fatima, USA/Our Lady's Blue Army is launching a tour of the historic National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima ahead of the Eucharistic Revival walking pilgrimage along the Seton route, from Connecticut to Indianapolis.

The Cleveland Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing Her to the Cleveland Diocese, to ten host parishes for a Night of Love, offering an evening vigil of Eucharistic reparation for the return of fallen-away and marginal Catholics.

Petitions for these conversions are being gathered from across the diocese to be carried in Our Lady's Heart to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

**St. Stephen's is privileged to host Our Lady of Fatima's National Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Sunday, June 23, 2024.** Stay tuned for more details as they become available. More information will be available on the Cleveland Divisions website: [www.bluearmycleveland.com](http://www.bluearmycleveland.com).

"The foundation of our Faith is our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The foundation of the Fatima message is Eucharistic Reparation. This is where the Angel of Peace at Fatima directed us more than a century ago. Mary accompanying her Son on this journey to Indianapolis is a reaffirmation of this," said David Carollo, Executive Director, WAF/Blue Army.

*In a letter of support, Tim Glemkowski, Executive Director of the Eucharistic Revival Congress, said the pilgrim virgin statue processions will "visibly demonstrate Our Blessed Mother's accompaniment of this Eucharistic Revival journey the Church is undertaking collectively. The Eucharistic Revival, in my view, is distinctly Marian in its heart, part of the work of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts to heal, convert, form and unify the Church so that it can be sent on mission 'for the life of the world.' Our Blessed Mother never obscures her Son, but invites all to behold and know Him fully."*

## Around the Diocese



### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

#### **Holy Cross Cemetery, Cleveland – Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, at 5:30p.m. in the main office building of Holy Cross Cemetery.** Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite.

We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to :

**Holy Cross Cemetery – 216-641-7575 ext. 3** or  
email: [bstrauchon@clecem.org](mailto:bstrauchon@clecem.org)



### THEOLOGY • ON • THE • ROCKS • WEST

FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

**Join us Monday, May 13  
NEW LOCATION  
Westside Irish American Club  
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.**



*Join the Party! Enter the Dance! Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Mary's Seminary will discuss: Living the Joy of Trinitarian Communion.* Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes. **Register in advance:** [www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com)  
**Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.**

# 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