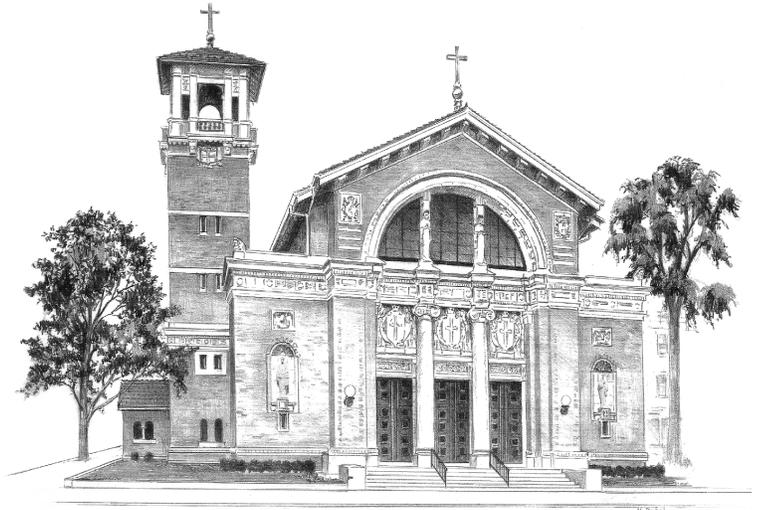


St. Joseph Church

May 3, 2015 - 5th Sunday of Easter
411 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402 Telephone 228-9272
www.StJosephDayton.org

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, May 4,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
Tuesday, May 5,	12:00 Noon	Jerry Gray
Wednesday, May 6,	12:00 Noon	Timothy J. Thoma
Thursday, May 7,	12:00 Noon	Robert Knab
Friday, May 8,	12:00 Noon	Al & Rita Trick
Saturday, May 9,	12:00 Noon	John O'Kane
	4:30 p.m.	Willard & Eunice Dahlinghaus
Sunday, May 10,	10:00 a.m.	Paula Deschler

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

St. Joseph Update

Lector/Server/Eucharist Minister

We're in need of additional servers, lectors and Eucharist ministers. Training is provided. If you would like to help with this ministry please call the rectory at 228-9272.

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb

Jesus' mouth, nostrils, ears, and eyes are becoming more defined this week, and his lungs are growing at a notable pace. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

Weekend Organist Position

We are looking for an organist for our weekend Masses.

The candidate will need to be able to cantor as well as play the organ. Please call the rectory at 228-9272.

Young Men's Discernment Group Informational Session

A Discernment Group for young men (17 and up) is forming. The purpose of the group is to give young men a space to explore all of the vocations open to them, and God's call in their life. Vocations to single life, married life, priesthood and religious life will be discussed, explored and supported.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, you are invited to an informational night on either Wednesday, May 6 or Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Rectory Basement meeting room.

Questions or for more information contact:
Fr. Steve Dos Santos, CPPS – 323-440-8422
Deacon Mike Prier – 937-479-6913
Sean Gallivan – 937-430-4246

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Elizabeth's New Life Center is in need of medical professionals to volunteer in our Women's Centers. If you are an M.D., D.O., LPN, RN, Nurse Practitioner, Physician's Assistant or RDMS, please consider giving a few hours of your time weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to work with the under-served women in our community who may be at risk for abortion. Please email tmiller@elizabethnewlifecenter.org or call 937-226-7414 to talk about the possibilities!



The World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis Coming to Philadelphia!

