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, Sept 7, 12:00 Noon Helen Wiles Batty
Tuesday, Sept 8, 12:00 Noon James & Evelyn McCarthy
Wednesday, Sept 9, 12:00 Noon Leslie & Winifred Drayton
Thursday, Sept 10, 12:00 Noon Mike Minogue
Friday, Sept 11, 12:00 Noon Theresa Falter
Saturday, Sept 12, 12:00 Noon Poor Souls
Saturday, Sept 12, 4:30 p.m. Kay Belcher
Sunday, Sept 13, 10:00 a.m. Joe & Beth Anderson 50th Wedding Anniversary

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
Steve Byington
Gary Gregory
Michael Landry

John Ludwig
Cindy Luzar
Janet Smith
Pope Francis will visit the United States from September 22-27, 2015. His participation in the World Synod on the Family in Philadelphia will be at the heart of his visit. The World Meeting of Families, sponsored by the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family, is the world’s largest Catholic gathering of families and is held every three years. This year’s theme “Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizes the impact of the love and life of families on society. While the Pope is here he will also meet with our President and a Joint Session of the Senate and House of Representatives, celebrate the Canonization of Junipero Serra, address the United Nations Assembly, visit several ministry sites and celebrate Mass at various locations in Washington D.C., New York and Philadelphia. May his visit awaken in our minds and hearts the importance of our faith in today’s society. Please keep the intention of the Pope’s visit in your prayers.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will celebrate their 175th Anniversary in America with an Open House on Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 2-4:30 PM. They are located at 701 E. Columbia Ave., Reading, Ohio, 45215. For more information please contact Sr. Marie Smith at 513-679-8191 or marie.smith@sndden.org

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

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**Youth are a very important part of our parish family here at St. Joseph.**

Their energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to be active in parish life must continually be nourished. As we begin our fall programs, I would like to invite our young people, boys and girls, 4th graders thru high school, to become altar servers. An altar server has the special privilege to serve Christ and the people of the parish by being close to the altar and the priest during Mass. The altar server has knowledge of Church items and the order of the mass so the parish community can pray and sing with devotion. I do encourage all our youth to become altar servers. As a server a young person grows in prayer, in spirit, in knowledge, and in responsibility. All youth who are interested, please call the parish office or Fr. Ken at 228-9272 so that an instruction class can be arranged.

**Financial Information**

Collection for August 30th $4697.00
Charity $151.00
Thank You!

**Prayer List**

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Gene Austin Randy Kramer
Greg Bowers Chris Luehrs
Tom Bova Lindsey Luehrs
Charlie Brown Henry Martinez
Bill Burkhart Colleen Mapler
Susan Busch Joe Moretto
Pamela Cabrera Robert Morris
Al Dabrowski Milo Nickles
Nancy Dolan Anna Pole
George Dof Stephanie Potter
Rachel Dudley Isaiah Ramsey
Grace Eckley Thomas Reed
Earl Evans Jr Tony Riggs
Norah Fass Ricardo Santiago
Mary Fiste Roberto Santiago
Joseph Franchina Ivana Santiago
Richard Gill Ricardo Santiago Jr
Jim Hanerty Rhonda Santiago
Marie Henry Richard Siefring
Bennett Hart Patty Simons
Brittany Keirns Ed Sullivan
Jerry Kowalski Pauline Westendorf
Today we are bombarded by so many competing voices that we can become deaf to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Everyone has an opinion to give that may or may not be well informed, truthful or in line with the foundations of our faith. Coming to church, reading scripture, prayer, reflecting on the teachings of the church helps us to hear more clearly the path to salvation that is found in God.

Our readings this weekend help us to appreciate the gift of healing that God brings into our lives. In our Gospel reading Jesus heals a deaf man who also has a speech impediment using the word “Ephphatha” which means: “Be opened!” The memory of this saving act is recalled in the Baptismal ritual of a child when the priest or deacon touches the child’s mouth and ears saying: “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive His word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.”

