



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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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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.

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 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

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES Arrangements should be made through the Parish
Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS 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. *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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please have bulletin
announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or
e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Ascension of the Lord
May 20 and 21, 2023
20 y 21 de Mayo del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22

No Mass

Readings: 297: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 p.m. Katherine Gopp

Readings: 298: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17: 1-11a

Wednesday, May 24

8:15 a.m. Josephine Gabel

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 299: Acts 20: 28-38/Ps 68/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25

8:15 a.m. A Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 26

8:15 a.m. Denny Casady

Readings: 30: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

The Vigil for Pentecost

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Magnacca Family

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Dennis, Richard, and Terry Capozella

11:00 a.m. Lorrie Phillips

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

(Spanish Mass)

Readings: 63: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, May 23 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, May 24 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, May 25 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, May 26 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

May 27, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois - 1st Lector

Bonnie Edwards - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Beth Cecil,

Kateri Renicker, Cindy Bartz, Bill Bartz,

Jackie Hostetler, Janice Cosenza

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostetler, Joseph Miller

May 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Matt Ritzert - 1st Lector

Jack Burnham - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Barkett, Mary LaBrake,

Lou Settimio, Andrea Settimio, John Kuczirka,

Sharon Kuczirka, Doug Telle

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sue Quillen - 1st Lector

Sue Worth - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Joe Sciarretti,

Mark Clemence, Elizabeth Clemence,

Marcus Clemence, Dan Galbraith, Cathy Galbraith

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry and Linda Clawson,

Beth Ernest

Servers: Greg Nguyen, John Nguyen, Tessa Williams

Offertory for May 13 and 14, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,519.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,558.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,215.00
Total	\$ 18,292.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 317.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 70.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 185.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 140.00
Other Collections	\$ 155.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and 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. If no one is available, please leave a message.

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

Spiritual Notes

Luke begins Acts by referring to his first book, the Gospel, and summing up the final days of the Risen Christ on Earth. Then he narrates the story of Jesus' Ascension. For Luke, the Ascension is the bridge between the story of the Earthly Jesus and the ongoing story of the church, which is an open-ended story in which we are called to play our parts. To assist the church in its task, Jesus promises "power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you;" this power will transform the disciples, enabling them to preach the Gospel throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the Earth. In the verse preceding today's second reading, Paul gives thanks for the Ephesians, a standard feature in Greco-Roman letters. He prays that they may gain knowledge of God leading to the hope that belongs to God's call. Our hope is based in Christ, who after His Resurrection, took His seat at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. This is a place of honor, signifying that He is far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion. As head over all things, Christ is Head of the Church, and we are united with Him. In Matthew's final scene, Jesus meets the disciples in Galilee. This is where He first met them, and where much of His public ministry took place before He journeyed to Jerusalem in Judea to die. Jesus tells them that He has been given all power in Heaven and on Earth, and He commissions them to go.... and make disciples. They are to do this by teaching "all that I have commanded you," and baptizing them. Matthew concludes by having Jesus promise, "I am with you always," reinforcing His identity as Emmanuel, a name Matthew associated with Jesus in his first Chapter.

For reflection: Does my prayer include thanksgiving for others? Do I have a sense of sharing in the commission of the disciples?

Please keep in your prayers, John Adams, age 79, who died on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please also, keep his family in your prayers.



"FORWARD WITH JESUS" We are moving forward in the Light of Christ Jesus and ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always. The Appeal is a major source of funding for evangelization, vocations, Catholic school tuition assistance, and social

concerns efforts throughout the diocese. Your contributions help diocesan ministries and services in providing a path to move forward. Our parish goal is \$69,680.00; please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. **We are off to a great start, with pledges of \$18,670.00 to date!**

Thank you for your generosity!



175th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, June 25, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Bishop Fernandes will celebrate our Anniversary Mass, followed by dinner at the Union Country Club. Everyone is invited! There are invitations in the bulletin or you may call Brenda in the Parish Office for more information



Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

This will be Bishop Fernandes' first trip to our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend! A reception will follow in the Family Life Center.

"Mark Your Calendars!"

May 29th

Parish Office Closed

June 2nd

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

June 2nd

Last day of school

July 4th

Parish Office Closed

July 14th and 15th

St. Joseph Festival

July 7th to July 9th

Franciscan Youth Conference

The Memorare Mom's Group continues to meet in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.

175th Anniversary!

We need your help!

Do you have photos from parish events in the past?

