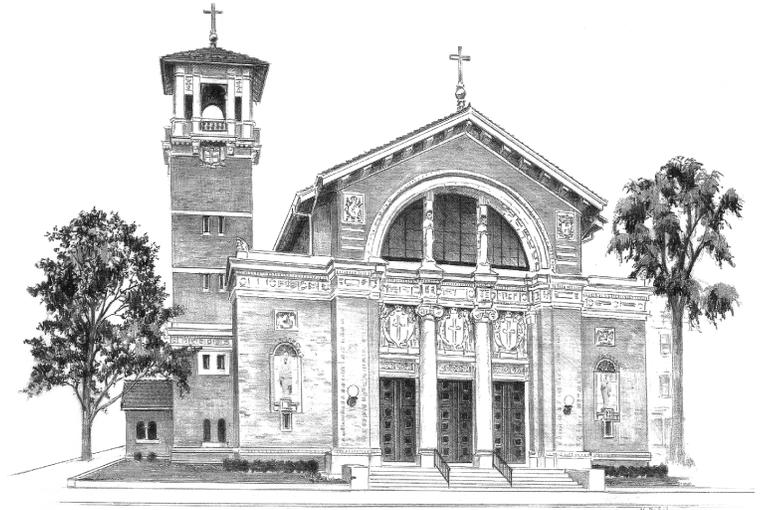


St. Joseph Church

March 22, 2015 - 5th 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 23,	12:00 Noon	John Murphy
Tuesday, Mar 24,	12:00 Noon	Henry & Mary Martinez
Wednesday, Mar 25,	12:00 Noon	Bill Baron Family
Thursday, Mar 26,	12:00 Noon	Frances Lynch
Friday, Mar 27,	12:00 Noon	Mike Minogue
Saturday, Mar 28,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners'
	4:30 p.m.	Stephen, Ethel & James Sichman
Sunday, Mar 29,	10:00 a.m.	Scott Freiberger

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

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb Campaign

From March 25th to December 25th 2015, you are invited to participate in a Respect Life Prayer Campaign. Promoting a consistent ethic of life, this campaign offers a monthly reflection on a different biblical story during the earliest moments of Christ's time on earth. Each reflection will discuss the importance of a different social issue such as immigration, death penalty, care for the elderly, concern for the disabled, etc. Additionally, short weekly reflections will be offered to prayerfully chart Christ's fetal development in the weekly bulletin. You are also invited to pray daily this special prayer to Christ in the womb.

Dear Jesus of the Womb, most fragile child of Mary's protection, we look to you as the youngest image of perfect innocence. We lift up our prayers to you who will save each of our souls. Just as you entered humanity through this most gentle and helpless state, now help us to find your presence in the faces of all the gentle and helpless persons of the earth. Bless us with eyes that see you and ears that hear you: in the presence of the poor and the outcast, the hungry and the homeless, the condemned and the war-torn, the elderly and the unborn. May we discover you every day as at Christmas and offer you our gifts every day as at Epiphany. This we ask of You and the Father, with your Holy Spirit, and in union with Mary your tender home, Amen.

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.

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 parish office at 228-9272.

Financial Information

Collection for March 15th \$5971.50

Charity \$214.00

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
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

As we draw near to the journey of Holy Week we come to see through the very life of Jesus that the agony in the garden and the suffering of the cross must come before the resurrection. Like a grain of wheat, we must die to self and live in Christ. The only way we can remain true to our covenant and commitment to live as Christ taught us is by connecting ourselves to the new and eternal covenant sealed in the Precious Blood of Jesus.

At various times in scripture we see God entering into a covenant with His people. These covenants expressed the relationship of unconditional love that God desired to have with His people. To help us live our side of the covenant God gave us laws to follow. Through these laws God is shaping his people into the original vision he had for humanity. These laws are like the rules that a basketball player follows as he practices over and over again the drills of the game...or like the scales that a piano player practices over and over again on the keyboard. As you internalize these rules you become skilled and you are able to move about effortlessly and with confidence.



Jesus is for us, the law of God made flesh and the fulfillment of the law. How he lived his life is the perfect image of what God had in mind when he created humanity. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion we are taking into ourselves the Word made flesh. The law of God comes and resides within us. This is what Jeremiah was envisioning when he said: "The days are coming when I will make a new covenant...I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." The law of God is no longer just some words on a stone tablet or a page in the bible but it is within us through the life we share in Jesus.

As people of the covenant we belong to God and are given a new identity. Just as the Israelites who were a group of nobodies became the chosen people of God, we are given a new identity in baptism--we are called children of God! Within this covenantal relationship we share in the promise of resurrection life because of the new and eternal covenant sealed in the Blood of Jesus. We have a future full of hope because of the life we share in Jesus Christ.

Today, like the psalmist, we pray for a clean heart so that we can sort out what is truly of God in our lives and receive the grace to live the covenant of love God has placed within our hearts.

Fr. Angelo



Blood Drive to Honor the Precious Blood

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. Appointments are encouraged. 1-800-388-4483. www.donortime.com

One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign

Some parishioners have asked about when they will be approached to give to the campaign. Because of the size of our parish and the personal approach to the campaign we cannot sit down and speak with everyone all at once. At this point the focus is upon face-to-face meetings with a sampling of parishioners. The next step will be in April when we will conduct a phone-a-thon for those parishioners who have not had a face-to-face meeting with a parish representative. Finally, at the end of April, there will be an in-pew appeal for all parishioners who have yet to be contacted to make their pledge.

This week we are focusing upon the portion of the campaign that will help care for the Retired Diocesan Priests. The goal for this area of the campaign is \$13 million dollars. When priests retire they continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. They celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's word to those in prison. Parishes support their priests during their active ministry. Once retired, our diocesan priests depend upon their monthly retirement income, social security, and personal savings to meet living expenses. Our archdiocese established a fund in 1967 to finance benefits for retired priest unable to continue their ministry but this fund is seriously underfunded. There are currently 87 priests receiving benefits from the retirement fund. Soon, for the first time in the history of our archdiocese, we expect there to be more retired priests than active priests. Projections indicate the number of men receiving retirement benefits may grow to 140 within the next five years. With a high average age and a great number of priests preparing to retire, there is a pressing need to provide for those many faithful servants of the Lord who have served our local archdiocese so well.

Save the Date

Tai Chi/Qigong class in April!

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next Tai Chi/Qigong class Mon., April 13 through May 4 from 6-7:00 pm. Classes are held in Trinity Center at Holy Trinity parish. Tai Chi and Qigong are ancient forms of Chinese exercise and 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. To register contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Region 7 Health Ministry

St. Gaspar faced many negative influences within the church who were opposed to his work and the use of the title "Most Precious Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ". Papal Leadership changes were not always favorable for the Precious Blood Congregation and many groups were working against Gaspar's priests. Complaints were continually being sent to Rome that this was a group that was preaching without the appropriate orders. But

Gaspar was always resigned;

"The work is God's; God will care for it and maintain it."

Miles this week – 333

Total miles – 661

% to Goal-23 - Great job everyone – It's never too late to participate, any age can do this. With the nice weather finally here it's time to go out and enjoy it, walk.

No number is too small.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick