

## The Catholic Community of

# Saint Joseph

## Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Mass in Spanish: Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Days: Check inside of bulletin.  
Weekdays: Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15 a.m.  
Confessions: By Appointment Only

*“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

- ◆ **PARISH STAFF:** Rev. James Hatfield, *Pastor*; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, *Retired*; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, *Pastoral Associate*; Ms. Cindy Teynor, *Director of Religious Education*; Mrs. Kateri Renicker, *Religious Education Secretary*; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, *Director of Music Ministry*; Mrs. Jodi Lindberg, *Bookkeeper*; Mrs. Betty Bidinger, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*; Mr. Russ Clay & Mr. Coleman Boring, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*; and Mr. Neal Kwasnicka, *Custodian*.
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 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](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Parish Office:**  
330-364-6661

**After Hours  
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330-364-6662

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330-602-7488

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330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

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

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Catholic High School:**  
330-343-3302

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 19 and 20, 2020**  
**19 y 20 de Septiembre del 2020**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 21, No Mass**

Readings: 643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday, September 22**

**5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

**6:00 p.m. Rosalie Cugliari**

Readings: 450: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday, September 23**

**8:15 a.m. Donald Kyle**

Readings: 451: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 24**

**8:15 a.m. Vince Pace**

**9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

Readings: 452: Eccl: 1:2-11/Ps 90/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 25**

**8:15 a.m. Esther Monaco**

Readings: 453: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 26,**

**The Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 p.m. Ruth Nolan**

**Sunday, September 27,**

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m. Sam and Agnes Miceli**

**11:00 a.m. Jim and Nancy Zifer**

**1:30 p.m. People of the Parish**

**(Mass in Spanish)**

Readings: 136: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25/Phil 2:1-11/  
Mt 21:28-32

**Ministry Schedule**

**Lector, Usher and Greeter Schedule**

**Tuesday, September 22 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo**

**Wednesday, September 23 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham**

**Thursday, September 24 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy**

**Friday, September 25 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope**

**September 26 and 27, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Lyle Tope

Ushers: Steve DeBois, Mary DeBois, Kateri Renicker,

Bill Bartz, Roy Montan

Server: Cade Renicker

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Lector: Jeannine Kennedy

Ushers: John Kuczirka, Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney,

John Chaney, John Karl, Zach VanDress, Ronnie Saffell

Server: Easton Pope

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lector: Jim Elco

Ushers: George Kail, Mike Ernest, Mary Elco, Joe Sciarretti,

Tom O'Donnell, Patti DeVault

Usher: Vince Sciarretti

**The Church also will be open for individual prayer on  
Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.**

**Thursday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.**

**Friday following 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

**Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**Confessions are available by appointment, please call  
the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a time.**

**Offertory for September 12 and 13, 2020**

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| Loose Cash and Checks          | \$ 2,868.00        |
| Adult Weekly Envelopes         | \$ 5,175.00        |
| Online Giving                  | \$ 1,453.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 9,496.00</b> |
| Contributions needed each week | \$12,192.00        |

**Other Funds:**

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| Poor Fund                               | \$ 639.00 |
| Capital Improvement                     | \$ 315.00 |
| St. Joseph Subsidy for Catholic Schools | \$ 155.00 |
| Other Collections                       | \$ 10.00  |

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

**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.



### **Spiritual Notes:**

Isaiah reminds us that God "is generous in forgiving." The Lord tells us, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." We should not expect God to act as we would; rather, we should strive to conform our actions to the mind of God. God calls sinners to return not so that they might be condemned, but that they might be forgiven. The church in Philippi was the first Christian community in Europe, a major step in the growth of Christianity. Writing from prison, Paul calls the Philippians to persevere in their faith, conducting themselves "in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Not knowing whether he will face death or release from prison, he longs to depart this life and be with Christ. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. The parable of the workers in the vineyard makes many people uncomfortable. Why should those who worked only an hour get the same pay as someone who "bore the day's burden and the heat"? It doesn't seem fair. Jesus tells this parable to teach us that God is more concerned with being merciful than being fair. We should not be envious because God is generous.

*For reflection: Am I an all-day laborer, or have I come to work late in the day? What is my response to God's mercy extended to others? Do I see God as not fair or as generous?*

**Please keep in your prayers, Joan Larson, age 91 who died on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Please also keep Joan's family in your prayers.

### **P.S.R. News**

In the coming weeks, we will have further information regarding P.S.R. for the upcoming school year. Father Jimmy, Miss Teynor, and the Catechists have been meeting to formulate the best plan for our students and families during this time. Thank you for your patience.

