

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 1, 2013 - First Sunday of Advent  
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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, Dec 2,	12:00 Noon	Mike Longo
Tuesday, Dec 3,	12:00 Noon	Richard Schlorman
Wednesday, Dec 4,	12:00 Noon	Dennis Hogan
Thursday, Dec 5,	12:00 Noon	Richard Ellington
Friday, Dec 6,	12:00 Noon	Lawrence Buedel
Saturday, Dec 7,	12:00 Noon	Dominic Franchina
	4:30 p.m.	John Zimmerman
Sunday, Dec 8,	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      John Ludwig  
Rick Carlile      Cindy Luzar  
Mary Doerr      Amy Spowart  
Gary Gregory  
Michael Landry

# St. Joseph Update

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The making of a Prayer Shawl is a spiritual practice.

The prayer shawls are given to shut-ins, hospice patients, those having surgery and others in need. If you would like to participate directions are available for knitting and crocheting. The shawls are blessed and given to those who would like one. For more information call July Dalton at 247-5066.

This ministry is in need of yarn.

If you have yarn you would like to donate, please drop it off in the sacristy at church or at the rectory before 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contribution to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts of \$1635.00 will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).



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

## Support Elderly Religious

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters and brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## With Grateful Hearts

In this season of thanksgiving we are mindful of the many blessings that come to us as individuals and as a parish community.

Recently, St. Joseph Parish received the news that it was remembered in the estate of Mrs. Rose Knab, a long-time parishioner who loved St. Joseph's. Throughout her journey of life, Rose learned compassion for others and the importance of taking care of family and God's creation. Part of her family was St. Joseph parish and it was her desire that the parish have the resources it needed to continue its mission. The parish has received a bequest gift in the amount of \$75,000 from Rose's estate. Please remember Rose and her husband Bob in your prayers as generous benefactors of our parish family.

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

## Financial Information

Collection for Nov 24th \$4488.00  
Charity \$142.00

**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.

Patricia Bornhorst	Chris Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski	Lindsey Luehrs
Nancy Dolan	Helen Moore
Mary Fiste	Joe Moretto
Joseph S. Franchina	Robert Morris
Gail Gaeth	Clara Osman
Clara Garza	Anna Pole
Richard Gill	Thomas Pluckett
Dorothy Grant	Isaiah Ramsey
Shirley Keaton	Pat Somers
Brittany Keirns	Ed Sullivan
Randy Kramer	Betty Wenzel
Jane Lewis	

## Pastor's Corner



### 1st Sunday of Advent

Happy New Year! No, I am not rushing the holidays. Today the church begins a new Liturgical Year with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. This year our scripture readings at Mass will be taken from Cycle A. In this cycle the gospel readings will mainly come from Matthew's Gospel. In this gospel Jesus is constantly reminding us of the truth that "the Kingdom of God is in your midst."

In a recent article I read that the most traveled holiday in the United States is the Thanksgiving Holiday. This year with the observance of Thanksgiving falling so late in the month of November it is even more appropriate that our scripture readings this Sunday highlight the image of travel and journey. From the prophet Isaiah we are told of a day when all nations will stream toward the mountain of the Lord. "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."

Like any driver, it is essential that you stay awake while you are on your journey. Otherwise, you could easily lose control of your vehicle or make a wrong turn and miss your destination. So too, as we begin this new liturgical year our scripture readings exhort us to "stay awake" for the Day of the Lord is near.

The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar #39 states: "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christ in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

In this Advent season we are invited to look joyfully for the Second Coming of Christ as we reflect upon his birth and experience his presence in the Word of God, the Sacraments and in one another. As we journey through the four weeks of Advent the light from the candles on the Advent wreath increase symbolizing the hope and expectation of a people who wait in darkness. There is something mystical and magical about the celebration of Christmas. The vision given to us from the Prophet Isaiah instinctively takes over and we see "swords being turned into plow shares" as a greater level of respect and dignity is shared between people. The childlike innocence of youth is awakened as we dream of the day when "the lion and the lamb will lie down together."

In beginning this new liturgical year, take to heart the words of the psalmist, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." (Ps 122) To help you prepare for this journey please review the bulletin-insert this week and post it on your refrigerator or some prominent place in your home. You are also invited to pick up a copy of a page-a-day book of reflections to help you keep your focus on the coming of Christ at Christmas. These are available at the entrance of church. In this Advent and Christmas season keep on the lookout for the many and varied ways that the Kingdom of God is present and in your midst. Fr. Angelo

## *Advent Giving Tree*

As is our custom, our Advent Giving Tree in the back of the church will support the young mothers, fathers and babies served by Elizabeth New Life Center. The tree has ornaments with the names of baby items. If you would like to help, please take an ornament, purchase the item and bring it to church to place under the Advent tree. Please don't wrap the gifts as these are given out throughout the year as needed. Elizabeth New Life Center is very grateful for our support of this ministry.

## *Lighthouse Ministries CDs*

We have restocked the CDs in the display at the back of church in time for Advent. During the Advent season you might purchase a CD and learn more about the Catholic faith from many great authors. There are several topics to choose from.

## *St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive*

Our regional St. Vincent de Paul conference is making a special appeal to parishioners of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joe's to stock our food pantry for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. While stocking the pantry is important all year-round, it is especially critical at this time of the year as we strive to serve nearly 100 people a month. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will be collecting nonperishable food and other items, including: canned meats, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, soups, sugar, oil, baking mix, flour, condiments, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper products and toiletries. Thank you so much for helping us feed the hungry with your continued food and monetary donations.

## *Advent*

*Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush. -Anonymous*

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21,24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1  
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## *International Nativities Display*

The University of Dayton's annual, and all new, display of international Nativities continues through Sunday, January 26th. You are invited to UD's Roesch Library to visit the myriad of global and loving beasts - the faithful companions of the Christ Child - as depicted from many unique cultural viewpoints in the feature exhibit "And Animals Were There." Then journey on to three more exhibits on the 2nd and 7th floors. For complete information including detailed directions and parking information: [www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger](http://www.udayton.edu/libraries/manger)

## *"The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas"*

Holy Trinity Parish, 272 Bainbridge St., Dayton, is hosting a very special Christmas presentation: The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas starring Frank Runyeon (from General Hospital, LA Law, Melrose Place and others). From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of St. Nick to the secret of the Christmas Angel himself; children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time. The event will be held Thursday, **December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in Holy Trinity Church. No tickets are needed, all are invited and welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Jan Reed at 228-1223 or [jreed.holytrinity@gmail.com](mailto:jreed.holytrinity@gmail.com).

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

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

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday:	St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Ambrose; First Saturday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day