

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12 and 13, 2015
12 y 13 de Diciembre del 2015

Mass Intentions



Monday, December 14

No Mass

Readings: 187: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15

2:00 p.m. Special Intention (Hennis)

6:00 p.m. William Hartke

Readings: 188: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

8:15 a.m. Irene Capps

9:00 a.m. Rosaryw

Readings: 189: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17

8:15 a.m. Mary Huffman

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Reading: 193: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18

8:15 a.m. Anthony Petraca

Readings: 194: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19,

The Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Maude May

Sunday, December 20, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Jim Zifer

11:00 a.m. Logan Mason

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 12: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Offertory for Sunday, December 5 and 6, 2015

Loose	\$ 1,342.00
Adult (envelopes 263)	\$10,771.00
Online Giving	\$ 545.00
Total	\$12,658.00

Other Funds:

Capital Improvement	\$ 20.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 60.00
Poor Fund	\$ 150.00
Lighting Project	\$ 606.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 870.00
Donations for Needy Families	\$ 3,160.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound
Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedules
December 19 and 20, 2015

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Quillen - 1st Reading
 Anthony Incarnato - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica DeBois,
 Sandy Deetz, Tom O'Donnell, Becky Nylund,
 Dave Nylund, Jeri Middaugh, Sub Needed

Hospitality: Pastoral Council Members

Servers: Max Demattio, Paul O'Donnell,
 Sami Demattio (Alt: Olivia Brady)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Keith Knestaut - 1st Reading
 Matt Ritzert - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Burnham,
 Sharon Kuczirka, John Kuczirka,
 Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Milt Hamilton,
 Nick Gonano, Mark Layton, Teri Layton

Hospitality: Ann Riley and Pastoral Council

Servers: Alyssa Blickensderfer, Max Burnham,
 Alyssa Blickensderfer (Alt: Chloe Contini)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Nancy Allen - 1st Reading
 Sally Dooling - 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Nasuto,
 Chris Helbling, Joe Sciarretti, Anne Telle,
 Doug Telle, Jodi Bambeck, Jack Dooling

Hospitality: Pastoral Council Members

Servers: Bridgett Deeds, John Telle, Luke Telle
 (Alt: Paul O'Donnell)

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and give us the information. Someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

Spiritual Notes:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks to the people of Jerusalem during one of the most difficult times in their history. Writing in the late seventh century BC, he relays God's words of judgment to a people accused of idolatry and injustice. He is one of the prophets who foretell the coming Day of the Lord - not only for Israel but for other nations; God will judge all people. In today's reading Zephaniah envisions a time of restoration for Israel: "The Lord has removed the judgment against you, he has turned away your enemies." In Philippians Paul echoes the message of Zephaniah as he encourages the people to "rejoice in the Lord always." Philippi, named for the father of Alexander the Great, was a Roman colony and residence of many military veterans. Writing from prison, Paul encourages his readers to stand firm in their faith in light of the salvation Christ has achieved for us: "The Lord is near." In our celebration of Advent, our prayers anticipate attaining "the joys of so great a salvation." It is strange to encounter a Gospel reading without Jesus, but we have an example of that today. Luke narrates the preaching ministry of John the Baptist who "went throughout the whole region of the Jordan." The crowd's acceptance of John's message leads them to ask, "What should we do?" and John advises them "how they should act," share with those who are in need, treat people fairly, and speak truthfully. This behavior anticipates that of the one John came to announce, the Messiah, who will "gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

For reflection: Do I view the Day of the Lord with fear or joy? John's ministry drew others to Christ. Do I do this by my life?

In Our Parish

Ring in the New Year at St. Joseph Church!
December 31, 2015 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.



Join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, and a Murder Mystery Show! There will be a cash bar and viewing of the College Football Semifinals will also be available.

What to do with the kids??!! Free childcare will be provided in the Family Life Center, with pizza, popcorn, movies, and lots of other fun activities. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, or by calling 330-365-6166.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016



Corporal Works of Mercy
To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Care for the Sick
To Visit the Imprisoned
To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy
To Convert Sinners
To Instruct the Ignorant
To Advise the Doubtful
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Injuries
To Pray for the Living and Dead

"It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation." ~ Pope Francis

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.

Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Confession times are 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the 3rd weekend of each month.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Rosary

Each Wednesday morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

Deanery Penance Service:

TODAY, December 13, 2015, at Sacred Heart Parish in New Philadelphia, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

Secular Franciscans invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

Men's Bible Study Group: Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact John Kuczirka.

Heart of Mary Bible Study: Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The topic will be the Commandments.



Notes from Kevin...

TODAY, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. (prelude music will begin at 5:30 p.m.) we will present our annual **Lessons & Carols** with music for Advent and Christmas. The program includes Scripture readings, along with selections sung by our Choirs and Choirs from area churches!

