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, June 22, 12:00 Noon  Special Intention
Tuesday, June 23, 12:00 Noon  Ed Sullivan
Wednesday, June 24, 12:00 Noon  Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy
Thursday, June 25, 12:00 Noon  Consuelo A. Micay
Friday, June 26, 12:00 Noon  Jim & Kathy Pettit
Saturday, June 27, 12:00 Noon  Russell & Florence Donauer
        4:30 p.m.  Henry & Mary Martinez
Sunday, June 28, 10:00 a.m.  Madeline & Dominic Longo

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

Father’s Day Prayer
God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Peter’s Pence Collection
Next week our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Financial Information
Collection for June 14th $5621.00
Charity $150.00
Thank You!

Blood Drive
The next blood drive in honor of the bicentennial of the founding of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood will be on Wednesday, July 1st at the Community Blood Center in Downtown Dayton.

19th Annual Gene Westendorf Memorial Golf Tournament – Friday July 24, 2015
Four player scramble at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace.
Compete for $500 in prize money for your St. Vincent DePaul Conference.
Check in: 7:15AM Shotgun start: 7:45AM Adult rate: $90
Junior rate: $80 (17 yrs. old and under).
Lunch only: $20, Hole Sponsor: $100.
Register on line at: http://stvincentdayton.org/event or 937-222-7349 (ext. 419) M-F 9AM – 4PM
Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelters

Why a Fortnight for Freedom?
From June 21 to July 4, the U.S. Catholic bishops are once again recognizing a “Fortnight for Freedom” to draw special attention to current threats to religious liberty. One concrete example of this challenge is the mandate by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for religious institutions, such as universities, hospitals and charitable organizations, to facilitate access to contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs, which would be contrary to their religious beliefs. It is an unprecedented action by the federal government to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty. Other examples of attacks on religious liberty include state laws that forbid the Church to offer charity and pastoral care to undocumented immigrants. Regardless of anyone’s status, the Church cannot hold back access to the sacraments or basic human needs to any child of God.
As Pope Francis said last year, “Religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publically, consequent to the truth one has found.” To learn more and to access resources for participation, please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org and click on the “Preserving Religious Freedom” link under the Resources menu.

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
Bennett Hart
Greg Bowers
Brittany Keirns
Charlie Brown
Juanita Kleibecker
Susan Busch
Randy Kramer
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 Siefring
Richard Gill
Patty Simons
Jim Hanerty
Ed Sullivan
Dan Hartke
Betty Wenzel
Marie Henry
Pauline Westendorf
Pastor’s Corner

“Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10) Say this psalm verse several times to yourself very slowly. If you let the truth of this psalm verse sink deeply into your heart you will have a clearer sense of what our readings are about today. In the First Reading, Job had lost his wife and children, his farm was crushed by a storm and then Job became sick. As if that was not enough, now all of his friends have turned on him. What did the Lord say about all this heartache? Nothing! Instead, He addresses a question to Job, “Were you there when I created the heavens and the earth?” “Were you there when I put the sea in its place?” All too often we seek answers for problems that plague us in this life and God asks us to walk by faith and not by sight. He says to us, “Be still and know that I am God.”

Our gospel reading is taken from an early part of Mark’s gospel. Jesus has just chosen his disciples, they have seen him heal several people and now they witness the calming of the storm. The disciples look at one another with awe and amazement. They can see that Jesus is not just any ordinary preacher. Faith is all about trust; trusting in God who made us, in God who is very personal and very powerful. Throughout our lives He says to us, “Be still and know that I am God.”

All too often we are shaken by the fears, worries and the storms of life. We blow them up out of proportion and become frightened. When we bring the burdens and challenges of our life to Jesus he has the power to take the wind out of the storm and says to us, “Do not be afraid.” “Be still and know that I am God.” As someone once said to me, “If God doesn’t change the circumstances in your life He will change you in the circumstances of your life.”

It is inevitable that there are going to be storms that come up in life just as there are storms in nature. We need to prepare for these storms before they come to us. This means that each us must continually work on developing a relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments and that you work on developing relationships with other believers who will be there to support you when the storms of life come your way. Another way to prepare for storms in life is to follow the commandments of God and the teachings of the church so that there is good order in life before the storm arrives.

As the disciples reflected back on their experience in the midst of the storm and recalled the authority Jesus had to calm the storm they learned a valuable lesson about trust in God. May we learn from them and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as he says to us, “Be still and know that I am God.”

Fr. Angelo

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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military
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Alex McGarvey          David Musgrove
Cody Landers             Jessica Pruitt

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