

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

February 2, 2014 - The Presentation of the Lord
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St. Joseph Parish

Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Saint Joseph Parish, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaim, witness and celebrate the Kingdom of God among us, through service, healing and reconciling love.



Masses for the Week

Monday, Feb 3,	12:00 Noon	John Wegerzyn
Tuesday, Feb 4,	12:00 Noon	Dan Dalton
Wednesday, Feb 5,	12:00 Noon	Robert Caulfield
Thursday, Feb 6,	12:00 Noon	Timothy Abel
Friday, Feb 7,	12:00 Noon	Jerry George
Saturday, Feb 8,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
	4:30 p.m.	Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
Sunday, Feb9,	10:00 a.m.	Angelo Lauricella

Parish Registration: Call the rectory Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Baptisms: Call the rectory to schedule

Weddings: You must be a registered parish member for six months to set a date. Allow 6 months preparation time.

Confessions: Monday thru Saturday 11:30 am until 11:55 am

Holy Day Mass: Noon on the Holy day

St. Joseph Staff

Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., Pastor
Rev. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S. Assoc Pastor
Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager
Bill Baron, Maintenance

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Jim Bolton
Harry Bossey
Lou Homan
Jonathan Spowart

Parish Council

Beth Anderson John Ludwig
Steve Byington Cindy Luzar
Gary Gregory Janet Smith
Michael Landry Amy Spowart

St. Joseph Update

Pray for Fr. Goetz

Fr. Goetz had surgery on his foot as a result of infection and diabetes. He's recuperating in Columbus. Please pray for his healing. I'm sure he'd appreciate cards if you'd like to send one.

The address is:

Westminster-Thurber Community
Rev. Joseph Goetz, RM 409
717 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215



The Feast of St. Blaise

The feast of St. Blaise is Monday,
February 3rd.

We will bless throats during the noon
Mass on Monday.

True Devotion to Mary Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. at St. Albert the Great's Spirit Center (behind the playground), 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, OH 45429. Make new friends and draw closer to Jesus while reading and discussing St. Louis Marie de Montfort's Secret of Mary and Preparation for Total Consecration! Materials are available free online or \$5 for physical copies. Coffee and tea provided free by the Legion of Mary. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd, (937) 229-1431.

World Marriage Day



takes place on February 9th.

World Marriage Day is an observance sponsored by American organization Worldwide Marriage Encounter, associated with the Catholic Marriage Encounter movement and observed on second Sunday of February

each year. Its purpose is declared to be: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

The 2014 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception on Smithville Rd. Bishop Joseph R. Binzer will be the main celebrant. If you will be celebrating your 25th or 50th anniversary this year please call the rectory (228-9272) so we can send you an invitation and a scroll congratulating you on this wonderful milestone.



Coffee & Donuts

Join us next week following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome.

Financial Information

Collection for January 26th \$3885.00
Charity \$116.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.
Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.

Debbie Barker	Randy Kramer
Patricia Bornhorst	Jane Lewis
Susan Busch	Chris Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski	Lindsey Luehrs
Nancy Dolan	Milo Nickles
Rachel Dudley	Helen Moore
Earl Evans Jr	Joe Moretto
Mary Fiste	Robert Morris
Joseph S. Franchina	Dick Nardini
Gail Gaeth	Clara Osman
Clara Garza	Anna Pole
Richard Gill	Thomas Pluckett
Dorothy Grant	Isaiah Ramsey
Bennett Hart	Tony Riggs
Marie Henry	Ed Sullivan
Shirley & John Keaton	Betty Wenzel
Brittany Keirns	

Pastor's Corner

Today's Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a very ancient feast which recalls the ritual of purification of the mother that is to take place forty days after the birth of a male child (Leviticus 12:1-5). Forty days ago we celebrated the Feast of Christmas and now we recall the day when Mary and Joseph come to the Temple with the child Jesus. This feast was historically known as Candlemas Day or the official close of the Christmas season celebrating the gift of Jesus the true light of the world. St. Luke tells us that Simeon took the child Jesus into his arms and blessed God for the gift of this child who is a "light for revelation." The symbol used on this day is a lighted candle reminding us of Jesus who came to take away the darkness of sin and death.

