

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 17 and 18, 2016
17 y 18 de Diciembre del 2016

Mass Intentions



Monday, December 19 - No Mass

Readings: 195: Jsg 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-15

Tuesday, December 20

2:00 p.m. Frank Festi (Hennis)

6:00 p.m. Logan Mason

Readings: 196: Is 7:10-14/Ps 2/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21

8:15 a.m. Richard Onslow

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 197: Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22

8:15 a.m. Sherry Moran

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Readings: 198: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Ps 1Sm/Lk 1:46-56

Friday, December 23

8:15 a.m. Jim Zifer

Readings: 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24,

The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Therese Doriche

7:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Mass in Spanish)

11:30 p.m. Joey Cugliari

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Lucille Fete

Readings: 15: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20



The Celebration of Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2016

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish), 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

Music will begin 30 minutes before each Mass.

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
and 1:30 p.m. in Spanish



Ministry Schedules

Due to the holidays and families traveling
we did not do a Ministry Schedule for
December 24 and 25, 2016
December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to serve.
Thank you!

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.

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

The Parish Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th. If you have an emergency, please call the Office and leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. The voicemail is checked routinely when the Office is closed.

Offertory for Sunday, December 10 and 11, 2016

Loose	\$ 1,772.00
Adult Weekly (214 envelopes)	\$ 6,320.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,132.00
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
Other Funds:	
Poor Fund	\$ 642.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 35.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,147.00
Restroom Renovation Project	\$ 117.00
St. Joseph Needy Families	\$ 3,085.00

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

Spiritual Notes:

In the days immediately preceding Christmas, our readings, and prayers turn their focus to the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. In today's Gospel Matthew tells us "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." Betrothal was a legal relationship preceding marriage that was only ended by death or divorce. When Joseph discovers that Mary, his betrothed, is pregnant, he decides to divorce her. But God intervenes, sending an angel to him in a dream to explain that it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived. Matthew explains that this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet Isaiah, referring to our first reading today. For Matthew and his church, Jesus is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Isaiah, whose career was in the eighth century BC, speaks God's word to King Ahaz, who was wavering in his faith. For Isaiah it was important that the king realize that God has not abandoned them. He prophesies that the birth of a child is to be a sign to the king that God has not abandoned them. The Hebrew text of Isaiah refers to a young woman who will give birth, the Greek text identifies her as a virgin, and Matthew and his community see in that text the prophecy of the birth of Jesus. In Isaiah, we have an example of a prophetic text that finds meaning in its original context as well as in the life of Jesus. Paul, writing to the Romans, describes Jesus as God's Son, descended from David, but also established as Son of God in power. For Paul, Jesus is the realization of the gospel, which God promised previously through his prophets. The one whose birth we celebrate unites us with God by sharing in our human nature.

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.

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.



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 at Dawn. If you'd like to read them before Christmas, they can be found in the Missalettes in church beginning on page 78, and in our Gather Hymnals on page 911.



Why am I here? Where am I going? What should I be doing, once I figure all this out?

We are all searching for more, and St. Joseph is providing a way for all to continue that search, regardless of where we are on our path. How? With Alpha!

Alpha is a program for all people of all backgrounds and viewpoints, and provides an opportunity to explore the purpose of life and the existence of God while learning more about Jesus. It is designed to enhance your personal relationship with Jesus, and provide you with the tools to bring Jesus to others.

The course starts on January 29th and runs for 10 weeks. Small groups meet during the nine-week sessions in a relaxed setting for a meal, to view a video, then gather in informal small groups for an informal discussion about the video's content.

For more information, visit www.stjosephdover.org.

Celebration of the Epiphany - Tres Magos

On Sunday, January 8, 2017, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, otherwise known as the discovery of the child by the "Three Magi." Our Hispanic Parishioners celebrate this day as "Tres Magos." Their procession of kings, animals, shepherds to the crib to recall earlier practices of the Anglo/European Church has since been abandoned. These practices live on as an integral part of the Liturgy of the Three Kings in the Hispanic culture. Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. with the procession beginning at 1:00 p.m. A dinner will follow in the Parish Hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend both Mass and dinner. We hope we will see you there!

Pro-life Pilgrimage: We are planning a journey to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life, January 26-27, 2017, with the Youth Group and any interested parishioners. This will be an unforgettable spiritual experience, especially for our students. We will drive through the night on Thursday and spend the entire day in the city before returning Friday evening. Please call Father Ty at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office (740-922-3533) to reserve your spot on the bus, as they will be limited.

Save the Date!!

SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People What is SWAP?

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "In the name of Christ."

St. Joseph Parish will once again be going on a Mission Trip to Hindman, Kentucky, from June 19-24, 2017. If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact John Karl, Matt Ritzert, or Dan Galbraith. We will have an information meeting in January.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School

You are invited to our Open House Celebration!

When: Sunday, January 15, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Who: Everyone is invited! Current families, parishioners, general public

What: Building tours, meet students and teachers, spaghetti dinner, Book Fair

Please join us for the Open House Celebration January 15, 2017. This is a great opportunity to learn more about TCCES and what to have to offer from preschool through grade six. We are affordable. We are open to all. We invite you to Be A Saint! The Open House will start registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

Youth Ministry News

High School Group

High School Youth Group Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 18, 2016 - St. Joseph

Junior High Youth Group

8th Grade - Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
6th and 7th Grade - Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18, 2016 - St. Joseph

No Youth Group on Christmas Day
or New Year's Day!