We can all use a renewed outpouring of the Ephphatha prayer in our lives so that we no longer turn a deaf ear to God. The image we are given in today’s gospel is very earthy and graphic. In a sense Jesus hooks himself up to the deaf man by sticking his fingers into the man’s ears and then taking spit He puts it on his tongue. It’s as if Jesus is plugging himself into the man like jump-starting a dead car battery, transferring His healing Spirit into the man, allowing the grace of God to awaken the man’s ability to hear.

Today, hear Jesus speak the word “Ephphatha”—be opened—to you. Ask Him to plug into your heart and fill you with His Truth. As a form of examination of conscience, Fr. George Smiga offers a helpful reflection using the images from today’s readings. “How am I deaf or mute to the presence of God in my life?” “How am I too distracted to hear the beautiful sounds of creation or too busy to listen to what the word of God is saying to me in my day-to-day life?” As you hear the call to on-going conversion this week may you hear Jesus say to you “Ephphatha,” “Be opened!”

This Labor Day weekend we pray that we might see our work as part of the call we have received in baptism to share the Light of Christ, to use our gifts and talents to build a world rooted in the Kingdom of God. May St. Joseph, Patron of Workers, intercede for us in the work we have been given to do.

Fr. Angelo

Message from Archbishop Schnurr:
Much of the news coverage about Pope Francis extending to all priests the faculty to absolve the sin of abortion and remove the automatic excommunication that can incur has been misleading and confusing. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati wants to make it clear that our priests have already had this faculty for many years. No one who has received absolution for this sin from a priest of the Archdiocese, acting as the instrument of God’s mercy, should doubt the validity of the sacrament.

No priest can engage in sacramental ministry without being granted faculties to do so by the local bishop. What is included in those faculties is detailed in writing. Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as permitted by canon law, have long been granted by the Archbishop “the faculty to absolve the sin (of abortion) and to remit the (automatic) penalty” of excommunication. As St. John Paul II assured post-abortive women in his encyclical, The Gospel of Life, “The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” The Catholic Church also offers compassionate post-abortion healing through Project Rachel (www.projectrachcincy.com).
Save the Date - Family Rosary Rally
Sunday, October 11, 2015
UD Arena
Bishop Binzer, Presider
Prelude Music 2:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Live Rosary, Benediction

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 underserved women our community who may be at risk for abortion. Email tmiller@elizabethnewlifecenter.org or call 226-7414.

ProLife News
40 DAYS FOR LIFE will begin on Sunday, Sept. 23rd and will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please plan to spend an hour praying at the abortion clinic on Stroop Road.

LIFE CHAIN is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. More information will be listed as we get closer to that date.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military
Gary Eilers                Greg Marcus
Alex McGarvey          Matthew Melvin
Tim Melvin                 David Musgrove
Cody Landers             Jessica Pruitt

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb
Jesus heard the voice of his earthly father, Joseph for the first time this week. Its strong reassuring quality put Jesus right to sleep. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

Region 7 Shared Parish Picnic 2015
All of the parishioners from our three downtown parishes in Pastoral Region 7 are invited to a picnic that will take place in the newly renovated cafeteria at CJ High School off Washington Street. Parking is available at Emmanuel Church or in the CJ parking lots off of Washington Street. Please mark your calendars and join us for this festive picnic on Sunday, September 20, 2015 beginning at 12:00 Noon. We will eat in the handicapped accessible cafeteria and have games and activities for the children in the courtyard outside the cafeteria. The parishes will provide fried chicken as the main entre and we invite the parishioners to provide the side dish or dessert for 10-14 people in DISPOSABLE containers, assigned by last names:

A—M side dish (hot or cold)

N—Z dessert

RSVP is needed by Monday, September 14, 2015. Please put RSVP in the collection basket or contact your parish office. Holy Trinity: 228-1223, St Joseph: 228-9272, Emmanuel: 228-2013

Last Name: ___________________________ Parish: ___________________________

Yes, I would like to volunteer:

Name: ___________________________

# of Adults: ___________

# of children: Under 7: ____  7 and older: ____

Phone: ___________________________