

# St. Joseph Church

June 24, 2012 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
411 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402 Telephone 228-9272

## 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

<b>Monday, June 25,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Paul Venditti</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 26,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Clara Dieringer</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 27,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Jerry George</b>
<b>Thursday, June 28,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Mary Wegerzyn</b>
<b>Friday, June 29,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Michael Kiss</b>
<b>Saturday, June 30,</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>AlTrick</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Tom Hogan</b>
<b>Sunday, July 1,</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph Parishioners</b>

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

**Baptisms:** Noon on Sunday, 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  
Beth Anderson, Office help

### Finance Council

Jim Bolton  
Lou Homan  
Jonathan Spowart

### Parish Council

Harry Bossey  
Rick Carlile  
Chris Crawford  
Mary Doerr  
Cindy Hill  
John Ludwig  
Amy Spowart  
Libbie Worley

# *St. Joseph Update*

## ***Peter's Pence Collection***

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace" (Homily, January 1, 2011.) Cast the peace of Christ upon the world-please be generous in today's collection.

## ***Furthering our Faith through Film***

Having recently celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi, please join us for the film "Eucharist" by Fr. Robert Barron and learn more about this profound mystery of our faith. The film is a little more than an hour in length. We will meet on Friday, June 29 at 1:00 pm in the rectory basement. As usual, a light lunch will be served and all are most welcome! If you have questions please call Bobby at 435-4858.

## ***For Greater Glory***

The Knights of Columbus organization is encouraging us to go to the movies and see a newly released film entitled "For Greater Glory." Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson writes: "This movie powerfully tells the largely unknown story of the Cristero War and the struggle for religious freedom in Mexico during the persecution of the Catholic church in the late 1920's." "The film is unique inasmuch as it is a major motion picture that treats a religious subject with great respect and understanding." The film is a "spiritual journey" reflecting upon the example of the saintly Mexican Martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. For further information see ForGreaterGlory.com.

## ***The Greatest Need***

*The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.*

*Happy Birthday Fr. Angelo  
June 30th*

*May God bless you abundantly  
for all you do in his name.*

## ***Family Retreat at Home***

Bring the World Meeting of Families 2012 in Madrid to your home May 30 – June 2. Check the our web pages and Facebook beginning May 30th for an easy to use, online, interactive retreat at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/world-meeting-of-families-online-retreat/>. Families can continue to experience the retreat in "small bites" through weekly posting June 10 through August 12.

## ***Financial Information***

Collection for June 17th \$6994.00  
Charity Collection \$233.00

***Thank You Frs. Angelo and Ken***

## ***Prayer List***

*Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the pray list please call the rectory.*

<i>Jim Allen</i>	<i>Randy Kramer</i>
<i>Peg Anderson</i>	<i>Jane Lewis</i>
<i>Patricia Bornhorst</i>	<i>Stella Lipinski</i>
<i>Greg Bower</i>	<i>Chris Luehrs</i>
<i>Ralph Chapman</i>	<i>Helen Moore</i>
<i>Tim Chapman</i>	<i>Walter Overholser</i>
<i>Willie Dunson</i>	<i>Barbara Pacey</i>
<i>Joseph S. Franchina</i>	<i>Isaiah Ramsey</i>
<i>Robert Garrity</i>	<i>Riley Slattery</i>
<i>Clara Garza</i>	<i>Mary Helen Wedig</i>
<i>Dorothy Grant</i>	
<i>Laura Grump</i>	

## *Pastor's Corner*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. The First Reading at Mass from the Prophet Isaiah reminds us of the call that we have been given to be a “light to the nations,” to take a stand for what is right and to offer a word of comfort to someone in need. So too, as John the Baptist pointed the way to Jesus, each of us, by reason of our baptismal calling, are to lead others to Christ. To prepare ourselves to announce the good news of the Kingdom of God it is important to first enter into silence to listen carefully to the voice of God.

From now until July 4<sup>th</sup> the Bishops of the United States are inviting us into a period of prayer, study and silence to understand more clearly the threats to religious liberty that have become a part of the culture of relativism that is so prevalent in our country today. To help focus your time of study, please read the special edition of the Catholic Telegraph that was published this week highlighting the theme of religious liberty. There are also handouts available in the back of church published by the U.S. Bishops Conference on frequently asked questions on religious liberty. You are encouraged to enter into special times of personal prayer, family prayer and public prayer that we might listen more closely to the voice of God during this fortnight for freedom.

### **Why a Fortnight for Freedom?**

From June 21-July 4, the U.S. Catholic bishops are recognizing a “Fortnight for Freedom” to draw special attention to current threats to religious liberty. One concrete example of this challenge is the mandate by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for religious institutions, such as universities, hospitals and charitable organizations, to facilitate access to contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs, which would be contrary to their religious beliefs. It is an unprecedented action by the federal government to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty. Other examples of attacks on religious liberty include state laws, such as those in Alabama, that forbid the Church to offer charity and pastoral care to undocumented immigrants. Regardless of anyone’s status, the Church cannot hold back access to the sacraments or basic human needs to any child of God. The Fortnight for Freedom is an opportunity for people of all faiths to remember that we should not confine our faith to just the worship space, but we have a human right to bring it to the public square for the common good of all who live in this land. To learn more and to access resources for participation, please visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org) and click on the “Preserving Religious Freedom” link under the Resources menu. Additional information can be found at [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).



### **Special Prayer Times for the Region 7 Parishes in Downtown Dayton**

On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Emmanuel Church, the prayer time in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be offered for the intention of Religious Liberty. From June 21<sup>st</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup> the rosary following the Noon Mass at St. Joseph Parish will be offered for the intention of Religious Liberty.

(Continued on back)

## Prayer for our Country

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and the working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Amen.

*(Prayer-Copyright 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

Fr. Angelo

### *Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military*

Gary Eilers            Cody Landers  
Patrick Saltsman    Michael Daly Smith  
Greg Snyder

*The Benedictine monks* of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio invite single men between the ages of 18-45 who are interested in experiencing monastic life to join them for a “Living with Benedict” vocation discernment weekend. There is no cost. Contact Fr. Finbar at 216-721-5300 ext 273 or at finbar@cbhs.net.

### **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24, 2012**

“Behold, one is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals on his feet.”  
— Acts 13:25

### *Immaculate Heart of Mary Dayton Homeschool and Parent Conference*

will be held at St. Peter Church-Family Life Center, 6161 Chambersburg Road, on Friday, July 13th from 2-8:00 pm and on Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Speakers include: Fr. Shannon Collins, Fr. Sean Kopczynski, Dr. Catherine Moran, Mrs. Colleen Billing, and Mr. John Clark. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or call 540-636-1946.

*Our adopted seminarian Bob Jansen* has a new address to receive letters of encouragement, “thinking of you” cards and small gifts. Please send your acts of kindness to:

Bob Jansen  
Canada 284  
Providencia  
Santiago  
Chile S.A.

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria  
Thursday: St. Irenaeus  
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul  
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-36; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29  
Friday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 6:13-19  
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17  
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9,  
13-15; Mk 5:21-43