For up-to-date information about the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis in September as well as additional activities in Philadelphia, please consult www.worldmeeting2015.org. If you wish to travel with a tour from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati please contact the Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

*No Coffee and Donuts next week.
See you in June.*

Financial Information

Collection for April 26th \$6384.00

Charity \$155.00

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.*

Gene Austin	Brittany Keirns
Greg Bowers	Juanita Kleibecker
Charlie Brown	Randy Kramer
Susan Busch	Bill Lauber
Pamela Cabrera	Chris Luehrs
Al Dabrowski	Lindsey Luehrs
Joyce Craig	Henry Martinez
Nancy Dolan	Joe Moretto
George Dopf	Robert Morris
Rachel Dudley	Milo Nickles
Earl Evans Jr	Anna Pole
Norah Fass	Stephanie Potter
Mary Fiste	Isaiah Ramsey
Joseph Franchina	Tony Riggs
Gail Gaeth	Richard Sieftring
Richard Gill	Gerry Slattery
Jim Hanerty	Ed Sullivan
Dan Hartke	Betty Wenzel
Bennett Hart	Pauline Westendorf
Marie Henry	

Pastor's Corner

When we gather on the occasion of any commitment, like at a wedding, a profession or ordination, it is an opportunity for all of us to renew the life commitment that we have made in our lives and to return to that experience when you identified for yourself the deepest longing of your heart. This deep longing is often identified with a sense of belonging; belonging to God, to another person, to a community that nurtures, challenges and loves.

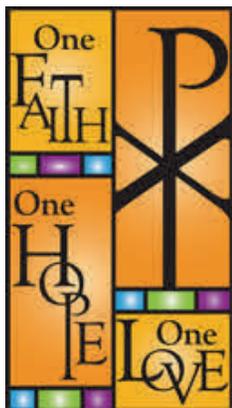
The journey of a life of faith is a journey in which we come to understand what we are to do with that fire the burns within our hearts, that deep longing that aches to be filled. For Saul in the Acts of the Apostles, that deep longing was filled in Christ. Through the outpouring of his Precious Blood, a gift of unconditional love, Jesus won for us the price of our salvation and rose victorious over sin and death.

This witness of love was the culmination of a life of loving service and of tending to a relationship of love with his Father. What we learn from Jesus is that true love will always lead a person to the cross. This side of heaven there is no way that we can avoid pain and suffering and yet we know that pain and suffering do not have the last word. Good can come from struggles. Where do we find the strength and wisdom to navigate our way? Jesus invites us to look upon our relationship with him as a vine; that through baptism we are grafted onto Jesus. He said: "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

In reflecting on this passage from John's gospel, it is helpful to reflect upon two insights from those who study scripture. In the second verse of chapter 15, the translation often given speaks of God who "takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit." The verb in that sentence is not the best translation from the Greek. A closer verb to us would be God who "lifts up" every branch in me that does not bear fruit. Likewise, the verb to prune can also mean "to clean." One vineyard owner observed that new branches on a grape vine tend to grow down to the ground and trail upon the ground. The practice of a vine grower who identified a branch that went fallow was to lift up the branch, clean it off and put it on a trellis in order to give it a season to fatten up and to be away from the harmful things on the ground. The image is that the branch is being treated with love and respect so that the next season it could bear abundantly.

Our faith teaches us that God is always there to lift us up and clean us off when we do not think we can't bear anymore of the load. God places people into our lives to lift us up when we are brought low from some experience in life. This is why it is essential that we remain in Christ. Did you notice that the word "remain" is used eight times in today's gospel reading? Jesus is emphasizing how important it is to stay with Him because apart from Him you can do nothing. The message of Easter is that Christ wants to live His life in you and in me.

Today as we gather at the table of the Lord like the disciples at the Last Supper we are aware of the pruning and cleansing that has gone on in our lives through the discipline of Lent. Now, in the Easter season, motivated by the life we share in the Risen Lord we are to bear fruit so that the Father may be gloried through each of us!
Fr. Angelo



Archdiocesan Campaign Update

Last week we concluded the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign in our parish. I am grateful to all of the parishioners who accepted the call to volunteer, especially our executive committee who led the campaign to success and to the parishioners who contributed generously to this effort. I am happy to announce that our parish campaign has raised \$421,200 in gifts and pledges, 104% of our parish goal! According to the parish sharing formula an estimated \$90,600 will be returned to the parish over the next five years for our own local needs. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge you may still turn in your pledge card in the weekly collection basket. Please continue to pray for the success of this campaign as the next block of parishes begins the campaign in other parts of the Archdiocese.

