WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you new to Saint Joseph Parish?

Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joseph’s? We invite you to please introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office.

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MASSES

Weekday Masses are at the church:
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend at the church:
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

At the PAC:
Sunday 11 a.m.

ADORATION

M - Th 6 -11 a.m.
6 -11 p.m.
Friday: 6 -8 a.m.
& 6 -11 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

AT CHURCH: Saturday after 9 a.m. Mass and 3:30 p.m. Also by appointment.

Parish Activity Center and Parish Office
670 W. Main Street
Plain City, OH 43064

office hours: M - F 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
office phone: 614-873-8850

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Scan here to go to our website. From the website, click on the mail icon to receive the latest news via email.
ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH? Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to contact the office for an appointment prior to the birth of their child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the office for emergencies and notify the office for calls to the sick or visits to the hospital. To have a name added to the bulletin prayer list please send to: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please call the office to be added to the weekly Communion list.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA is a process that provides time for inquiry, instruction, prayer and discernment. For more information please contact the parish office. We welcome you!

OFFERTORY: You may make your offertory weekly or monthly by visiting our website at www.saintjosephplaincity.com and registering with ONLINE GIVING.

Adoration angels are needed as follows:
Evenings: Tuesdays 10 - 11 p.m. First Tuesday of each month: 7 - 8 p.m.
Wednesdays 8 - 9 p.m. Thursdays 10 - 11 p.m.
Fridays 6 - 7 p.m., 10 - 11 p.m.
Please contact Elaine Bonacci to sign up. Thank you!

Please pray for our military:
2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
SGT Michael S. Bertorello, USA
1SGT Kevin R. Gleich, USA
Logan Hill,
LTC Patrick Parsons, USAF
MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN

Please pray for who all who are ill and healing:
Patricia Ann Allen
Rhonda Campbell
Kevin Gleich
John Harris
Gabriel Kaiser
Betty Stricharczuk
Gloria Butler
Josie Campbell
David Harris
John High
Zachary Kaiser
Mary Jane Ward
Mass Intentions & Readings
The Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 24
EPH 4:32-5:8; PS: 1; LK 13:10-17
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 25
EPH 5:21-33; PS: 128; LK 13:18-21
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 26
EPH 6:1-9; PS: 145; LK 13:22-30
5:30 p.m. Marilyn Bates (P. Berry)

Thursday, October 27
EPH 6:1-10; PS: 144; LK 13:31-35
NO MASS

Friday, October 28
Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
EPH 2:19-22; PS: 19; LUKE 6:12-16
8 a.m. +Ed Chuha (B. Chuha)

Saturday, October 29
PHIL 1:18b-26; PS: 42; LK 14:1,7-11
9 a.m. +Macy Block (S. Block)
4:30 p.m. + Richard Bir (A. Walter)

Sunday, October 30
WIS 11:22-12:2; PS: 145; 2 THES 1:11-2:2; LK 19:1-10
8:30 a.m SI: The Crock Family (Crock Family)
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Calendar

Monday, October 24
PSR 1st - 6th grades 4:30 p.m.
PSR 1st - 6th grades 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25
Strength & Stretching 8 a.m.
55+ Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26
Ultreya - Cum Cristo 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 27
Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Friday, October 28
Bible Study 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 29
Confessions* 3:30 p.m.
Parish Rosary* 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 30
Confirmation Commitment Mass 11 a.m.
Youth Group 7 p.m.

* indicates event at the church

Books of Remembrance will be available near the altars at the church and at the PAC. Please stop by after Mass and add the names of your deceased loved ones to the books in preparation for All Souls Day, November 2.

Masses for All Saints Day will be Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., both at the PAC.

Next week will be our $5 for 5 special collection to give a boost to our building fund.
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Stewardship:

Offertory Collection for Oct 9, 2016

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These numbers do not reflect on-line giving.

