

# St. Joseph Church

January 4, 2015 - The Epiphany of the Lord  
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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, Jan 5,	12:00 Noon	Dick Nardini
Tuesday, Jan 6,	12:00 Noon	Patti Leyland
Wednesday, Jan 7,	12:00 Noon	Dan Dalton
Thursday, Jan 8,	12:00 Noon	Michael O'Rourke
Friday, Jan 9,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Lauricella
Saturday, Jan 10,	12:00 Noon	Dennis Hogan
	4:30 p.m.	Steve Kolakowski Jr.
Sunday, Jan 11,	10:00 a.m.	Paul Folfas

**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

# Happy New Year

## With Many Thanks!

Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken offer their gratitude to all the parishioners who shared their Christmas greetings, cards and gifts in celebration of Christmas. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Our prayer for all of you is for a safe and blessed New Year!



## Rest in the Peace of Christ

Patricia Desaro

William Hinze

Michael Minogue

## Coffee & Donuts

Join us next Sunday, following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship.



## Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Celebrate your marriage at our Sweetheart Dinner Dance hosted by the Saint Joseph, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity parishes Marriage Ministry. The evening includes dinner, prizes, and a dance (including a short lesson).

**Date:** February 13, 6-11 pm

**Location:** Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St, Dayton

**Tickets:** \$35 per couple

Call Rachel at 937-554-6208 or purchase tickets after each parish Mass Jan 17th and 18th. Space is limited!

## Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Cheryl and Betty Jane Anderson

Aurea Rizera

Roger & Carol Owens

Carol Ann Hartke

Lucas Gagliardi

## Help Taking Down The Christmas Decorations

It's time to take down the Christmas decoration. We'll begin following the noon Mass on Monday, January 12. All help is greatly appreciated.

## Blood Drive in honor of Bicentennial Year

Will you share what is most precious? As part of the jubilee/celebration of their 200th anniversary in 2015, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who minister in the Dayton area, are organizing a blood drive and we hope parishioners of your parish will participate. Our founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, once said that he wished he had a thousand tongues to proclaim the Precious Blood of Jesus. We want to gather a thousand units of blood during our jubilee year as a way to thank God for the blessings he has given us, and to share those blessings with others in need. Our next blood drive will take place on Tuesday, January 6th from 8AM – 5:45PM at the Community Blood Center at 349 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio. Their friendly and professional staff will take good care of you—and enable you to take care of others. Appointments are encouraged. 1-800-388-4483. [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)

## Financial Information

Collection for December 28th \$7332.00

Christmas \$7673.00

Charity \$216.00

**Thank You!**

## Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Please call the rectory if you would like someone added to the prayer list.

Dick Antolini

Gene Austin

Patricia Bornhorst

Greg Bowers

Susan Busch

Pamela Cabrera

Fran & Al Dabrowski

Joyce Craig

Nancy Dolan

George Dopf

Rachel Dudley

Earl Evans Jr

Mary Fiste

Joseph Franchina

Darrel Francis

Gail Gaeth

Richard Gill

Jim Hanerty

Dan Hartke

Bennett Hart

Marie Henry

Brittany Keirns

Randy Kramer

Bill Lauber

Chris Luehrs

Lindsey Luehrs

Milo Nickles

Joe Moretto

Robert Morris

Anna Pole

Stephanie Potter

Isaiah Ramsey

Tony Riggs

Gerry Slattery

Ed Sullivan

Betty Wenzel

## *Pastor's Corner*

### **Feast of Epiphany**

In our gospel reading this Sunday we heard that the Magi embarked on a pilgrimage to pay homage to Jesus, the new born King. Their journey reminds us that we too are on a pilgrimage in this life. We are seeking to grow in love of God and one another as we look forward in hope to our heavenly home. The Magi were guided by a star to the place where Jesus was to be found. We are guided by sacred scripture, the sacraments, the teachings and traditions of the Church, our prayer life and fellow Christians.

In the Middle East, the title magi comes from the words “magician” and “magic” often being connected to astrologers. These men were thinkers and philosophers filled with an inquiring spirit. The Magi studied the skies and found meaning in the movement of the stars and their patterns. A new star in the sky signified the birth of a new king and so we can understand their excitement in seeing the star. Why would they have taken the risk to make this long journey to the royal city of Jerusalem? Maybe they experienced a hunger and thirst for something more in life. Because they were willing to leave behind all that was familiar to them they were blessed to see the King of Kings.