Parish Children's Choir:

All students in grades 3 thru 6 are invited to sing for two events... Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m., and for our Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 24th. Rehearsals will be held in the Church as follows:

- Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m.
(for Christmas Eve)

Did you know... that there are four sets of readings for Christmas? They are as follows: At the Vigil Mass, At the Mass During the Night, At the Mass at Dawn, and At the Mass During the Day. Each of them opens up a new facet of the Christmas mystery. At St. Joseph Parish we have the opportunity to hear all of the readings over the years since one set is chosen to be used at all the Christmas Liturgies each year. This year we will hear the readings from the Mass During the Day. If you'd like to read them before Christmas, they can be found in the Missalettes in church beginning on page 80, and in our Gather Hymnals on page 912.



The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish for their support of their "Pennies 4 Heaven" Campaign. Your generous support will provide the Diocesan Vocations Office with \$1,487.00 to support the emergency needs of our seminarians.

Youth Ministry News



Sunday, December 13th
at Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 20th
at St. Joseph

Jr. High Youth Group - Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
High School Youth Group - Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Star Wars Movie Marathon!

**Tuesday, December 22nd - Quaker Cinema
at 10:30 a.m., *Star Wars the Force Awakens***
Followed by a showing of all the original six
Star Wars Movies in the Family Life Center. For
complete information, please contact Andy.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School

TCCES' annual Casino Night, on Saturday,
January 23rd from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Save the date for this fun event!
More information to follow!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

**If you or anyone else you know lives alone
and would like a hot meal to share with others,
please feel free to come and have a meal with us.**

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve
God's children in need:
the poor in spirit, as well as the needy.

Below you will find the upcoming schedule.
**Teams, if you need assistance, please contact
Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.**

December 16, 2015 - Team A (Mike Com.)
December 23, 2015 - Team B (Sue Capozella)
December 30, 2015 - Team C (Milt Hamilton)
January 6, 2015 - Team D (Lisa Wiegand)

Thank you for your support!



Christmas Flower Donation

Envelopes are in your envelope packets for December. There are also extra envelopes in the Vestibule of the Church. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by December 14, 2015. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____

By: _____

The Amazing Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. Lord, we take Your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together - ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing, through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

Other Information To Note:



Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Can you help with transportation to Mass?

We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia, who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

Low-gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.



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St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December 2015

Universal Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization Intention: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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Attention, St. Joseph Seniors!

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

The Manor Restaurant in Strasburg.

The menu will feature roast beef.

New members are welcome!

Entertainment by Todd Taylor

Don't forget to wear your
"Ugly Christmas Sweater"

For reservations or cancellations,
call Sue Schwartz at 330-343-7101



Iglesia San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

12 y 13 de Diciembre del 2015

Calendario Litúrgico:



Misas en Español

Domingo 13 de diciembre 1:30 p.m.
Domingo 20 de diciembre 1:30 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados 4:00 p.m.
Domingos 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Confesiones

Antes d misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe
Sábado 12 de diciembre de 2015. Procesión
4:45 a.m. Mañanitas 6:00 a.m. Misa 6:00 a.m.



ADVIENTO: Es un período de tiempo que dura aproximadamente las cuatro semanas que preceden a la Navidad, durante el cual los fieles se preparan espiritualmente para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo.

Grupo "Corazón de María": Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El "Grupo de hombres" se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).



Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los viernes a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330-364-6661 o a los Ministerios Hispanos al 330-432-0811.

Notas Espirituales:

El profeta Sofonías habla a la gente de Jerusalén durante uno de los momentos más difíciles de su historia. Escribiendo a finales del siglo VII antes de Cristo, transmite palabras de juicio de Dios a un pueblo acusado de idolatría e injusticias. Él es uno de los profetas que predicen la venida del Día del Señor - no sólo para Israel, sino para otras naciones; Dios juzgará a todos los hombres. En la lectura de hoy Sofonías imagina un tiempo de restauración para Israel: "El Señor ha quitado la sentencia en su contra, ha expulsado a tus enemigos."

En Filipenses Pablo se hace eco del mensaje de Sofonías ya que alienta a la gente a "regocijarse siempre en el Señor ." Filipo, llamado así por el padre de Alejandro Magno, fue una colonia romana y de residencia de muchos veteranos de guerra. Escribiendo desde la cárcel, Pablo anima a sus lectores a permanecer firmes en la fe y la luz de la salvación que Cristo ha logrado para nosotros: "El Señor está cerca." En nuestra celebración de Adviento, nuestras oraciones anticipan consecución "las alegrías de una salvación tan grande."

Es raro encontrar una lectura del Evangelio sin Jesús, pero tenemos un ejemplo de eso hoy. Lucas narra el ministerio de la predicación de Juan el Bautista, quien "se fue a lo largo de toda la región del Jordán." La aceptación de la gente del mensaje de Juan los conduce a preguntar: "¿Qué debemos hacer?," Y Juan les aconseja cómo deben actuar: compartir con aquellos que están en necesidad, tratar a las personas de manera justa, y hablar con la verdad. Este comportamiento se anticipa a la de Juan que vino a anunciar el Mesías, "guardará el trigo en su granero, pero la paja la quemará con fuego que nunca se apagará."

Para la reflexión: ¿Cómo veo el Día del Señor con miedo o alegría? ¿El ministerio de Juan llama a otros hacia Cristo? ¿Cómo puedo hacer esto en mi vida?