Theology on Tap Spring Speakers Series

Each Thursday April 16 through May 21 join us at the Oregon Express, 36 E Fifth St., Dayton, 45402 for socializing, fun, food, drinks and great speakers. Speakers start at 7:30pm.

May 7 - Vincent Colman

Called from Comfort: A Life Reformed in the Bosom of the Church

May 14 - Fr. Adam Puntel

Our Faith vs. Our Culture: Building a Christian Community

May 21 - Fr. Steve Dos Santos C.P.P.S.

iMissionary: Called to Missionary Discipleship

Relief for Earthquake Victims in Nepal

A 7.8 - magnitude earthquake struck Nepal in the late morning of April 25, toppling buildings and homes, causing widespread panic, and claiming thousands of lives. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this powerful earthquake. Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding to our suffering brothers and sisters through a special collection for the work of Catholic Relief Services in Nepal. CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water and food in Nepal. For more information, go to CRS.org.

Dayton Catholic Women's Club's "Spring Celebration Luncheon"

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club invites you to its Spring Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 am. (social); the \$25 lunch (\$10 tax deductible) of Pork Loin or Pasta Primavera will be served at 12:00 noon at the Walnut Grove Country Club, 5050 Linden Avenue (east of Woodman Drive & Carroll High School). Join the DCWC sisterhood as it distributes dollars to charities, scholarships to female high school seniors, installs officers and celebrates 92 years of service. (Non-perishables & paper products will be accepted for Catholic Social Services' Food Pantry.) Please call Mary Rogers at 937-429-9538 by Friday, May 8th deadline.

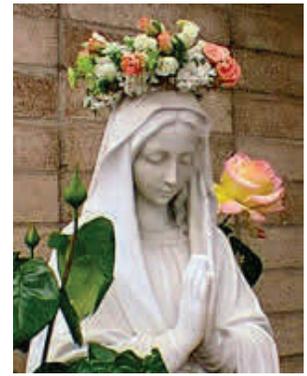
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

*The month of
May is Dedicated
to the Blessed
Virgin Mary.
Honor Mary in a
special way this
month.*



Dayton Council 500 Knight of Columbus Steak Fry

Friday, May 8, 2015, 6PM to 8PM

Please join us for a steak dinner consisting of an 8 oz. New York Strip Steak, baked potato, salad, dressing, green beans, corn and coffee for \$10 plus a donation of a can or food item for the local food pantries. Also, if you wish, please bring your favorite pot luck desert for all to share. Adult beverages will be available at regular prices. A children's menu of hamburgers/chips will also be available @ \$3 with a complimentary soda. Great Raffles. Please RSVP to Larry Clark 937-470-3594 by Monday, May 4th. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry and Senior Respite Program

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's renovated Choice Food Pantry in Dayton is re-opening in late May, and at least four additional personal shoppers will be needed every morning (M-F) from approximately 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, volunteer Senior Respite Aides are needed to provide a four-hour break once a week for persons who serve as the full-time caregiver for an elderly spouse or family member. For more information, contact Cathy Guerrant at (937) 223-7217 x1146 or volunteer@csmv.org.

Attention Youth!

On June 8-11, 2015 the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is hosting "Laudate" a retreat forming youth for music ministry at the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton. For more information contact Karen Kane, Worship Office (513) 421-3131, ext.2670 or go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/youthministry.

On July 22-26, 2015 the Archdiocese will host The Abide Youth Conference at Mt. St. Joseph University in Cincinnati. The Abide Youth Conference is designed to prepare High School teens and the adults who work with them to become missionary disciples. For further information contact: www.abidecinci.com.