### **R.C.I.A. -**

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and The Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact the Parish Office or John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988.



### **"Living the Joy of the Gospel"**

The theme of the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal compels us to join in the mission of the Gospel by sharing from our abundance. **Our parishioners have already contributed \$61,405.00!** This year our goal is \$73,756.00. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs. Please pray for the success of the appeal.

### **Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County** **Paper Product Drive**

Beginning in September for the entire month, there will be bins in the Vestibule to collect paper product items. Those items most in need are; paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, dinner napkins, trash bags, Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, baby diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and dry laundry detergent. Please consider supporting this worthy cause!



### **Tuscarawas County Catholic High School**

#### **Substitute Teachers needed!**

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School are in need of substitute teachers for the 2020-21 school year. Substitute teachers must hold a valid teacher's license or substitute certificate, complete BCI and FBI background checks, and complete a Protecting God's Children workshop. Please contact Matt Ritzert at [mrutzert@cddeducation.org](mailto:mrutzert@cddeducation.org).

#### **Fundraisers**

##### **BBQ Chicken Dinner**

Sunday, October 4th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Ricardo's Party Center. Drive-thru and Advanced Tickets Only. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner, and all proceeds support TCC Saints Volleyball. For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact Jennifer Everett at 330-365-6166.

##### **Booster Club Fall Golf Outing.**

The TCC Booster Club will be having a Fall Golf Outing, Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Oak Shadows. The Shotgun Start will begin at 9:00 a.m. Team fees are \$300.00. Skins and a 50/50 will be offered. To preregister, contact Nick Angelini at 330-934-9004 or Mike Fredericks at 330-432-5062.

##### **Boo Wave Lottery Raffle**

Grand Prize is \$25,000.00

Only 1,000 tickets sold!

Tickets are \$50.00 and are available at the Immaculate Conception Church Office or by calling 740-922-3533. All proceeds support IC Elementary School.

**The 2020 Jubilee of Anniversaries** is taking place on October 25th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year after, anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend the 2:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan or to virtually attend the livestream. Please register ahead of time to receive a certificate in the mail, and by October 14th, to have your name included in the worship aid and in *The Catholic Times*.

### \*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.

**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](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**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.



**Online Giving.** 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. To get started, please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

### St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

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

### 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](http://livingbreadradio.com) for schedules and a free app to listen live 24/7.

### Help us to have the correct information

**Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number?** Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule, simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

More and more parishioners have begun to eliminate their landlines, and use only cell phones. If you fall into this category, please contact the Parish Office with your correct information. You may fill out this slip and drop it in the collection basket or email any changes to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com). Thank you!!

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### All Natural. Good for the body.

#### Great for the soul!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods are effective for postponing or achieving pregnancy and are completely natural – no pills, patches, or devices. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting [www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning) or contacting the Diocese of Columbus Office of Marriage and Family Life at 614-241-2560.

### Promise to Protect – Pledge to Heal

Believe in the possibility of help and healing. There is hope. Your local victim coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his delegate, if desired.

### Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

*"So the last will be first and the first last."* – Matthew 20:16



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You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Learn how you can put God in all things by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions September 2020

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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***“Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart.” ~SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)***

**Monday, September 21 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Matthew, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13** As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, *I desire mercy, not sacrifice*. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

**Meditation:** What did Jesus see in Matthew? Others saw Matthew as a cheat a sinner. But Jesus saw something in Matthew that others did not. Matthew's heart must have yearned for God, even though he dare not show his face in a synagogue - the Jewish house of prayer and the study of Torah - God's law. When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax office counting his day's profit, Jesus spoke only two words: “follow me.” And so he did; those two words changed Matthew from a self-serving profiteer to a God-serving apostle who would bring the treasures of God's kingdom to the poor and needy. Saint John Chrysostom described Matthew's calling: “Why did Jesus not call Matthew at the same time as he called Peter and John and the rest? He came to each one at a particular time when he knew that they would respond to him. He came at a different time to call Matthew when he was assured that Matthew would surrender to his call. Similarly, he called Paul at a different time when he was vulnerable, after the resurrection, something like a hunter going after his quarry. for he who is acquainted with our inmost hearts and knows the secrets of our minds knows when each one of us is ready to respond fully. Therefore he did not call them all together at the beginning, when Matthew was still in a hardened condition. Rather, only after countless miracles, after his fame spread abroad, did he call Matthew. He knew Matthew had been softened for full responsiveness.”