St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

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 Settimio or the Parish Office.

December 21, 2016 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

December 28, 2016 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

January 4, 2017 - Team I (Isabellas)

January 11, 2017 - Team J (Class of '61)

January 18, 2017 - Team K (Secular Franciscans)

Please keep our guests and our volunteers in your prayers. Thank you for your support!

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.



Other Information To Note:

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

Christmas Catholic Charities Collection

The annual collection for diocesan Catholic Charities will be taken up during the Christmas Season. The envelopes are in your packet. This collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Join Organization for Inner-city Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, and many more. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. For more about our diocesan sponsored charities visit www.charities.colsdioc.org.

**Diocese of Columbus
The Office of Social Concerns**

January is Poverty Awareness Month: USCCB's Poverty Awareness Month materials include an online and print calendar with daily ways to learn about poverty. Get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up for daily reflections. For these and other resources go to www.povertyusa.org or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

"Non-violence: A Style of Politics for Peace" is Pope Francis' World Day of Peace Message. In his message for the 50th World Day of Peace (January 1st), Pope Francis will urge families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice nonviolence and work to build a just peace. Gospel nonviolence is not passive; it entails active strategies such as peacebuilding, conflict transformation, restorative justice, and unarmed civilization protection. Seeking a just peace means preventing conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration. For the Holy Father's message and a two-page handout, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm when resources become available or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

"Creating a Culture of Encounter"
National Migration Week, January 8-14, 2017, is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for NMW 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me the word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others." www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

9 Days for Life - Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer during the bishops' pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, from Saturday, January 21 - Sunday, January 29. Participate through email, text message, and Facebook, www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm.



Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.



If you manage your bills online,

we're sure you'll like giving to your Church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please visit www.stjosephdover.org to get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December 2016

Universal Intention: End to Child-Soldiers: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization Intention: Europe: That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



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

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When traveling and you need to know where the closest Catholic Church is and the times for their Masses, please check out www.masstimes.org.



No place to go on New Year's Eve?!

The Knights of Columbus will host a party
at their new hall on December 31, 2016
9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

346 West 9th Street, Dover
Across from Warther's lower parking lot

Food, Beverage, Pork and Sauerkraut
\$10.00 per person

RSVP by December 27th

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Iglesia San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

17 y 18 de Diciembre del 2016

Calendario Litúrgico:



Misas en Español

Domingo diciembre 18 1:30 p.m.
Sábados diciembre 24 7:30 a.m.

Misas en Inglés

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.



Tres Reyes Magos

Misa domingo 8 de enero a las 1:30 p.m.

Están todos invitados a la celebración de los Reyes magos habrá juguetes para los niños y comida después de la misa en el gimnasio de la escuela San José.

Intenciones de oración del Santo Padre

Diciembre 2016

Universal: Niños soldados: Para que en ninguna parte del mundo existan niños soldados.

Por la Evangelización: Pueblos de Europa, Para que los pueblos de Europa redescubran la belleza, la bondad y la verdad del Evangelio que dan alegría y esperanza a la vida.

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).

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

Notas Espirituales:

En los días inmediatamente anteriores a la Navidad, nuestras lecturas y oraciones dirigen su atención a los acontecimientos que llegaron al nacimiento de Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo nos dice: "El nacimiento de Jesucristo fue así." Esponsales era una relación jurídica procedida del matrimonio legal que solo terminaba con la muerte o el divorcio. Cuando José descubre que María, su esposa, está embarazada, decide divorciarse de ella. Pero Dios interviene, el envió a un ángel a él en su sueño para explicar que "es a través del Espíritu Santo/ que este niño ha sido concebido." Mateo explica que "esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que el Señor había dicho por medio del profeta" Isaías, refiriéndose a la primera lectura de hoy. Para Mateo y su iglesia, Jesús es verdaderamente el Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros.

Isaías, cuya carrera fue en el siglo VIII antes de Cristo, habla de la Palabra de Dios al rey Ajaz, quien fue vacilante en su fe. Para Isaías era importante que el rey se diera cuenta de que Dios no los ha abandonado. Él profetiza que el nacimiento de un niño es una señal para el rey que Dios no los ha abandonado. El texto hebreo de Isaías se refiere a una "joven" que dará a luz, el texto griego la identifica como una "virgen," Mateo y su comunidad ven en ese texto la profecía del nacimiento de Jesús. En Isaías tenemos un ejemplo de un texto profético que encuentra su propio sentido en su contexto original, así como en la vida de Jesús.

Pablo, escribe a los Romanos, describe a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios," del linaje de David," sino también" estableció como Hijo de Dios con poder." Para Pablo, Jesús es la realización del Evangelio, "que Dios le prometió con anterioridad a través de sus profetas." Aquel cuyo nacimiento celebramos que nos une con Dios, participando en nuestra naturaleza humana.

Para la reflexión: ¿Cuál es su respuesta a la decisión de José para divorciarse de María? ¿De qué manera la encarnación hacer una diferencia en tu vida?



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