We are doing a video to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, and are looking for more candid pictures, if you have some you would like to share. We are also looking for mementos that you may be willing to share for display at the Anniversary Dinner; they will be returned to you. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Parish 175th Anniversary Raffle			
No. 011	The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	No. 011
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number			

Our next drawing will be

Saturday, June 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Each drawing will be livestreamed!!



Birthright Playpen

Each year beginning on Mother's Day until Father's Day, St. Joseph Parish conducts our annual playpen collection for Birthright of Tuscarawas County.

Items needed are the usual baby items: disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, shampoo, baby wash, crib sheets, sleepers, bibs, etc. You may also make a cash donation. Please put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Birthright."



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



A Catholic education is a priceless investment in the future of our children. In addition to strong academic programs, we offer:

- Safe, loving environments where we believe every child is a gift from God and can succeed.
- Moral and character development based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Opportunities for participation in many co-curricular activities.
- Small class sizes where every student receives the attention and support they deserve.

Registration is now underway from preschool to grade 12. We are affordable. We are open to all. We invite you to Be A Saint. For more information, please call the school office at 330-343-9134.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need; the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

May 24, 2023 - Team O (Pat Figuly)

May 31, 2023 - Team A (Dooling/Comg)

June 7, 2023 - Team B (Sue Capozella)

June 14, 2023 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

June 21, 2023 - Team D (Andrea Settimo)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Applesauce
Canned Peas	Rice
Canned Baked Beans	Cereal

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church; or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

Discipleship Quads

Grow as a disciple and form other disciples.

Are you interested in forming a Quad?

A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversation, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information, please contact Judy Burnham at 330-340-2077 or the Parish Office.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 14 and 15, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Bands are booked

Tequila Mary - Friday, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Badstone - Friday, 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Larry Notz and Mandolin Dave -

Saturday, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Moonlyterz - Saturday, 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Festival, please contact Joe and Sarah Sciarretti, or you may call the Parish Office.

More information coming soon!

L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty Ladies are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival. Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Festival, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone _____

Where you would like to work: _____

Available day and times: _____

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“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)

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Immaculate Virgin, thou hast to save me. Grant that I may always remember thee; and thou, do thou never forget me. The happy day, when I shall go to behold thy beauty in paradise, seems a thousand years off. So much do I long to praise and love thee more than I can now do, my Mother, my Queen, my beloved, most beautiful, most sweet, most pure, Immaculate Mary. Amen.” +PRAYER OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

Monday, May 22 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial: Saint Rita of Cascia

Holy Gospel: John 16:29-33 The disciples said to Jesus, “Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech. Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”

Meditation: Notice how Jesus warned his disciples that their faith would be put to the test and that they would fail. Jesus spoke plainly about the tragedy of betrayal and the triumph of the cross. Jesus knew the hearts of his disciples better than they knew. He knew they would desert him in his hour of trial. Such knowledge could have easily led to bitterness and rejection. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with supreme love and trust in his disciples. He loved his disciples to the very end even when they left him alone to die on the cross. He knew that the cross would not bring defeat but victory over sin and death. Jesus speaks the same word to us today. “My love for you is unconditional and I will never abandon you.” While we cannot avoid all pain and suffering in this life, Jesus, nonetheless assures us that he will guide us safely through any difficulty or trial we may have to undergo for his sake. Jesus calls each of us to take courage, because he has overcome the world. The Holy Spirit gives us a living hope in the power of the resurrection and a confident trust in God's abiding presence. Nothing can overcome this faith and hope in Christ's victory – no trial, suffering, temptation, or testing. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and courage we need to overcome adversity and to persevere in faith.

Prayer: May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How did Jesus convince his disciples that he was the Son of God? Jesus could read their hearts like an open book. He answered their questions before they could even speak them out. And he showed them the glory of God. For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his “beloved Son,” in whom the Father is “well pleased.” We can believe in Jesus and in the words he speaks because he is himself God, the Word made flesh. Since he “has seen the Father,” and is “one with the Father,” Jesus is the only one who knows the Father as he truly is and can reveal him to us. Our faith is “certain” because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith is already the beginning of eternal life. Saint Basil the Great says: “When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall enjoy one day.”

Tuesday, May 23 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11a Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that

your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Meditation: What is this "glory" of which Jesus speaks in this scripture passage? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. How does the cross reveal his glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation. Jesus gave his Father the supreme honor and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross. In times of defense the greatest honor belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son for our redemption and deliverance from slavery to sin and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unconditional, sacrificial and generous beyond comprehension.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make of us a perfect temple of his glory. 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 tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can come to know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you seek unity of heart, mind and will with God and unity of love and peace with your neighbor?