**Prayer:** O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus always seeks out those in the greatest need, just as he did with Matthew. A true physician seeks healing of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. Jesus came as the divine physician and good shepherd to care for his people and to restore them to wholeness of life. The orthodox were so preoccupied with their own practice of religion that they neglected to help the very people who needed spiritual care. Their religion was selfish because they didn't want to have anything to do with people not like themselves. Jesus stated his mission in unequivocal terms: *I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners*. Ironically the orthodox were as needy as those they despised. Recall Saint Paul's words: *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). And yet all are invited to turn away from sin as Jesus invites us to follow him just as he did Matthew.

**Tuesday, September 22 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 8:19-21** The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.” He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

**Meditation:** From time to time it is good to ask ourselves some basic questions. In light of today's Gospel we might ask ourselves: "What is the essence of my being a Christian?" It is certainly more than doctrine, precepts, and commandments. It is first and foremost a relationship – a relationship of trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. And not just for the sake of living these qualities on their own, but imitating Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer who taught us the importance of living these by living a life in him.

**Prayer:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus Christ is the Word incarnate, Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God – his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family – his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday, September 23 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:1-6** Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

**Meditation:** We see in today's Gospel where Jesus gave power and authority to his apostles. But we must also recognize that he gave to all of his disciples (including each of us) other kinds of "power and authority" through our God-given gift, abilities and talents so that we may exercise them in our personal lives in service to God and his people. God's word has power to change and transform our lives in one way or another, on one level or another. Jesus gave his apostles both power and authority to speak and to act in his name – to cast out evil spirits, to heal, and to speak the word of God. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The *world* and the *flesh* seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches each of us to use it for the good of our neighbor. What have you done lately for the good of your neighbor?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pio a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Contemplation:** Sometimes we think we must do "great" things in order to imitate Christ. Not so. Look at the simple acts of charity and kindness that we can extend to one another in our families, at our places of work, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, or to total strangers for that matter, in helping those who need help of one type or another. In these day-to-day acts of charity and kindness we imitate Christ, and that's what living our faith in witness to Christ is all about.

**About Saint Padre Pio:** Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910. While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for

both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81. Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s. His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and (now Saint) Pope John Paul II on December 20, 2001.

### **Thursday, September 24 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:7-9** Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead;" others were saying, "Elijah has appeared;" still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

**Meditation:** King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, though, was more of what we would call today a "people pleaser" than one who lived one's life in a manner that was pleasing to God. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends. So when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod became very troubled in conscience. He thought that John the Baptist had risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's will. He wanted to meet Jesus - not to follow him but to prevent him from troubling his conscience any further. We can try to rid ourselves of guilt and sin by suppressing the truth or by ridding ourselves of anyone or anything that points us to the truth. No power on earth, however, can remove a guilty conscience or free us from slavery to sin - only God can set us free through the atoning sacrifice which his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ made for us on the cross.

**Prayer:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** People often ask how we can find true peace with ourselves and with God. Always remember that the Lord Jesus shows us the way. Jesus explained to his followers, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). Only Jesus can set us free, and this can happen ONLY if we listen to his voice and obey his divine words of truth will we find true peace, joy, and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God. And so we might ask ourselves today: Does God's word take priority in my daily life? Or do I allow other human voices, opinions and messages distract me or lead me astray? The Lord Jesus promises to be with us and to guide us continually if we will listen to his voice and obey his word. Jesus never leads us astray - he leads us along life's path to the only way to Heaven - through him, with him and in him.

### **Friday, September 25 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:18-22** Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

**Meditation:** When Jesus asks "But who do YOU say that I am?" he asks that questions not only of those present in today's Gospel, but also to each of us. Who is Jesus to you? What difference does Jesus make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No mortal being could have

revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One*, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the *Anointed One*. Why did Jesus command his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. Saint Cyril of Alexandria, a Father of the Church, explains the reason for this silence: "There were things yet unfulfilled which must also be included in their preaching about him. They must also proclaim the cross, the passion, and the death in the flesh. They must preach the resurrection of the dead, that great and truly glorious sign by which testimony is borne him that the Emmanuel is truly God and by nature the Son of God the Father. He utterly abolished death and wiped out destruction. He robbed hell, and overthrew the tyranny of the enemy. He took away the sin of the world, opened the gates above to the dwellers upon earth, and united earth to heaven. These things proved him to be, as I said, in truth God. He commanded them, therefore, to guard the mystery by a seasonable silence until the whole plan of the dispensation should arrive at a suitable conclusion" (*Commentary on Luke, Homily 49*).

