

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

March 30, 2014 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
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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, Mar 31,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
Tuesday, Apr 1,	12:00 Noon	James Bauer
Wednesday, Apr 2,	12:00 Noon	Karl & Halpin Families
Thursday, Apr 3,	12:00 Noon	Bob Karl
Friday, Apr 4,	12:00 Noon	Jane Lewis
Saturday, Apr 5,	12:00 Noon	Mike Longo
	4:30 p.m.	Christopher Upthegrove
Sunday, Apr 6,	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

Finance Council

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

Fr. Goetz Update

Fr. Goetz is doing better and wanted to let everyone know how much he appreciates all the prayers and cards from St. Joseph parishioners. If you would like to send a card the address is:
Westminster-Thurber Community
Rev. Joseph Goetz, RM 409
717 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215

Financial Information

Collection for March 23rd \$6235.00
Charity \$173.00
Thank You!

Way of the Cross at Holy Trinity

Sunday, March 30th

Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. - Trinity Center

Way of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church, with reflections from Fr. Jim Schutte and music from the Guatemalan parishioners of St. Leo's church in Cincinnati.

Generations of Faith



Friday, April 4

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner & Faith Presentation

Knights of Columbus Hall (Across from Trinity)

“Generations of Faith” is an opportunity for the parishioners of Region 7 to gather for food, fellowship and faith formation. There is NO CHARGE for the event. There will be crafts and activities for children 3rd grade and younger during the presentation by Mr. Frank Runyon. His presentation will focus in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

RSVP is required by March 31, 2014

Name: _____

Please list how many will attend:

___ Adults ___ youth 9th grade -4th
___ Children 3-PreK ___ Under

Registrations can be put in the collection basket, sent to the parish office or called in to the parish 228-9272.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Make plans to spend time with the Lord this Lent. St. Joe’s will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent following the noon Mass until 4:00 p.m. There will be group prayer as well as time for private meditation. Please sign-up for a specific hour using the sheets in the back of church, or drop in whenever you can for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Call Bobby at 435-4858 if you have questions.

Welcome to St. Joseph’s

Christian & Jodonna Alvarez and daughter Sofia

Mary-Anna Borgerding

Gregory Meyer

Bruce & Cynthia Rank and children Joseph, Alex, Christopher and Julie

Victor & Karen Trapani

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

Patricia Bornhorst

Greg Bowers

Susan Busch

Pamela Cabrera

Fran & Al Dabrowski

Nancy Dolan

Rachel Dudley

Earl Evans Jr

Mary Fiste

Joseph Franchina

Darrel Francis

Gail Gaeth

Clara Garza

Richard Gill

Dorothy Grant

Bennett Hart

Marie Henry

Brittany Keirns

Robert Garrity

Randy Kramer

Chris Luehrs

Lindsey Luehrs

Milo Nickles

Helen Moore

Joe Moretto

Robert Morris

Clara Osman

Anna Pole

Stephanie Potter

Thomas Pluckett

Isaiah Ramsey

Tony Riggs

Lillian Snyder

Ed Sullivan

Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent the Church celebrates "Laetare" Sunday. This designation comes from the Latin word for "Rejoice" which is the first word of our Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday. We are mid-way through our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and alms giving. As we continue our Lenten journey the church encourages us to be strengthened in our Lenten commitment to turn away from sin and to prepare our hearts to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter.

Do you remember the words to the song Amazing Grace? "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see." The inspiration for this hymn came from today's gospel reading. It was written by an English preacher named John Newton who experienced a dramatic conversion in his life.

In his early adult years John Newton was involved in slave trading, selling people for money. Newton saw nothing wrong with this practice. But when he came to know Jesus in his life Newton was confronted with the truth that all people are children of God. He soon turned away from his sinful practices and made the words of the blind man cured in John's gospel his own—"I once was blind, but now I see."

Even though John Newton was not physically blind, he realized that he was morally and spiritually blind. This is a key point for our reflection because there are many ways that we can be blind through bad habits, selfishness, stubbornness, cynicism or a failure to see how blest we really are by God. During this Lenten season we are called to turn away from the darkness of sin and to live in the light of the Lord.

This is important because things are not always what they seem to be. I'm sure you have heard the proverb, "You can't judge a book by its cover." In our First Reading today we encounter Samuel, someone who does not judge by appearance but looks into the heart. Jesse felt sure that Samuel would be more interested in one of his older son's to be anointed king. Yet, God had chosen David, the youngest, to be the king.

In a similar way, the Pharisees were so sure that Jesus was not the Messiah that they made it their business to discredit Jesus with the hopes of getting rid of him. Because of their hardness of heart the Pharisees were not able to celebrate the healing miracle that the blind man received from Jesus. They lived in darkness, unable to see that Jesus was the true light of the world. It is His life and love that enables us to break out of the darkness of our lives.

The Light of Faith helps us to see with the eyes of goodness, justice and truth. With the Light of Faith we are able to stand in the midst of suffering, confusion or doubt and say "God is here." This week ask yourself: "Where is the darkness in my life that keeps me from experiencing the Light of Christ?" "How is your life different when you see with the Light of Faith?"

From March 29-April 1st I will be directing a parish mission at my home parish of St. Joseph's in Wapakoneta, Ohio. In April the parish will celebrate the 175th anniversary of their founding and invited me to lead their Lenten mission. Your prayerful support will be appreciated!

Fr. Angelo

The popular prayer to St.

Peregrine seeking the saint's intercession for those who have cancer will be held on Sunday, April 13. The Prayer begins at 2:00 pm in the Chapel at Maria Stein Shrine. Prayer will include Scripture, music, two testimonials, and veneration of the relic of St. Peregrine. All are welcome—all ages, all faiths. Especially welcome are those who have cancer, their families, and medical personnel. The prayer is expected to take about one hour after which there will be refreshments and conversation in the gathering space. Maria Stein Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd. Maria Stein.

Lenten Scripture Study Who Do You Say That I Am?

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.... I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them..."

There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter..."

Join us in an opportunity to meet Jesus anew in the unique images presented by each of the gospel writers.

Thursdays 10:30 to 11:45 School cafeteria
April 3 - John - The Word Made Flesh

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola
Friday: St. Isidore; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Saturday

2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as Disciples of Christ by supporting ministries serving people throughout our Archdiocese. Please join with your fellow parishioners of St. Joseph and the other 212 parishes in the Archdiocese as we all work together to support the CMA. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

St. Joseph Goal: \$14,581

Pledged: \$11,960.67

Collected: \$10,260.67

Participation: 19%

Number of gifts: 76

Walking with the Apostles

Lent is not always about giving up something to sacrifice it is also a time to re-enforce positive activities that benefit Body, Mind and Spirituality.

Many of you are already involved with exercise programs and what you are presently doing can be used for this Lenten program. We are at the 4th

Sunday in Lent and 15% of the way from Jerusalem to Rome. The members of the Health Care Ministry are impressed with how well the Region 7 parishioners are doing walking with Saints Peter and Paul on their final journey to Rome. Keeping the scriptures in mind as a way of prayer and meditation during exercise is a holistic way to prepare for the Easter and Pentecost Celebrations. Keep up the good work.

Our reflection for this week is from *1 Samuel 16:7*- "Not as man sees does God see, but because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

Remember to tally your physical activity by counting the miles walked, jogged, ran, or time exercised (15 minutes of physical activity as one mile). Note your tally each week using the forms on the table in the back of church and drop them in the box provided or email them to Beth at bandersonlnana.4@roadrunner.com.

Total miles this week 79, total to date 448.

Availability

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but for our availability.