

St. Joseph Church

March 15, 2015 - 4th Sunday of Lent
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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, Mar 16,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Lauricella
Tuesday, Mar 17,	12:00 Noon	Poor Souls
Wednesday, Mar 18,	12:00 Noon	Barb Stump
Thursday, Mar 19,	12:00 Noon	Ed Border
Friday, Mar 20,	12:00 Noon	Dorothy Grant
Saturday, Mar 21,	12:00 Noon	Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
	4:30 p.m.	Dan Dalton
Sunday, Mar 22,	10:00 a.m.	Tony Riggs

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

St. Joseph Update

Potluck Dinner March 21st

Spring is finally here!! Let's celebrate Spring with a potluck dinner on March 21st following the 4:30 Mass.

We'll meet in the school cafeteria.

Bring your favorite side dish to share.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Make plans to spend time with the Lord this Lent. St. Joe's will have Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturdays during Lent** following the **noon Mass until 4:00 p.m.** There will be group prayer as well as time for private meditation. Please sign-up for a specific hour using the sheets in the back of church, or drop in whenever you can for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Call Bobby at 435-4858 with questions.

SVDP Conference

Our conference is in great need for call takers. Work on your own time in your home. Training will be provided. If interested, please call John Stiers at (937) 474-3071.

Communal Reconciliation Service for Pastoral Region Seven will take place on **Sunday, March 15th at 12:30 P.M.** at Holy Trinity Church.

The Feast of St. Patrick on March 17th will be celebrated with a special Mass at St. Joseph Parish at 12:00 Noon.

The Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, Thursday, March 19th will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish at 12:00 Noon. The Mass will include a special blessing and distribution of St. Joseph Bread.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will be held in two locations.

Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm, Bishop Joseph Binzer will be the celebrant at **St. Peter in Chains Cathedral** and **Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm.**, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the celebrant at **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton**. Please contact the parish by March 18 if you would like an invitation to one of these Masses. Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversary who would like a scroll from the Archdiocese please contact the office 228-9272.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Merciful and Loving Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of a happy death, peace in the world and our families, and the special favor we now implore. O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, and Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
Pray for us. Amen

Financial Information

Collection for March 8th \$6581.00

Charity \$162.00

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
Ed Border
Greg Bowers
Charlie Brown
Susan Busch
Pamela Cabrera
Al Dabrowski
Joyce Craig
Nancy Dolan
George Dopf
Rachel Dudley
Earl Evans Jr
Norah Fass
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
Henry Martinez
Joe Moretto
Robert Morris
Milo Nickles
Anna Pole
Stephanie Potter
Isaiah Ramsey
Tony Riggs
Richard Siefring
Gerry Slattery
Ed Sullivan
Betty Wenzel
Pauline Westendorf

Pastor's Corner

During last week's Parish Mission Fr. Steve invited us to ponder the action of Jesus mounting the cross as an act of love. Jesus was not forced to be nailed to the cross; He mounted the cross of His own free will. Lifted high on the cross we see Jesus reaching out his arms and embracing the world, drawing all people to himself. This is the cause of our joy on this Laetare Sunday as all three readings focus upon the unconditional love and mercy of God.

In our reading from Second Chronicles we learned that even though the people of God had walked away from His covenant of Love and through their sinfulness found themselves in exile, God never gave up on His people, but kept reaching out to them in love and mercy. Death and destruction was not to be the last word. Rather, God uses the darkness of the Babylonian exile as a backdrop to the bright promise of new life! In a most unsuspecting way, God uses a pagan, Cyrus, King of Persia to conquer the Babylonians and inspires King Cyrus to allow the people of God to return home and to build a house of God in Jerusalem.

St. Paul says clearly in the second reading that "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." In order to enter more fully into the depth of God's love for us in this scripture passage it is helpful to note that one of the translations for the word mercy comes from the Hebrew word for womb. This insight draws us to think about the image from the Prophet Isaiah: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child within her womb? Even should she forget, God says, I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

Our Gospel reading includes one of the most famous passages of scripture...John 3:16..."For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." This quote is situated in the context of an Old Testament Story in which Moses is ordered to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a remedy for the Israelites who had rebelled and sinned against God even though God had rescued them from slavery. Those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed. This image became a symbol of Jesus on the cross.

From the cross of Christ we see how much God loves us, embracing all of creation as THE authentic witness of love, redeeming us through his Precious Blood. We are at the mid-way point in our Lenten journey. Are you drawing closer to the Lord or has life slipped back into the old habits of selfishness, pride, envy, lust, greed, dishonesty, abusive anger or any behavior that speaks of living in darkness. Today, Jesus invites us to choose the light, to seek God's love and mercy, for each of us to reclaim our unique identity as a child of God.

Fr. Angelo

Will you share what is most precious?

As part of the jubilee celebration of their 200th anniversary on August 15, 2015, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood are organizing another blood drive. To date we have raised 665 units within the congregation toward the goal of 1,000 units. Our next blood drive will take place on the Feast of the Annunciation—**Wednesday, March 25th 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

One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign

For the next five weeks we will highlight one aspect of the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign in the bulletin. This week our attention is drawn to Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services. Some 131,000 people are served annually from these two agencies, many of whom are out of work for the first time, families with young children, older adults, refugees/immigrants, at-risk youth, women in crisis pregnancies and those who benefit from mental health counseling. These agencies provide food for five million meals annually through food banks, pantries and soup kitchens. The need is very real and growing. By increasing services, these agencies will be able to provide a higher level and quality of service by:

- ◆ Providing specific programming to parishes and the community to reach 25,000 people with the Gospel message to serve the poor.
- ◆ Expanding care management and enable 32,000 more families to improve their life situations.
- ◆ Developing self-sufficiency for many more people through job readiness, literacy, healthy choices, GED, financial skills, and legal services.
- ◆ Investing further in parish/community food pantries, nutrition programs, and the Second Harvest Food Bank to deliver an additional 7.5 million meals to reduce hunger.
- ◆ Increasing volunteer hours by 128,000.
- ◆ Increasing effectiveness through technology and facility upgrades to serve 67,000 more individuals.

10 million dollars of the campaign has been designated for Catholic Charities and Social Services.

Wanted: Broken & Incomplete Rosaries

Don't just let your broken rosary sit in that drawer. We have a parishioner who takes broken and incomplete rosaries and uses their parts to make new Rosaries and Chaplets, which are then given away. If you have any old, broken rosaries that you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at the rectory. Please only old rosaries you are willing to part with as the rosaries and chaplets are given away once they are repaired.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Living Stations of the Cross

The Living Stations of the Cross, a dramatic re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion by narration, meditation, acting, and song will be presented by youth on Friday March 20 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Church. A reception will follow in the basement.

Region 7 Health Ministry

During the years Gaspar del Bufalo was actively preaching, whole towns in the Papal States of Italy were in the evil grasp of bandits. Nearly all the population were demoralized and terrorized by tribes of roaming bandits. Some of the causes of this situation were poverty, usury, mismanagement of affairs by civil and military authorities, who were in collusion with the vilest elements.

St. Gaspar proved to be successful in meeting the challenges posed to him by church leaders to take the mission to the bandits. Many of the bandits, to whom he preached, became his protector during his missionary visits. Despite this St. Gaspar's followers were concerned of his safety as he traveled in the Papal States. ***"Show me a climate in which no one dies, and I will go there."***

This may be a good week to pray for the people in our word today who are under similar circumstances and the Precious Blood and other missionaries who are trying to help them.

Activity from the third week:

Miles this week – 127

Total miles – 328

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph
Friday: Abstinence; Spring begins