Whenever I read this passage from Luke's gospel I am drawn to ask, what enabled Simeon and Anna to see the child of Mary and Joseph as the Messiah, the promised one of God? After all, the scene in the Temple would have been quite busy with people buying and selling animals for their sacrifice, the procession of ministers, the clouds of incense and the many people tending to the needs of weary travelers. Few people would have noticed the purchase of a pair of young pigeons by Joseph and Mary, a sacrificial offering typically made by the poor.

In our first reading today we heard a message that the prophet Malachi wrote around the year 455 B.C., just after the Babylonian exile. In his day, the people of God were not sincere in their faith; they were marrying pagan women and making mockery of their religious heritage. Malachi challenges the people to be ready and alert because the Day of the Lord is coming unexpectedly.

Unexpectedly, the Word became Flesh, God became one like us so that unlike all the other gods in history the God of the Christian faith truly understands the challenges and suffering in life because "He was himself tested through what he suffered and is able to help those who are tempted (Hebrews 2)." So what enabled Simeon and Anna to see in the baby Jesus the promised one of God?

I believe it was many years of prayer, reflection and the pursuit of wisdom that enabled this moment of revelation and enlightenment. Simeon and Anna are role models for us as we journey in faith. Both were old, their faces showing the wear and tear of time, yet attentive to the unexpected way that God would speak to their hearts on the day they encountered the child Jesus.

Would I have recognized in the face of the baby Jesus as the Messiah, the promised One of God? As we light candles today and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus the true Light of the world we are reminded of our need to be ready for the unexpected ways that God will come to us. Like Simeon and Anna we need to be people of prayer, fasting and hope-filled expectation, attentive and ready to embrace the Lord whenever He comes to us. We live in hope because our God understands the pains and challenges of life and is here to help us in our every need.

Fr. Angelo

Marriage Date Night and Learning at Emmanuel Catholic Church!

Come and join us for an ongoing series of Date Nights coupled with Marriage Enrichment Skills. These fun and informative sessions are for all couples from Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes. This night of interaction, prayer, Catechism and bible reflection and activities is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with many years ago. We will learn from a new and exciting Catholic marriage enrichment curriculum called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire" (DODD), presented by the author, Greg Schutte, Director of Marriage Works! Ohio, located here in Dayton. Classes begin on February 9th from 7:00-9:30pm in Emmanuel Church's basement and will run for 12 consecutive Sundays (excluding Easter Sunday). To sign up, please call Greg Schutte at: 937-262-7010. Space is limited to the first 20 couples, so please call soon to make your reservations. Babysitting is not scheduled for this class, but if needed, please indicate this in your call and we will work towards accommodating this service. For more information prior to this meeting, please go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Is God calling you to something new? The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers lay men and women the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge and skills through classes, mentoring, supervised ministry experiences and community support. Evening and Saturday classes fit into a busy adult lifestyle. Call 513-231-1200 for information about graduate and non-degree options or to set up a personal interview.

Prayer for Feast of the Presentation

(This prayer can be offered at the dinner table with candles burning)

God of night and of day, we praise you for the brightness of our sun, for the softer light of the moon and the splendor of the stars, for the fires of earth that bring us light and warmth even as they imperil all who use them. By the great and small lights we mark our days and seasons, we brighten the night and bring warmth to our winter, and in these lights we see light: Jesus, whose light we receive in baptism, whose light we carry by day and by night.

In the beauty of these candles, keep us in quiet and in peace, keep us safe and turn our hearts to you that we may ourselves be light for our world. All praise be yours through Christ, the light of nations, the glory of Israel, for ever and ever. Amen. *(Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers)*

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers	Cody Landers
Greg Marcus	Alex McGarvey
David Musgrove	Jessica Pruitt

Cancelled—TAI CHI Class

Thank you to all who responded with interest in the Tai Chi class planned for February at Trinity Center. The Health Ministries Commission deeply regrets the need to cancel the series due to the instructor sustaining an injury. The commission will review the possibility of re-scheduling the class later in the year.

Have you registered?

If you attend Mass at St. Joe's but have never registered as a member of the parish, please consider doing so. It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life;
Monday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday: St. Agatha
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Blessed Virgin Mary