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“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

Did you know...
...that tax collectors were among the most hated people in Israel & Judea. Why? During the life of Jesus, Israel & Judea were under the control of the Roman Empire. Each province had a head tax collector, a Censor, that was responsible for sending the collected monies directly to Rome. Each Censor had many tax collectors (publicans) reporting to him with the various taxes they collected from the people: import/export taxes, property taxes, income taxes, taxes on their crops, etc. But there was no regulation as to the amount collected by the despised collectors who each took their “share” as it went up the chain of command. These collectors were usually Jewish themselves. The average Jews, or Pharisees, looked at tax collectors as extortionists because they were in relationship with Romans who were Gentiles. The Pharisees who purported to be holier and more pious than anyone were in abject horror when Jesus stunned them by saying that the sinner, the tax collector, would be exalted above the Pharisee. Jesus, in an act of “political incorrectness” turns the entire ranking system of Israel on its head, teaching us that humility in this life will exalt us in the next.

Holy Family Devotion

Tomorrow, Monday evening at 7 p.m. St. Joseph’s will host a Holy Hour of prayer for all families at the church. We encourage all to join us for this hour of reflection, prayer and meditation with the Holy Family.

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EVERY SUICIDE IS TRAGIC

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide try to draw a sharp distinction between those with a mental illness who want to end their lives and those with a terminal illness who express the same wish. They even insist we should not call the latter “suicide,” contrary to the plain meaning of the word. This is a tragically false distinction with far-reaching consequences.

DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE ABANDONS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help. This request is a distress signal indicating that something in the patient’s condition—at the medical, psychological, or social level—has not been adequately attended to.

Studies show that the desire for death in terminally ill individuals generally correlates with both physical pain and poor social support. When comfort or relief is offered in the form of more adequate treatment for depression, better pain management, or more comprehensive palliative care, the desire for death typically vanishes. In the Netherlands, for example, the request for “hastened death” was withdrawn by 85% of patients when their symptoms were better controlled.

Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, “Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?”

Among terminally ill individuals, a request to die is often associated with a potentially treatable mental disorder such as depression or anxiety. Yet alarmingly, in Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, fewer than 5% of individuals who die by assisted suicide are ever referred for psychiatric or psychological evaluation to rule out the most common causes of suicidal thinking—and the percentage of those receiving such an evaluation is steadily decreasing.

DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE ENABLES SUICIDE

While individuals who are at risk for suicide often contemplate and formulate suicidal plans, and some may show warning signs, they are often ambivalent about ending their lives. The actual suicide attempt is often done impulsively, in the midst of an acute crisis or while intoxicated or emotionally distressed.

A journalist tracked down the few dozen individuals who survived jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge, which is the #1 suicide spot in the world. He asked them what was going through their minds in the four seconds between jumping off the bridge and hitting the water. Every one of them responded that they regretted the decision to jump. One man said, “I realized that all the problems in my life that I thought were unsolvable were actually solvable—except for having just jumped.” To abandon individuals who have lost hope—under the guise of “respecting their autonomy”—is irresponsible.

Furthermore, completing a suicide generally requires not just intent (which typically waxes and wanes over time) but also easy access to means. People tend to fixate on one specific plan, if that particular method isn’t readily available, they typically don’t choose an alternative method; they choose to live. But assisted suicide increases access to a ready means to end one’s life for those who are especially vulnerable due to a terminal illness.

DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE ESCALATES SUICIDE

Advocates of assisted suicide claim it is a private decision, an exercise in personal autonomy that does not affect others. But there is a well-studied “social contagion” aspect to the behavior that can’t be ignored.
In the Netherlands, for example, the request for ‘hastened death’ was withdrawn by 85% of patients when their symptoms were better controlled.

A recent study, which controlled for other factors that could account for the rise, showed that the permissive assisted suicide laws in Oregon and Washington have caused at least a 6% rise in overall suicide rates in those states. Additional data, although limited, enhances this distressing picture. After suicide rates had declined in Oregon in the 1980s, they rose dramatically there between 2000 and 2010—the years following the legalization of assisted suicide in 1997. By 2012, suicide rates in Oregon were 42% higher than the national average.

We know that suicide is among the health-related behaviors that tend to spread from person to person. When a person ends his or her life, it can affect the choices of that person’s friends, as well as the choices of people at least three degrees of separation away: the friends of his or her friends’ friends. Additionally, publicized cases of suicide lead to clusters of copycat cases—known in social science as the Werther Effect. A 2003 Swiss study, for example, showed evidence of suicide contagion following media reports of doctor-assisted suicide. No one is an island.

**LEGALIZING DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE WRONG**

**COMMUNICATES THAT SOME LIVES ARE NOT WORTH LIVING**

Finally, the law itself is a teacher. Our laws shape cultural attitudes toward certain behaviors and influence social norms. Laws permitting assisted suicide communicate the message that, under especially difficult circumstances, some lives are not worth living. This tragically false message will be heard not only by those with a terminal illness, but by any person struggling with the temptation to end his or her life.

Every suicide is tragic. We don’t discourage suicide by assisting suicide.


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It’s time again to think about the many ministries that St. Joseph’s helps with during the Christmas season. Many among us in our community are struggling day to day; the Holidays bring added pressure and worry. Help take some of that worry away by volunteering with one or all of the ways we as the St. Joseph Parish helps those in need at the holidays.

Community Christmas Basket
If you are interested in adopting a family to help those in need to have a better Christmas or if you know of a family that needs some assistance for Christmas please call Bonnie Chuha at 614-873-8566. This program serves the people in the Jonathan Alder School District.

Giving Trees
We will need volunteers to cut out paper ornaments for the giving tree. Then we need the help of our parishioners to fulfill those items and bring them to the church and the PAC. Please contact Amy Colopy at 614-446-0885 to volunteer.

St. Martin de Porres
This weekend is a special collection to ensure that St. Martin’s has enough funds to generously help many families in Madison and Union counties.

Coats for Kids - Knights of Columbus
Our Knights Council will begin collecting winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to benefit those boys and girls at Monroe Elementary.

Please vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates’ promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.
The weekend of November 5 and 6 there will be a very special collection benefiting the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS). AMS was established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church’s full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. This collection, coinciding with Veteran’s Day is only taken every three years. It was first collected in November, 2013, as raised $8,239,000. This is a small way we can give back to those who joined the armed forces to ensure our freedoms. Please remember them in your prayers everyday.

Kitchen Angel Coordinator needed

We need a parish member to be our kitchen coordinator. Keeping the PAC kitchen clean and sanitary is a relatively easy job. Protocol is established and the dedicated staff of monthly volunteers return year after year to serve. This position is perfect for a parish member who likes to work from home, is computer savvy, and can update the volunteer list at the beginning of each year and check on the kitchen periodically. If you are interesting in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Gloria Butler at jimgloryb@gmail.com or 614-581-1240. Thank you!!

Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club Event
Friday, November 4, 2016

The next Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club session will feature John Howard, former Catholic Man of the Year and present parishioner at St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Gahanna. John will speak about Prison Ministry from his own unique point of view. Please join us for this talk on Friday, November 4th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus! Holy Mass begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch and John’s talk until about 1:00 pm. No reservations necessary. $10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men’s Luncheons, visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at htm@ejhlaw.com.

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General Audience:

‘Yet, as Saints like Mother Teresa of Calcutta show us, the works of mercy reveal the merciful face of Christ and can change the culture around us. Let us keep them always in mind and strive to practice them daily.’

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

During this Holy Year of Mercy, we have reflected on God’s mercy, revealed especially in the incarnation of his Son, and on our duty, as followers of Jesus, to be “merciful like the Father”. In Saint Matthew’s Gospel, the Lord tells us that we will be judged by the mercy we show to him, present in the least of our brothers and sisters. His words have inspired the seven traditional “corporal” works of mercy – feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead. The Church’s tradition also adds seven “spiritual” works of mercy – counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offences, bearing patiently those who do us ill, and praying for the living and the dead. As expressions of living faith, these works are often carried out quietly and with simple gestures. Yet, as Saints like Mother Teresa of Calcutta show us, they reveal the merciful face of Christ and can change the culture around us.

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