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, Sept 16, 12:00 Noon  Dennis Breidenbach
Tuesday, Sept 17, 12:00 Noon  John Folfas
Wednesday, Sept 18, 12:00 Noon  Richard Schlorman
Thursday, Sept 19, 12:00 Noon  Rose Knab
Friday, Sept 20, 12:00 Noon  Richard Roll
Saturday, Sept 21, 12:00 Noon  Kay Belcher  4:30 p.m.  Mike Longo
Sunday, Sept 22, 10:00 a.m.  Poor Souls

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
Lou Homan
Jonathan Spowart

Parish Council
Harry Bossey
Rick Carlile
Mary Doerr
Gary Gregory
Michael Landry
John Ludwig
Cindy Luzar
Amy Spowart
Libbie Worley
St. Joseph Update

Parish Ministry Fair
Our Parish Ministry Fair will be the weekend of October 13th. Last year over 30 people volunteered to minister to the parish in some way. These volunteers have been much needed and appreciated during this past year. There are many ways you can volunteer, from helping on a community, serving on the altar, taking communion to the homebound or praying for those in need. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Rita to learn more 228-9272.

Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Servers
We need a few more people to help as Eucharist ministers, lectors and servers at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. Training is provided. If you'd like to help please call the rectory at 228-9272.

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish
Timothy & Julie Jaap daughter Zoe
Julie Bilinski and daughter Katie
Wanda Roll

Holy Trinity Parish Retreat: “Joy of Service”
Sr. Donna Liette is a Sister of the Precious Blood; a Holy Trinity parishioner until moving to Chicago. Sr. Donna has joyfully served the people of God as a teacher, principal, campus minister, spiritual director, and the director of Mercy Manor, a residential home here in Dayton for women seeking housing and support after prison. Presently she ministers in Chicago at the Precious Blood Center for Reconciliation. There she reaches out to at-risk youth and their families; working with gang prevention as well as the healing and reconciliation of families suffering from the loss of their children/loved ones to violence or incarceration.

The retreat is September 22 at 12:30 in the Trinity Center.

Stir into Flame the Gift of God!
Have you been looking to revitalize and/or deepen your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, enrich your prayer life, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Then this Life in the Spirit Seminar is for you! Saturday, October 19th from 9:00-5:30 PM at Incarnation Parish Center; 55 Williamsburg Lane, Centerville.
Continental Breakfast & Lunch $25 per person.
Doors open 8:00 A.M. Handicap accessible.
Your check is your reservation; space limited.
See www.CREDOAPOSTOLATE.us for registration forms. Mail checks and registration forms for each person to: CREDO Apostolate; 4919 Silver Arrow Drive; Dayton, OH 45424, by October 1st. (937.306.8090 or 937.237.2217)

Financial Information
Collection for August Sept 8th $4782.00
Charity $336.00
Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List
Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Jim Allen Shirley Keaton
Patricia Bornhorst Randy Kramer
Greg Bower Cathy Kreitzer
Robert Caulfield Jane Lewis
Tim Chapman Linda Lipinski
Tom Chapman Chris Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski Lyndsey Luehrs
Brian Deckard Rosemary Luzar
Jacqueline Deckard Helen Moore
Nancy Dolan Joe Moretto
Willie Dunson Clara Osman
Mary Fiste Barbara Pacey
Sally Fitzgerald Isaiah Ramsey
Joseph S. Franchina Melissa Smith
Robert Garrity Pat Somers
Clara Garza Henry Sorokin
Jackie George Ed Sullivan
Dorothy Grant Bob Turk
M.T. Joseph Mary Helen Wedig
Our Gospel reading for today sounds a lot like a lost and found department; the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son. In the first two parables, Jesus invites the Pharisees to see themselves as a shepherd or as a housewife who have lost something through no one’s fault. The third parable hits closer to home and to their personal experience as Jesus highlights the behavior of the two sons and the loving Father. Jesus came to save that which was lost.

Over and over again the tax collectors and sinners had been told that they were too unworthy to come before the Lord. Jesus reminds the Pharisees that they too are lost in their relationship with God. Who among us has not squandered the gifts God has given to us like the younger son? Who among us has not lost sight of the goodness in others like the older son? One way to respond to these questions is to reflect on the call to stewardship.

“The components of being a Christian steward means that we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.” “Jesus’ disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and one another.”

God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God given beauty and wonder of nature,
- Protection and preservation of the environment
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, trades/professions, arts and sciences, engaging in work as a partnership with God.

Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We are collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to God’s call in her life. How is God calling me to be a good steward of the gifts entrusted to me? (Italicized words are summary statements from the U.S. Bishop’s Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)

The younger son in Luke’s parable rejects home, family and community by failing to recognize his responsibility as a steward of God’s creation. His selfishness led him down a dead end street. The older son in doing everything right assumes he could be judge and jury over his brother and his father forgetting the need for mercy and forgiveness as a collaborator in the redemptive work of Jesus. God calls us to be stewards of His creation. In doing so we are to take on the role of the loving parent, seeing all things as gift and having a generous heart that is always ready to share and to reach out to those who are in need.

Fr. Angelo
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**40 Days for Life**

This Fall, from Sept. 25—Nov. 3, our local community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the 40 Days for Life campaign. This campaign is made up of three components: 1) Prayer and Fasting, 2) Peaceful Vigil outside the Women’s Medical Center, 1401 E. Stroop Rd. in Kettering and 3) Community Outreach by taking a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city.

On Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2:00 PM there will be a Memorial for the Unborn. On Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2:00 PM there will be a Rosary Rally lead by Archbishop Schnurr. Both events will take place at 1401 E. Stroop Rd. Please visit, 40daysforlife.com/Dayton for further information.

**WHO IS A DEACON?**

**WHAT DOES A DEACON DO?**

**WHY DO WE NEED DEACONS?**

You are invited to a meeting of interested men (and wives) to learn more about the role of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. If you have never attended an information meeting about the diaconate, this meeting will be very helpful as you consider a vocation to the diaconate or would just like to learn more about the ministry of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Besides discussing the role of deacons (and wives), the meeting will include information about the requirements for admission into the Deacon Formation Program. There will also be an explanation of the ongoing process of discernment to the diaconate and possible discernment methods.

Wednesday, October 23, 2013; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Dayton (Parish Hall)
22 Notre Dame Avenue, Dayton, OH 45404

If you plan on attending, please call Barry Mersmann, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, or Karen Brannon at 513.421.3131 or register by e-mail at deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org.

**Furthering our Faith through Film**

Would you like to know more about our Pope? Then please join us on September 27 as we watch the film "Who is Pope Francis?". The film is approximately 45 minutes long. We will meet in the basement of the school at 1:00pm, and a light lunch will be served. As usual, everyone is most welcome. If you have any questions, please call Bill at 672-8442. We hope to see you there!

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

Our regional St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located Emmanuel Church is in need of the following items: canned meats, paper products, toiletries, sugar, oil, baking mix, flour, dish soap, laundry detergent, and condiments. Thank you so much for helping us feed the hungry with your continued food and monetary donations.

**Year of Faith Photography Exhibit**

An exhibit of photography by Robert Flischel will be displayed at the University of Dayton Roesch Library as a contribution to the celebration of the Year of Faith. The exhibit is free and open to the public thru Oct. 14.

The exhibit features images that capture art from more than 50 churches in the greater Cincinnati area. Flischel explains the story behind these churches on his website. Visit http://www.udayton.edu/libraries/about/hours.php for Roesch library hours.

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

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