**Prayer:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word. How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind. So if we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where, how and when he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will does not align with God's will, then I must change my course, my path, and align my will with that of God - God's will must be done as in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done." To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross where he defeated sin and conquered death through his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us *faith* to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the *power* to live the gospel faithfully, and the *courage* to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

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# Jubilee of Anniversaries

A CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year after, anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend.



*Sunday, October 25, 2020*

*2:30 Mass celebrated by  
Bishop Robert Brennan*

*St. Paul Catholic Church,  
313 N. State St., Westerville*

All registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a personalized certificate in the mail. The Mass will also be live-streamed for family members and couples who prefer to attend virtually. Couples registered for this event by October 14, 2020 will be featured in the worship aid and The Catholic Times.

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Congratulations on celebrating this landmark in your married lives together! We want to celebrate you while keeping you as safe as possible. Read through these guidelines to know what to expect at the Jubilee Mass during this time of pandemic.

- In order to have enough space for jubilarians who wish to attend the Mass, we are asking that attendance is limited to these couples. Families, and those uncomfortable attending can stream the Mass from home.
- Please livestream the Mass if you are high risk, have any symptoms related to COVID-19, or have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks.
- Social distance will be maintained, and couples will be seated six feet apart in the pews.
- Those attending Mass are asked to wear a face covering and use provided hand sanitizer.
- The bathrooms will be available for emergencies only.
- There will be no reception this year.

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### 20 de Septiembre del 2020



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| Domingo | Octubre 4     | 1:30 p.m. |
| Domingo | Octubre 11    | 1:30 p.m. |

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##### Misas en Ingles

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

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##### **Respeto de los recursos del planeta.**

Recemos para que los recursos del planeta no sean saqueados, sino que se compartan de manera justa y respetuosa.

Creo, Jesús mío,  
que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo  
y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.  
Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente  
recibirte dentro de mi alma, pero no pudiendo hacerlo  
ahora sacramentalmente, venid al menos  
espiritualmente a mi corazón.  
Y como si ya os hubiese recibido,  
os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.  
Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.  
Amén.



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.

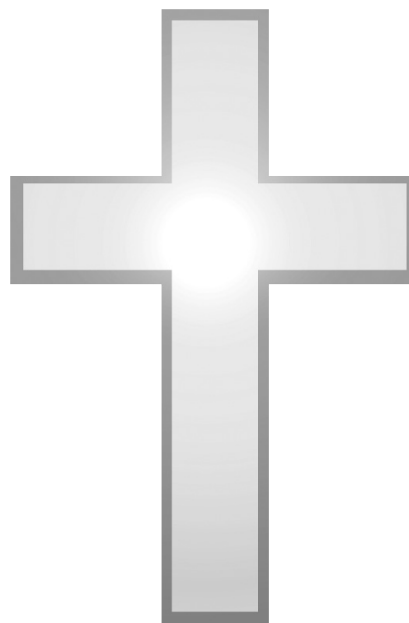
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Isaías nos recuerda que Dios "es rico en perdón". El Señor nos dice: "Porque mis pensamientos no son los de ustedes,/ni sus caminos mis caminos". No debemos esperar que Dios actúe como lo haríamos; más bien debemos esforzarnos para confirmar nuestras acciones a la mente de Dios. Dios llama a los pecadores para volver, no para que pudieran ser condenados, sino que pudiéramos ser perdonados.

La iglesia en Filipo fue la primera comunidad cristiana en Europa, un paso importante en el crecimiento del cristianismo. Escribiendo desde la cárcel, Pablo llama a los filipenses a perseverar en la fe, conduciéndose a sí mismos "de una manera digna del evangelio de Cristo". Sin saber si va a enfrentarse a la muerte o la liberación de la cárcel, él desea "salir de esta vida y estar con Cristo". Sin embargo, "permanecer en la carne/es más necesario para su beneficio".

La parábola de los obreros de la viña incomoda a mucha gente. ¿Por qué alguien que trabajó sólo una hora obtiene el mismo salario que alguien que "llevó el peso del día y el calor"? No parece justo, Jesús dice la parábola para enseñar que Dios está más preocupado ser misericordioso que con ser justo. No debemos ser envidiosos porque Dios es generoso.

*Para la reflexión:* ¿Soy un trabajador durante todo el día, o vine a trabajar hasta tarde en el día? ¿Cuál es mi respuesta a la misericordia de Dios extendida a otros? ¿Veo a Dios como no justo o como generoso?



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