Wednesday, May 24 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Meditation: Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. The scriptural word for consecration comes from the same Hebrew word which means "holy" or "set apart for God." This word also means to be "equipped with the qualities of mind and heart and character for such a task or service." Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us in the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

Prayer: Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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: Have you ever given time, thought and prayer to know what your purpose and mission in life is? Jesus' aim and mission was to glorify his heavenly Father. All he said and did gave glory to his Father. On the eve of his sacrifice and in the presence of his disciples, Jesus made his high priestly prayer: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that they may be one as we are one". Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples and for all who would believe in him. Jesus' prayer for his people is that we be united with God the Father in his Son and through his Holy Spirit and be joined together, in unity with all who are members of Christ's body. Jesus saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Obedience to his Father's will was his glory. Jesus kept his Father's word even when tempted to forgo the cross. His strength was not in himself but in his Father who kept him. We, too, must take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus wherever and whenever he may call us.

Thursday, May 25 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

**Optional Memorials: Saint Bede the Venerable,
Pope Saint Gregory VII, Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

Meditation: The unity of Jesus and his Father is a unity of love and obedience, and a unity of personal relationship. Because Jesus loves us and united us through the Sacrament of Baptism we are called to live in a unity of love. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in the greatest gift to us – Christ's Body and Blood. Through his teachings, we follow him wherever he leads us as his disciples. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we demonstrate our heartfelt desire to reunite ourselves with him, recognizing our sinfulness, our sorrow for having sinned, and our pledge not to sin again. Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he has in his beloved disciples. He knows they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord entrust us with the same mission...to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one.

Prayer: May your Spirit, O Lord, we pray, imbue us powerfully with spiritual gifts, that he may give us a mind pleasing to you and graciously conform us to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Look around at the people in the pews who are with you in Church. Look around at the people in your office, your school, your home, your neighborhood. The distinctive mark of Jesus' disciples is their love for God and their desire to do his will, and their love for one another. Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper concludes with the prayer for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. In a special way Jesus prays here for us that as members of his body we would be one as he and his Father – God the father – are one.

Friday, May 26 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri

Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19 After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Meditation: Jesus calls us, even in our weakness and sin, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his book *Confessions* wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." Nothing but our stubborn human pride, our sinfulness, and our willfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in love. He loved us first; we must reciprocate with total love for Him by following His commands, and the teachings of His Son and His Catholic Church.

Prayer: Father, you continually raise up your faithful to the glory of holiness. In your love kindle in us the fire of the Holy Spirit who so filled the heart of Philip Neri. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Philip Neri: O glorious St. Philip, who wast so favored by God with the gift of consoling and assisting thy spiritual children at the hour of death, be also my advocate and father when I shall find myself at that dreadful moment. Obtain for me that at that hour the devil may not conquer me, nor temptation overcome me, nor fear itself revile me; but that, strengthened by a lively faith, a fervent hope and, a sincere charity, I may sustain with patience and perseverance that supreme struggle, and that, full of confidence in the mercy of the Lord, and in the infinite merits of Jesus Christ and the protection of the Most Blessed Mary, I may deserve to die the death of the just, and be united with thee and all the saints in the blessed home of Paradise, to praise and enjoy the Lord forever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you want the fire of God's love to burn in your heart? John the Evangelist tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, without limit, and everlasting. It's the beginning and the end; and it's the essence of Christianity. It draws us to the heart of God and it compels us to give to him our full allegiance and our very lives. Saint Paul the Apostle tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (ref. Romans 5:5). As so we must ask ourselves: Do I love God with all my mind, all my heart, and all my soul? If not, then ask yourself: what is holding me back?

About Saint Philip Neri: This gracious, cheerful saint was Rome's apostle of the sixteenth century (1515-1595). A peculiar charism was his burning love of God, a love that imperceptibly communicated itself to all about him. So ardently did this fire of divine love affect him during the octave of Pentecost in his twenty-ninth year that the beating of his heart broke two ribs. It was a wound that never healed. For fifty years the saint lived on in the intensity of that love which was more at home in heaven than on earth. Through those fifty years his was an apostolate to renew the religious and ecclesiastical spirit of the Eternal City, a task he brought to a happy conclusion. It is to his credit that the practice of frequent Holy Communion, long neglected in Rome and throughout the Catholic world, was again revived. He became one of Rome's patron saints, even one of the most popular. Philip Neri loved the young, and they responded by crowding about him. As a confessor he was in great demand; among his penitents was St. Ignatius. To perpetuate his life's work, St. Philip founded the Congregation of the Oratory, a society of secular clergy without religious vows. The purpose of his foundation was to enkindle piety among the faithful by means of social gatherings which afforded not only entertainment but religious instruction as well. Joy and gaiety were so much a part of his normal disposition that Goethe, who esteemed him highly, called him the "humorous saint." It was his happy, blithe spirit that opened for him the hearts of children. "Philip Neri, learned and wise, by sharing the pranks of children himself became a child again" (epitaph). As a youth Philip Neri often visited the seven principal churches of Rome. He spent entire nights at the catacombs, near the tombs of the martyrs, meditating on heavenly things. The liturgy was the wellspring of his apostolic spirit; it should likewise motivate us to Catholic Action.

