# St. Joseph Church

November 8, 2015 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 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, Nov 9,	12:00 Noon	The Sommer Family
Tuesday, Nov 10,	12:00 Noon	John Murphy
Wednesday, Nov 11,	12:00 Noon	Fr. Angelo Anthony
Thursday, Nov 12,	12:00 Noon	Pasquale Toscano
Friday, Nov 13,	12:00 Noon	St. Joseph Parishioners
Saturday, Nov 14,	12:00 Noon	Angelo Lauricella
•	4:30 p.m.	Ancient Order of the Hibernians Memorial Mass
Sunday, Nov 15,	10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Henehan

**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.PP.S., Pastor Rev. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.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



## Coffee and Donuts

Join us today following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome.

## Regional Bulletin Advertising

Plans are underway for a common bulletin for the three parishes in our pastoral region. We hope to have the new bulletin ready to publish on the First Sunday of Advent. Having a shared bulletin will cut down on the repetition of material published in our bulletins and will enable everyone in our pastoral region to share in what is happening in our parishes. We would like to extend an opportunity for those parishioners who have a business to run an ad on the back of the new bulletin. The ads would have a circulation of around 700 bulletins and are published weekly. The cost for a 2 ½ inch by 1 ½ inch ad is a donation of \$1,000 per year. The cost of a 2 ½ by ¾ inch ad is a donation of \$500 per year. To reserve ad space please contact your parish office 228-9272. The donations collected will help support your local parish.

**Volunteers needed** for this year's Region 7 Live Nativity on December 6th. Please contact the rectory office and give your name and phone number if you are able to help with this project.

## Bottles for Babies!

If you haven't already done so, please return your bottle to church. All proceeds will be used to help Elizabeth's New Life Center save lives.

## Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale

The K of C will again this year be taking orders for Christmas Cards. This fundraiser supports the charitable work of the K of C. You can also donate a box of Christmas cards for the veterans program.

Order forms are available in the back of church. Orders need to be turned in by November 15th. Council 500 members will be at both Masses on the 15th to take orders.

#### IT TAKES MORE

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. - Billy Sunday

## During this Year of Consecrated Life

you might like to get to know some of our Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the religious congregation that serves our parish. In addition to their many ministries, we have C.PP.S. priests and brothers who are swimming instructors, bicyclists, photographers and love to read spy novels. Before they entered religious life, one was a machinist, another was a financial analyst, another studied geography. All bring their many experiences and talents to their service to the people of God. To read profiles of C.PP.S. priests and brothers, visit <a href="http://cpps-preciousblood.org/media/meet-the-members">http://cpps-preciousblood.org/media/meet-the-members</a>.

## Financial Information

Collection for November 1st \$8287.50 Charity \$474.00

#### Thank You!

## Prayer List

Starting next week we will remove all the existing names on the prayer list and start fresh. If you would like a name added to the prayer list call the office. Names will be published for four weeks after which time the name will be removed unless you contact the office and request it be listed again.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Chris Luehrs Gene Austin Lindsey Luehrs Greg Bowers Charlie Brown Colleen Maples Bill Burkhart Joe Moretto Robert Morris Susan Busch Pamela Cabrera Anna Pole Stephanie Potter Al Dabrowski Isaiah Ramsev Nancy Dolan George Dopf Thomas Reed Rachel Dudley Tony Riggs Ricardo Santiago *Grace Ecklev* Roberto Santiago Earl Evans Jr Ivana Santiago Mary Fiste Richardo Santiago Jr Jeanne Folfas Joseph Franchina Rhonda Santiago Richard Siefring Richard Gill Patty Simons Jim Hanerty Ed Sullivan Marie Henry Marysusan Vinsky Bennett Hart Brittany Keirns Pauline Westendorf

Jerry Kowalski

## Pastor's Corner

Looking at the world today we can say we are powerless in the face of such challenging issues. But Jesus is not asking us to come up with a spectacular answer to the world's problems. He is asking that we respond to the needs that stand before us as best we can, giving what little we have to help a brother or sister in need.

Today's gospel reading comes just before the Last Supper meal that Jesus is to share with his disciples. He takes note of the generous offering of the widow woman because of all the religious figures and leaders he has met in the Temple, she is the one with whom he could identify. Like the widow, Jesus would soon be asked to give all that he had, a total offering of himself upon the cross.

Jesus also points out that the scribes, the ones who were supposed to protect the vulnerable and poor were more interested in focusing upon wearing fancy clothes and having seats of honor than helping those in need. He uses some tough language when he says that the scribes "devour the houses of the widows" rather than acting in a way that eases their suffering.