For us the spiritual life is another way of thinking that goes beyond knowledge or reason. Our faith tradition is not based on an idea or philosophy or superstition. Rather, we believe in a person, Jesus Christ, and we are called to enter into a personal relationship with Him.

When the Magi arrived at Bethlehem and enter the humble stable they must have been a bit confused and skeptical that they had found a king. No doubt they expected to find a child in a fine palace surrounded by servants and guards. Instead, they found a child in a manger surrounded by animals, shepherds and his mother and father. I can image that they thought to themselves, “Have we been on a wild goose chase?” Trusting what they had seen and heard the Magi fell to their knees and presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh giving the best they had to offer. This gesture is a spiritual inspiration for us as well. Do I always seek to give my best to Jesus?

Another important twist in this story is the decision that was made by the Magi to go home by “another way.” In many ways, the Magi were changed by this experience forever. When I think of this kind of change I recall my first visit to our Precious Blood Missions in Guatemala. One day we entered a village where all the homes were made out of cornstalks woven together and the people were living in extreme poverty. Our guide, Sr. Mary, must have seen the look of sadness and despair in my eyes and said, “Yes, the people here suffer from a poverty of means, but there is no poverty of spirit.” As I looked around I could see the brightly colored dresses and the presence of so many smiles upon their faces. When I left Guatemala I was changed forever by what I had seen. The faith I witnessed in the people was rich and deep and I learned from their profound simplicity.

Epiphany means manifestation, coming to light or discovery. When we encounter the presence of Christ in the Eucharist we too can be changed, hearing the call not to go home the same way we came to church. In what ways is the Light of Christ inviting you to come to a new awareness of God, self and others?

On Tuesday, January 6th we will celebrate the birth of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the Founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Being born on the traditional day for the feast of the Epiphany he was named Gaspar Melchior Balthasar del Bufalo. The name Gaspar is of Persian origin and it means “He who guards the treasure.” This is an appropriate name for one who was called upon by God to guard and promote the treasure of the Precious Blood of Jesus. For the Missionaries of the Precious Blood the year 2015 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of our congregation. We encourage you to pray with the image of the Precious Blood of Jesus and allow the beauty of this gift of unconditional love to enlighten your heart and bring you to a new way of seeing and believing in this New Year.

Fr. Angelo

## *SVDP Conference Fish Dinner Fundraiser*

We are now selling tickets for the Fish Dinner. Contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194 or Gail Miller at 361-9576. Buy early, we sold out last year.

We will be selling tickets after Mass on Saturday, Jan. 10th and Sunday, Jan. 11th.

JAN 30th - Mark your calendars.

Volunteers are needed to work the night of the event.

Please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194.

Baked goods are also needed. Please contact Judy Dalton at 247-5066.

For donations for Silent Auction, please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194 or Gail Miller at 361-9576.

### *THE HOLY STAR*

*O Father, may that holy star  
Grow every year more bright  
And send its glorious beams afar  
To fill the world with light.*

*—William Cullen Bryant*

### *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 on Tuesday Jan. 13th at 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the basement of Emmanuel Church, 149 Franklin St.. Cost of (\$25) 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. Register at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/event/catholic-divorce-survival-guide/>. Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at 937-222-0227.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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

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

### *Prolife Van trip*

All are invited to travel by van on Saturday, January 17, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., from the University of Dayton to City Hall in Cincinnati for the Prolife Rosary Procession and Rally. Bring or buy your lunch. The trip is sponsored by the Flyers for Life: Faculty/Staff Group. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian.

Cost is \$8 per person or \$3 for students; payment to "Campus Ministry" is due by Wednesday, January 14, 2015, to Gloria Dodd, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-1390. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd at [gdodd1@udayton.edu](mailto:gdodd1@udayton.edu) or (937) 229-1431.

### *Save the Date*

#### *Qigong -Tai chi class resumes in 2015!*

The Health Ministries Commission is sponsoring the next Qigong/Tai Chi series starting Monday, Jan. 26 from 6:00-7:00 pm. at Trinity Center on Bainbridge St.

Tai Chi and Qigong are ancient forms of Chinese exercise. Studies have shown they provide a variety of health benefits for its practitioners including improving balance and joint health as well as cardiovascular fitness.

Flyers are available in the back of church. For more details contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or by email [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).



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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. John Neumann  
Tuesday: St. André Bessette  
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort