



April 3rd, 2020

Great things are STILL happening in our parish!



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

SUNDAY 10:30 AM
TUESDAY 6:00 PM
TUESDAY ADORATION 4:45 PM
WED, THURS, FRI 6:30 AM

Watch on Facebook: [@GoodShepherdNOLA](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNOLA) for all churches in our parish. Saint Stephen's Masses can be viewed through our parish website as well. goodshepherdparishNOLA.com

Holy week services will be streamed from both sights.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BY MONSIGNOR!

The church will be open during this time. Also indicate that Confession is also available by appointment. Please leave a message for Monsignor Nalty or **email him**.
Wednesday from 5-6:30 PM on the steps of Saint Stephen Church

Confession Protocol

There will be a chair six feet in front of Monsignor Nalty for face-to-face confessions and for those who prefer anonymous confessions, there will be a kneeler six feet behind him. Please remain far enough away from the steps to respect confidentiality, while you're waiting. Approach the steps when you see your fellow parishioner walk down.

Church Will Be Open For Adoration!

Please respect "social distancing," and please don't come if you are sick.

St Stephen Adoration: Tuesday from 4:45-5:45 pm
St Henry Church on Thursday from 7:00-8:00 am.

"Since things are changing daily, please go to the parish website or our parish Facebook page, [@GoodShepherdNOLA](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNOLA), or Monsignor Christopher Nalty's personal Facebook page [@monsignorchristopher.nalty](https://www.facebook.com/monsignorchristopher.nalty) for the most up-to-date information."

HOLY WEEK SERVICES (April 5th to April 11th)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7:00pm on Thursday.
- Good Friday service will be at 3:00pm.
- Easter Sunday Mass will be at 10:30am.
- All will be streamed from both the parish website and and facebook page.

All of the Holy Week Masses will also be saved on our YouTube channel [@GoodShepherdNOLA](https://www.youtube.com/GoodShepherdNOLA)

If you typically support collections at Mass, consider switching to online giving.

Last week's Lenten Fish Fry was a such success that they're going to keep doing it! Social distancing was practiced and the food was served fresh and piping hot.

Felix's is serving sea-food to go at Saint Stephen's. 15% of the proceeds goes to our church.

Friday's from noon to 7 p.m.



Share a Prayer

The following Prayer was prayed by Pope Francis on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.



Prayer to St Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

Amen.

Perhaps you have a treasured prayer or Bible verse that provides you comfort and strength. If so, please share and we will post it in the next newsletter! Let us know whether you'd like your name posted.

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Call for Sago Palms

If you have access to these palms, please place them on the landing on the school side door (St. Stephen's Church) before noon on Saturday. I'll bless them and leave them there for people to retrieve on Palm Sunday.



Watching Mass at home? Here are four ways to improve your spiritual experience:

- 1) Set all distractions aside
- 2) Set up a sacred space
- 3) Make a Spiritual Communion
- 4) Call on St. Clare of Assisi

[Read full article and watch video](#)

Speaking of Mass, did you watch the live streaming of Sunday's 10:30 homily? Monsignor Nalty delivered a powerful message of hope.

[Click to view the Mass](#)



Pending: the Nine Church Walk

We are still not sure whether the church will be open on Good Friday for the Nine Church Walk, but we are hopeful. We might send out a special blast for that. If you are willing to sit in St Stephen or St Henry from 7:00am - 2:30pm, please contact the office. We'll try and put together a schedule. Stay tuned!

Catholic Fact of the Week:

Did you know that the Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military in the world?

They have been protecting the Holy Father since 1506, in fact. Their uniforms were designed by Michelangelo and they are commonly armed with halberds (combination of sword and axe.) Members



Update on Archbishop Aymond's Health:

Archbishop Aymond remains self-quarantined at home and is making good progress. He is feeling much better, and his fever is consistently reducing. His hope and prayer is to be able to celebrate the liturgies of the Holy Triduum and Easter, which will be televised on WLAE and live streamed via theDailyMass.com as they will not be open to the public. He thanks everyone for their prayers and assures all of his continued prayers for our community. In the midst of his recovery, he has not forgotten that the community is suffering and he remains close in prayer to all who are sick, those who care for the sick, those who are grieving, and those who are suffering with fear and anxiety.

of the Guard are Catholic, male, Swiss, at least 5'8", and must demonstrate good conduct. Those who are chosen are granted a private audience with the pope along with their families.

Want to get involved?

New blood and new ideas are always welcome! Take a look at our various apostolate and volunteer groups to see what piques your interest.

Altar Society

Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3795

Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)

The Center, @ 529-1636

The Good Shepherd Choir

Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793

Event Planning

Rectory Office, @ 899-1378

Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Barbara Fortier, @ barbaraf13@aol.com

Friends of St Henry

Alden Hagordorn, @ 891-3410

Knights of Columbus

Patrick Guise, @ 812-6941

Life Apostolate

Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676

Mass Volunteers

Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793

Rectory Volunteers

Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Laura Finnegan, @ 894-9991



Spotlight on Phillip Bellini

This week have the privilege to get to know our very own Phillip Bellini, Education Director and author of the Lightning Apologetics essays found in the Good Shepherd Bulletin. Phillip describes the evolution of his faith and the incredible work he does for our parish.



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