The scribes mentioned in today's gospel were not part of a religious sect like the Pharisees and Sadducees. They were simply men who knew how to read and write which made them very powerful in a society where most people were illiterate. Those people who could not read and write depended on the scribes to prepare documents, contracts and to offer prayers for them. Could this widow have been a victim of a greedy scribe,



depleting the widow's money by overcharging the widow for writing letters and handling her affairs or over-charging her for the prayers they offered?

In a final act of faith, the widow gave what she had to God, not to the scribes. In doing so she was placing her life completely in God's hands. She didn't know what the future held for her but she believed with all her heart that God held her in the palm of his hands and would come to her aid. Someone once said that the purpose of the spiritual life is to learn how to keep your heart open in the midst of hell. The true measure of our faith is found in how we respond when confronted with the cross.

The widow's mite (smallness) is the widow's might (strength); her commitment to give even what little she had to God. Our generosity cannot be outdone. God is at work loving us, giving us what we need to bring forth his dream for our world, maybe not in our time, but in God's time. For this we can be sure.

Fr. Angelo

### **Vocation Prayer**

Loving God, by our baptism into your family you call us by name to follow you. Open our hearts and minds to your designs. Give us the strength we need to live a life in union with you and with others. Help us to live lives of loving service.



By the shedding of His Precious Blood, Christ has shown love for the world and each person. With your love, help each person to respond courageously and generously to your call. Continue to send dedicated persons to spread the Gospel. May prophets and missionaries rise up among us.

St. Gaspar, Missionary and founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, pray for us.

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 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!

#### A Musical Journey with Christ

In celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Sisters of the Precious Blood choir will present a sacred concert entitled "A Musical Journey with Christ" on **Nov. 8th** in the Salem Heights Chapel, 4960 Salem Ave., Dayton, beginning at 3 p.m. The concert will feature songs from each liturgical season. Music will be provided. A light reception follows in the dining room. Enter the Salem grounds off of Denlinger Road.

## Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Michael Cook
Gary Eilers
Cody Landers
Greg Marcus
Alex McGarvey
Tim Melvin
Matthew Melvin
David Musgrove
Jessica Pruitt

#### Nine Months with Christ in the Womb

Jesus has gotten so big that he is now quite stuck with his head facing downward. This is not uncomfortable for him, though. It's also a good thing, since it is the position he will need to be in when he is delivered in a few weeks!

Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

## Married and Engaged Couples

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP). Couples using NFP are 10 times less likely to divorce. NFP uses all the woman's fertility signs in a safe, healthy, green, and highly effective family planning method in accord with Catholic teaching. Classes begin in Dayton on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 12:00 noon at Emmanuel Catholic Church. Call (937) 435-4750 for additional information or register on-line at: www.ccli.org.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b - 8:1; Ps 119:89-91,130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;

Mk 13:24-32

## "I Believe in Marriage" Speaker Series Continues in Region 7 Parishes!

FREE Date Night FREE Food FREE Speaker FREE Babysitting. Each evening will last from 6:30-8:30. Babysitting is free, but please register by Wednesday, November 4th by contacting Ali Wilson: amwilson13@yahoo.com. Watch for future Marriage Enrichment opportunities!

Sun., Nov 8: St. Joseph Cafeteria – Greg and Stephanie Schutte "The Pearl of Great Price" Greg and Stephanie Schutte will open their personal experience to us, describing how they found unity again after their marriage began to drift apart. Location: St. Joseph Parish, 411 E 2nd St, Dayton, OH 45402, in the former school building across the street

Sun., Dec. 13: Emmanuel Church - Fr. Fox - "Does Believing in Marriage Exclude Same Sex Attracted People?" Fr. Fox will explore how we can live out the beauty of the church's teaching on sacramental marriage while reaching out lovingly to those with same-sex attraction. He will answer the question, "How can I approach someone I love who wants to 'marry' a same sex partner?" Location: Emmanuel Parish, 149 Franklin St, Dayton, OH 45402, in the church basement

## PROJECT RACHEL - Healing Retreat November 20 - 22, 2015

Project Rachel is a Post-Abortive Healing Ministry in the Catholic Church. For many, it takes weeks, months or even years to come to terms with the feelings you are experiencing. By acknowledging the connection between a role played in an abortion experience, and your present emotions, you can take the first step in healing. Call our confidential helpline: (513) 784-0531

Since 1994 Project Rachel has ministered to women and men who have lost a child through abortion. The Family and Respect Life Office is offering a Retreat from Friday November 20th through November 22nd. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." To register call 513.421.3131x2620 or 937-222-0227. There is no charge; a free will offering will be accepted.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary