

The Catholic Community of

Saint Joseph

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish
Sunday – 1:30 p.m.

Holy Days
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Weekdays
Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday –
8:15 a.m.

Confessions
Saturday – 3:15-3:45 p.m.
Sunday – 7:45-8:15,
10:15-10:45 a.m.
and by appointment.

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"In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people."

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

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330-364-6661

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Emergency Line:**
330-364-6662

Fax:
330-602-7488

Youth Ministry:
330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic Elementary
School:**
330-343-9134

**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic High School:**
330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18 and 19, 2017

18 y 19 de Noviembre del 2017

Mass Intentions



Monday, November 20, No Mass

Readings: 497: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-45, 54-57, 62-63/
Ps 119/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21

2:00 p.m. Flo Trustdorf (Hennis)

6:00 p.m. Mary Jane Markino

Readings: 498: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22

8:15 a.m. Irene Capps

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 499: 2 Mc 7:20-31/Ps 17/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

8:15 a.m. Anne Leibfarth

Readings: 684A: Sir 50:20-24/Ps 113/1 Cor 3-9/
Lk 17: 11-19

Friday, November 24, No Mass

Readings: 501: 1 Mc 4:36-37/1 Chr 29/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25, The Vigil of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. Joseph and Antonette Iannelli Family

Sunday, November 26,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. Al Kopec

11:00 a.m. Rick Cugliari

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

Readings: 160: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/Ps 23/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Ministry Schedules

November 25 and 26, 2017

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Quillen – 1st Reading

Vicki Wilhelm – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Cecil, Denisse Garcia Paez,
Amy Hostetler, Marlo Nowak, Tim Avon, Vicki Avon,
Jeri Middaugh

Servers: Felipe Garcia Paez, Sage Winnie,
Gabe Winnie (Alt: Jimmy Ferrell)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Mike Finley – 1st Reading

Jack Burnham – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Ballantyne, Matt Ritzert,
Monica Boring, Rachel Thomas, John Kuczirka,
Sharon Kuczirka, Lou Settimio, Andrea Settimio,
Sub Needed

Hospitality: Joan Wenzel

Servers: Elizabeth Baio, Cole Seigler,
Max Burnham (Alt: John Chaney)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sally Dooling – 1st Reading

Bonnie Edwards – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Chrissie Hensel, Chris Hensel,
Jack Dooling, Joe Sciarretti, Becky Nylund,
Dave Nylund, Mary Elco

Servers: Matthew Dummeruth, Paul O'Donnell,
Joe Phillips (Alt: John Nguyen)

Offertory for Sunday, November 11 and 12, 2017

Loose	\$ 2,035.00
Adult Weekly (envelopes 201)	\$ 10,842.00
Online Giving	\$ 375.00
Total	\$ 13,252.00
Contributions needed each week	\$ 12,192.00

Other Funds:

Poor Fund	\$ 983.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 70.00
Restroom Renovation	\$ 110.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 61.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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 Book of Proverbs is a collection of wise advice that was used for instruction of ancient Israel. Traditionally attributed to Solomon because of his reputation for great wisdom, many of these sayings were originally intended for young men. Their inclusion in the biblical text gives them a wider audience: all people are called to seek and embrace the way of the wise. In today's reading we hear of the value of a "worthy wife"; this text is sometimes read at funerals as a tribute to a woman whose value is far beyond pearls. The text reminds us of the importance of associating with good people in our lives. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians reminds us that there is more to life than this world. As Christians we anticipate the day of the Lord. As believers we are children of the light and we are called to live lives worthy of our status as God's children; we are called to stay alert and sober, not becoming distracted by unimportant things or falling into darkness. The apostle calls us to encourage one another in our common faith. In the parable of talents, Jesus calls us to make good use of what we have been given. The talents given to each of the servants represent a great amount of money. One talent was equivalent to approximately 6,000 days' wages. Each servant was given a different amount, according to his ability. The parable focuses on what each one did with the talents received. The master accuses the third servant of laziness. The third servant knew his master was demanding, but he didn't even put the money to work in what we would call a conservative financial plan "in the bank" to accrue interest; he merely buried the talent in the ground. Like him, we are called to make good use of what has been entrusted to us, for one day we will be called to give an accounting for our actions.

For reflection: What is my belief about the day of the Lord? How can I prepare for it?

Please keep Tom Langford, age 70, who died on Thursday, November 9, 2017 and John Reiger, age 85, who died on Saturday, November 11, 2017, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

Save the Date - Advent Parish Mission

Father Joseph Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap, will lead us in worship, prayer, and reflection, Sunday, December 3, 2017, through Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Father Tuscan will celebrate the Masses on that weekend, as well as speaking to us about forgiveness each evening. There will be a Deanery Penance Service on Sunday, and Eucharistic Adoration each day. More information in the coming weeks. Please plan to attend!

Employment Opportunity St. Joseph Parish Bookkeeper

This position will be responsible for creating payments for approved invoices; processing incoming cash and electronic receipts; and managing accounts receivable for various parish billings. The ideal applicant must possess a high school diploma; finance courses or accounting degree is preferred; proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office and of financial systems - QuickBooks, general ledger, A/R, A/P, is required. The ideal applicant must also possess a minimum of 2 years experience with invoice and cash receipts processing, be highly organized and possess an eye for detail. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course. Send résumé and references by Monday, November 20, 2017, to:

Fr. Jimmy Hatfield
613 N Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622
stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This Mass gives each of us an opportunity to thank God for all the many blessings we enjoy each day. Each year, this Mass concludes with a special blessing of the foods we will eat at our Thanksgiving Day meal. A table will be set up in front of the church for those foods. The collection at this Mass will be to support our Poor Fund.

The Giving Tree for Share A Christmas will be displayed with multiple tags listing items needed for St. Joseph Families, Share A Christmas, and Birthright, beginning the weekend of November 12th. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree with the tag attached. All cash donations should be placed in an envelope and put in the Collection Basket. All gifts for Share A Christmas must be received no later than Sunday, December 3rd.

JESUS is Coming!!! Are you ready for Christmas? It's fast approaching! 'Tis (Almost) The Season! Join us for the Best Advent Ever with Dynamic Catholic and get ready for the best Christmas of your life! Receive in your e-mail each day a short inspirational video, practical tips and real-life stories of hope to help you grown in your faith. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.



The Dover Knights of Columbus are collecting items to send to our GI's in war zones, the weekends of November 18 and 19, and November 25 and 26. Items needed are: small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo (trial size or hotel size), conditioner (trial size or hotel size), lotion, Q-tips, baby wipes, chapstick, soap, and women's personal hygiene items. There are plastic bins in the Belltower and in the Vestibule.

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.

L.C.B.A. invites everyone wishing to attend the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center – Downstairs Meeting Room.

Crafty Ladies: The first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center – Downstairs Meeting Room. All are welcome to come and share ideas and crafts.

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

Knights of Columbus: The first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information, contact John Kuczirka.

Isabellas: Monday, November 20, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Outreach Committee: Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Meeting Room A.

Youth Ministry News

There will be no Youth Group Meetings on Sunday, November 19th, due to N.C.Y.C. (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis. The youth who represented our parishes at this most recent National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis: Krista Delatore, Marissa Long, Sydney Lorenz, Makiah Fullen, Ellie Ross, Molly Triplett, John Clore, Ryan Dick, Cordell Tingler. Please keep them and the adult leaders in your prayers as they will be traveling home.

Sunday, November 26th at Holy Trinity Zoar

Junior High Youth Group, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd at Holy Trinity Zoar

Junior High Youth Group, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Teens and Parents, if you would like more information, or would like to learn about upcoming Youth Group events, please contact Coleman Boring in the Parish Office.

Music News



Children's Choir Opportunities
We have two opportunities for children in Grades 3 through 6 to sing during December:

Lessons and Carols at 6:00 p.m. on December 10.
Rehearsal will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on December 9 in the church.

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 24.
Rehearsal will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on December 16 in the church.

A pizza lunch will be provided after both rehearsals. Please contact the parish office if your child will be singing so we can prepare enough food.

Save the Date

Lessons and Carols – Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Prelude music begins at 5:30 p.m. Come early to ensure a good seat!

Parish Caroling – Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m.
Meet in the Family Life Center. Hot chocolate, cookies, and pizza afterwards!

Feel free to contact Matthew Nadalin, Director of Music Ministries (stjosephdovermusic@gmail.com or at the office 330-364-6661) at any time to learn more about our music program or to get involved.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School

The weekly soup kitchen at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Life Center will be open an extra night the week of Thanksgiving. The Parish Soup Kitchen is open every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center, including the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving week, the soup kitchen will also be open Monday, November 20th during the usual 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. time period. The extra Monday night meal will be served by the TCCES Helping Hands Service Team.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention of 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.

November 22, 2017 – Team M (Fran Mason)

November 29, 2017 – Team O (Regina Study Club)

December 6, 2017 – Team A (Mike Com)

If you are interested in joining a team, or becoming a sub, please contact Andrea Settimio at 330-204-1946.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

To all the wives of the Knights of Columbus and any interested women!

We would like to tell you a bit about the Isabella Club.

First, there is an international and state group called "The Daughters of Isabella" that are auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus and are chartered. Our local group is not a charter member of those groups. Many of us are wives of K of C members, but decided not to make the group exclusive to that group. We are open to membership of any woman over the age of 18.

We are a "laid back" group who have been meeting and doing service work in the community for 7 or 8 years, and would like to invite more women to join us as well. Currently, we plan one dinner a month for the homeless shelter, and every 14 weeks, we make a dinner for the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen, as well as social time together! We are involved in helping with the events of the Knights of Columbus. We meet every third Monday of the month at the new Knights Hall on 9th Street in Dover at 4:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please come to our next meeting on November 20th or call Andrea Settimio at 330-204-1946 or Joann Saffell at 330-343-4395.

Saturday, December 16, 2017



Advent Morning of Reflections - St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center - Newark Ohio - The Precious Present: Advent... a time to pray and reflect on God's generous gift to each of us, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20.00 and includes a continental breakfast.

Living Bread Radio Network

The Living Bread Radio Network AM1060 (Canton, Akron, Cleveland) and 94.5 (Canton, vicinity) produces 12 local programs making it the largest Catholic radio station in Ohio! Visit livingbreadradio.com for schedules and a free app to listen live 24/7.

Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes



are in your envelope packets for December. The cost is \$20.00 for three names. They must be returned by December 12, 2017. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____

By: _____

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.



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.

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.



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

Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

November: Universal: To witness to the Gospel in Asia That Christians in Asia bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

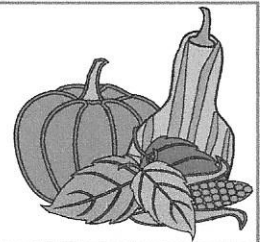
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Norwegian:	takk (Tahk)
Spanish:	gracias (gra-see-us)
German:	danke (dahn-kah)
Hebrew:	toda (Toh-dah)
French:	merci (mehr-see)
Italian:	grazie (gra-see)
Danish:	tak (Tahg)

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,
Today we give thanks
For our many blessings,
As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks
For our family and friends
As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms
As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health
As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity
As we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us,
The peace of God dwell within us
And the joy of God uplift us.

Amen

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WAYS TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

Many people like the idea of serving others, but never do because they don't know where to start. To help you get started, here are some ideas for community service activities your whole family can get involved in. Helping others will teach your kids that by being compassionate and industrious, they can make a difference in the world.

Organize a coat drive in which gently used coats are donated to a local homeless shelter—this can also be done with any clothing or food items, simply make flyers to spread the word!

Volunteer at the Humane Society or local animal shelters—children love animals, so give them an opportunity to put their love into action! They can walk, play with, or feed the animals.

Collect your children's old stuffed animals and dolls, clean them up, and donate them to a homeless or women's shelter. This one is great for getting your kids involved!

Help cook and/or serve a meal at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Check the internet for homeless shelters and soup kitchens in your area.

Make care kits with soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless or for military personnel.

Find a Military pen pal for your family and send him or her letters and care packages. Go to www.penpalsforsoldiers.org for a list of addresses and instructions about what to send and how to send it.



Visit a Nursing Home—your kids can play games with, read books to, or just talk with the elderly. Your youthful, cheerful kids will be sure to brighten their day, and your kids will learn a lot by talking with the elderly about the past.

Make holiday celebration baskets filled with festive goodies for nursing homes, homebound neighbors or homeless shelters. Let your kids fill and decorate them.

Make blankets or scarves for the homeless or for a women's shelter—ideal for children 10 and up, and also a great way for them to learn a new skill!

During the holidays, trim a Christmas tree with mittens, scarves, and hats and donate it to a local homeless shelter.

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Iglesia San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Trigésimo tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

18 y 19 de Noviembre del 2017

Calendario Litúrgico:



Misas en Español

Domingo	Noviembre 19	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Noviembre 26	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Diciembre 3	1:30 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

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

Confesiones

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

Intenciones de oración del Santo Padre

Noviembre 2017

Testimoniar el Evangelio en Asia:

Por los cristianos de Asia, para que, dando testimonio del Evangelio con sus palabras y obras, favorezcan el dialogo, la paz y la comprensión mutua, especialmente con aquellos que pertenecen a otras religiones.

Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los jueves a las 4:30 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Matt Nadalin ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661 o Denisse a la 330-795-6546.



**Hombres y mujeres
son bienvenidos a unirse a este grupo.**

La Iglesia San José contratara a un nuevo miembro para cubrir el puesto de Ministros Hispanos, todas las actividades continúan igual durante este tiempo de transición. Liz Yoder estará todos los lunes y Sarah del Centro San José estará todos los viernes en la oficina de la Parroquia para seguir ayudando a la comunidad. Si tienen una emergencia o necesitan más ayuda por favor llame a la oficina de la Parroquia.



**Día de Acción de Gracias
23 de Noviembre de 2017 - Misa 9:00 a.m.**

Notas Espirituales:

El libro de Proverbios es una colección de consejos sabios que se utilizó para la instrucción en el antiguo Israel. Tradicionalmente se atribuye a Salomón debido a su reputación de gran sabiduría, muchos de estos dichos fueron pensados originalmente para los hombres jóvenes. Su incorporación en el texto bíblico les da un público más amplio: todas las personas están llamadas a buscar y abrazar el camino de los sabios. En la lectura de hoy escuchamos sobre el valor de "una digna esposa"; este texto se lee a veces en los funerales como un homenaje a una mujer cuyo valor es "mucho más allá de las perlas." El texto nos recuerda la importancia de la asociación con buenas personas en nuestras vidas. La carta de Pablo a los Tesalonicenses nos recuerda que hay más a la vida que este mundo. Como cristianos anticipamos "el día del Señor." Como creyentes somos "hijos de la luz," y por lo que estamos llamados a vivir una vida digna de nuestra condición de hijos de Dios; estamos llamados a "estar alerta y sobrio," no dejarse distraer por cosas sin importancia o caer en la oscuridad. El apóstol nos llama a "animarse unos a otros" en nuestra fe común. En la parábola de los talentos, Jesús nos llama a hacer un buen uso de lo que se nos ha dado. Los talentos dados a cada uno de los siervos representan una gran cantidad de dinero. Un talento era equivalente a aproximadamente a 6,000 días de salario. Cada siervo se le dio una cantidad diferente, "según su capacidad." La parábola se centra en lo que hizo cada uno con los talentos recibidos. El maestro acusa al tercer siervo de la pereza. El tercer siervo sabía que su amo era exigente, pero él ni siquiera puso el dinero a trabajar en lo que llamaríamos un plan financiero conservador - "en el banco" a acumular intereses; él simplemente enterró el talento en la tierra. Al igual que él, estamos llamados a hacer buen uso de lo que se nos ha confiado a nosotros, porque un día seremos llamados a dar una explicación de nuestras acciones.

Para la reflexión: ¿Cuál es mi creencia sobre el "día del Señor?" ¿Cómo puedo prepararme para ello?



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.

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