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Vacation Bible School

June 12th through June 16th

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All those planning to participate in the St. Joseph Church mission trip in June, please turn in your forms and payments to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Matt Ritzert.

National Shrine of St. Dymphna

Diocesan Senior Citizens Day

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus, Ohio

This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food and fellowship with senior citizens from the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Registrations are requested by June 20th. For more information, please contact the Office of Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.



Other Information To Note:

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.

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.

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.

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Do you know of anyone who is currently homebound and not able to get to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist weekly? Our Eucharistic Ministers are honored to visit with them. It can be temporary or long-term needs. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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St. Joseph 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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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cordially invite you to join us in

The 175th Anniversary Celebration
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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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Mass at four o'clock in the afternoon
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613 North Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio

Dinner following at Union Country Club
1000 North Bellevue Avenue, Dover, Ohio

Dinner Reservation Form

For those choosing to attend dinner, please return this form by June 1, 2023 to the Parish Office and enclose \$50.00/person (checks can be made to St. Joseph Parish.) Please include ***all*** names for your reservation and indicate the ***number*** of meal choices below.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

_____ Short Ribs

_____ Chicken

_____ Salmon

Iglesias San José

Ministerios Hispanos

Ascensión Del Señor

21 de Mayo del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	21 de Mayo	1:00 p.m.
Domingo	28 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	4 de Junio	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

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

Notas Espirituales

Los días entre la ascensión de Jesús y Pentecostés están llenos de expectación. El ministerio público de Jesús ha llegado a la conclusión, pero la misión de la iglesia no comenzará hasta que se le otorgó el don del Espíritu. En Hechos, Lucas nos dice que después que Jesús ascendió, los discípulos volvieron a Jerusalén "... y se dedicaron unánimes en la oración." Este grupo central formado por los once junto con "algunas mujeres, y con María la madre de Jesús, y de sus hermanos." La inclusión de estas personas anticipa el crecimiento progresivo de la iglesia a través del resto de los Hechos. También nos recuerda que "algunas mujeres" acompañaron a Jesús durante su ministerio público. Hay una continuidad entre la vida de Jesús y la vida de la iglesia.

En la carta de Pedro, nuestro autor continúa con la idea de unir nuestros sufrimientos a los de Cristo. Haciéndose eco de una de las bienaventuranzas, nos dice que estamos "bendecidos" si "nos insultan por el nombre de Cristo." El sufrimiento de Cristo llevó a la gloria, y a través de nuestro sufrimiento que recibiremos una parte en su gloria.

En el texto de hoy de Juan, Jesús reconoce que "ha llegado la hora." Su hora llega con su sufrimiento y la muerte, lo que lleva a la resurrección; se trata de un momento de gloria. Los eruditos a veces se refieren a la segunda mitad del texto de Juan como el Libro de la Gloria, porque la identidad de Jesús como Hijo de Dios se revela: "La gloria que yo tenía... antes de que el mundo comenzara" vuelve a él. En su oración de hoy, Jesús se centra en sus discípulos, que "han creído que tú me enviaste." Sabiendo que él está a punto de volver al Padre, él ora por aquellos que "están en el mundo," que "sean uno, así como nosotros" y lleguemos a compartir la vida de Dios.

Para reflexionar: ¿Me siento un sentimiento de solidaridad con las personas con las que rezo? ¿Somos una comunidad de creyentes, o un grupo de personas que resultan estar en el mismo lugar?

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Mayo 2023

Por los movimientos y grupos eclesiales
Oremos para que los movimientos y grupos eclesiales redescubran cada día su misión evangelizadora, poniendo sus propios carismas al servicio de las necesidades del mundo.



Horario de los Coros

28 de Mayo	El Nuevo Sembrador
4 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo
11 de Junio	Mensajeros de Cristo
18 de Junio	El Nuevo Sembrador
25 de Junio	Seguidores de Cristo



Ya está abierta la registración para la escuela TCCES, si usted tiene niños en edad escolar o conoce a alguien que le interese registrar a sus niños, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela.

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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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