

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 8, 2013 - Second 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 9,	12:00 Noon	Florence & Russell Donauer
Tuesday, Dec 10,	12:00 Noon	Jerome Wiles
Wednesday, Dec 11,	12:00 Noon	Br. Don Neff
Thursday, Dec 12,	12:00 Noon	Lyndon & Mary Francis
Friday, Dec 13,	12:00 Noon	Melissa Smith
Saturday, Dec 14,	12:00 Noon	Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
	4:30 p.m.	Stephen A. Sichman 30th Anniversary
Sunday, Dec 15,	10:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners

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
Rick Carlile Janet Smith
Gary Gregory Amy Spowart
Michael Landry

St. Joseph Update

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Our Mass will be celebrated on Dec. 9th at noon.

"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.



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

Help Vacuuming the Church

Can you help vacuum the church every other week? The time is flexible so you can fit it around your schedule. Please call the rectory if you can help.

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

"Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Are you or anyone in YOUR family DIVORCED?

There's NO SUCH THING AS CATHOLIC DIVORCE . . . but Catholics DO civilly divorce. Please give someone a copy of this bulletin or invite them to The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group which begins Jan. 14, 2014 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the former Emmanuel Elementary School in Downtown Dayton at 153 Franklin Street. Cost of (\$20) per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. To register go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office 937-222-0227, or go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/event/catholic-divorce-survival-guide/>

Financial Information

Collection for Dec 1st \$5545.00
Charity \$210.00

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
Fran Dabrowski
Nancy Dolan
Mary Fiste
Joseph S. Franchina
Gail Gaeth
Clara Garza
Richard Gill
Dorothy Grant
Shirley Keaton
Brittany Keirns
Randy Kramer
Jane Lewis

Chris Luehrs
Lindsey Luehrs
Helen Moore
Joe Moretto
Robert Morris
Clara Osman
Anna Pole
Thomas Pluckett
Isaiah Ramsey
Pat Somers
Ed Sullivan
Betty Wenzel

Pastor's Corner

Second Week of Advent

One of the regular sounds I hear around the neighborhood is the sound of sirens announcing to all who can hear that some type of emergency vehicle is on the way to a fire, to the hospital, on the move to help someone in need. When we hear a siren we are to slow down, look around and be on the watch, prepared to stop.

John the Baptist was one such siren announcing the coming of the Messiah. He announced, "Reform you lives, the reign of God is at hand." Slow down, stop and look around otherwise you might miss the mystery of God's love being revealed. John is not asking us to add another thing to our already busy schedules and preparations. He is challenging us to allow Christ to be a part of our day to day experiences, to let His light be our guide. The goal is to keep our focus on Jesus rather than the number of shopping days until Christmas. Advent celebrates God's longing for us and our response to that longing we feel in our hearts.

When I think about role models of Advent faithfulness I think about the Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests who have given their lives in service to God and His Church despite hardships and sacrifices, often with little or no pay. With great sacrifice they built schools, hospitals, orphanages and parishes all for the honor and glory of God.

Currently there are over 45,000 religious over the age of 70 in this country. The average annual cost for their care was over \$38,000 per person. In 2012 alone, the total cost to support senior women and men religious exceeded \$1.1 billion. For most of their lives, elder religious worked for small stipends, there were no 401K plans or pensions and because Religious were not permitted to enter the Social Security System until 1972 their average social security benefit is 1/3 the amount other Americans receive as their benefit. In 10 short years the ratio of wage-earning to retired religious is projected to be 1:4.

Responding to this important need, over the last 25 years, Catholics in the United States have donated \$698 million dollars to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The national office works hard to keep administration costs at a minimum. 93% of the donations given to this fund go directly to needy Religious Orders. The success of this collection is an expression of your faithfulness to help those in need and a sign of your gratitude for the Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who you know.

When I think of a particular model of faith, I am reminded of Fr. Harold Diller. When Fr. Diller was 92 years old he received a mailing to renew a subscription to a spiritual magazine. Br. Bernie Barga asked Fr. Harold, "How long do you want to renew your subscription?" Fr. Harold asked, "What are the options?" "One, two or three years," Br. Bernie said. Without hesitation Fr. Harold said, "Three—let's go for three years!" Fr. Harold was always a person of hope and he expected to be around to see what the Holy spirit was going to do in the future. On behalf of the Religious Orders who have benefited from this collection I say "Thank you" and assure you of their prayerful support.

God intends something special for each of us this Advent and Christmas season. In the day of the Lord the Prophet Isaiah announced a new order where enemies become playmates, "the calf and the young lion shall browse together, the wolf becomes the guest of the lamb and the baby shall play at the cobra's den." Keep alert to the many and varied ways that God is bringing this new order to life!

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.

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

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47,
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a,10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross