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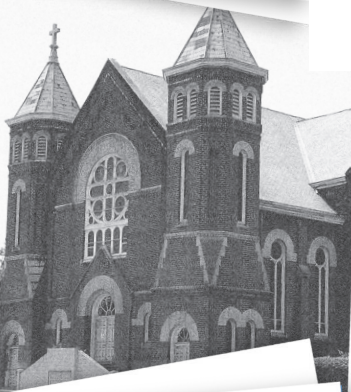
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*In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly
serve Jesus Christ and His people.*

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue
Dover, Ohio 44622
www.stjosephdover.org



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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 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles
June 28 and 29, 2025
28 y 29 de Junio del 2025



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 30

No Mass

Readings: 377: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Tom and Therese Wintrow

Readings: 378: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2

8:15 a.m. Betty Scolati

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 379: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3

8:15 a.m. John and Nancy Braasch

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 593: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117/Jn 20:24-29

Friday, July 4

8:15 a.m. No Mass

Readings: 381: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106/
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5

The Vigil for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lisa Fenton and Diane Clugston

Sunday, July 6

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Rose Ann O'Donnell

11:00 a.m. Alfred and Arlette Donato

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

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 102: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66/Gal 6:14-18/
Lk 10:1-2, 17-20

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, July 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary DeBois

Wednesday, July 2 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, July 3 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, July 4 – No Mass

July 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Frederick Frank – 1st Lector

Mary DeBois – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Beth Cecil,
Susan Murphy, Jackie Hostetler, Jessica DeBois,
Giovanni Ionno, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Sofia Ionno, Chase Hostetler, Cecilia Hostetler

July 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Matt Ritzert – 1st Lector

Keith Knestaut – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Telle, John Kuczirka,
Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Jan Michael LaBrake,
Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,
Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector

Jim Elco – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Elco, Elizabeth Allison,
Marcus Clemence, Mark Clemence, Beth Ernest,
Patti DeVault, Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,
Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Theresa Huniac, Adamari Huniac, Eddy Quinilla

Offertory for June 21 and 22, 2025

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,539.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,922.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,480.00
Total	\$ 9,941.00

Other Funds

Poor Fund	\$ 150.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 55.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 30.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 35.00
Other Collections	\$ 140.00

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 who is in a 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.

Spiritual Notes

Traditions say that Saints Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom in Rome. Today, the Church honors these two great apostles who are especially honored in Rome, but as Pope Francis said last year on their Feast, "it is an important Feast for the Universal Church, because the entire People of God is indebted to them for the gift of faith." The Gospel text today is unique to Matthew. Simon Peter's declaration of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" is not the result of human reasoning, but the result of heavenly revelations. It is at this point in Matthew's text that Simon is given the nickname Peter, "rock," and upon this rock Jesus establishes His "church," a word found only in Matthew. In Acts, we hear about the early persecution of the Church by Herod Antipas. James of Zebedee was killed in A.D. 44. Peter's subsequent arrest and rescue from prison serves to encourage the Church, because it illustrates that God is protecting Peter from harm. His death occurs some 20 years later in Rome. There is much to be done and many miles to travel before he meets a martyr's death. In Paul's letter to Timothy, the apostle writes with a sense of impending death: "The time of my departure is at hand." Remember his trials, he affirms that "the Lord stood by me and gave me strength... and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom." The example of his faith in the face of suffering offers encouragement to Christians of all ages who face trials because of their faith. As the preface in today's Mass says, "Each in a different way/gathered together the one family of Christ/and revered together throughout the world/they share one Martyr's crown."

For reflection: What does the witness of martyrs mean for my faith? Have I drawn meaning from the suffering of others?

Please keep Lori Meese, age 56, who died on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.* Please also keep her family in your prayers.

Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church (Dover, OH) seeks a Pastoral Minister with experience to serve the needs of a growing Latino population in the parish. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required. Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, flexibility, fluent oral and written bilingual communication, public relations skills, interpret and translation with public officials and other service agencies, advocate for the needs of the Latino families, act as a liaison between Church and school families and ability to educate and catechize Latino families. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in the faith. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and Diocesan policies. Send resume and references to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Church of The Holy Trinity Employment Opportunity

The parish community of Holy Trinity, Zoar is seeking a bookkeeper, who under the direct supervision of the pastor, will be responsible for performing various duties in the area of bookkeeping, recordkeeping and communications. Must meet deadlines, courteous at all times, and flexible to changing needs.

To perform this job successfully, an individual must have knowledge of MS Office and be proficient in Quickbooks. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Send résumé and references to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com or cathy.morris@holytrinityzoar.net.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know of someone who is? If so, our O.C.I.A. team would love to meet with you for an informal time of inquiry on **Tuesday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. We look forward to your questions and learning about your own journey.

The 2025 Appeal:

Together, We Can Transform Lives



The Appeal

Together in Mission

—2025—

The 2025 Appeal is making a profound impact across the Diocese of Columbus, strengthening faith, serving those in need, and building up the Church for future generations. With a diocesan goal of \$8,000,000, every dollar raised goes directly to support critical ministries, programs, and services that bring Christ's love to life in our communities.

Here's how your generosity makes a difference:

- **Evangelization:** Supports outreach and formation on college campuses, marriage preparation, hospital chaplaincy, ethnic ministries, and spiritual renewal across the Diocese.
- **Vocations:** Helps educate and form seminarians, deacons, and future priests who will shepherd our parishes and bring the sacraments to the faithful.
- **Education & Faith Formation:** Ensures that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics.
- **Social Doctrine:** Brings Christ's compassion to life through ministries like J.O.I.N., Backdoor Ministry, the St. Francis Evangelization Center, Respect Life initiatives, prison outreach, and hands-on retreats that foster service and justice.

Our parish goal is \$78,446.00, and we've already raised \$49,135.00 thanks to the generosity of many. But we still need your help to reach our goal.

If you haven't yet made a gift, please consider doing so today. Pledge cards are available at the entrances, or you can give securely online at columbuscatholicgiving.org.



St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 18 and 19, 2025
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



Bands are booked

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

Badstone – Friday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Larry Notz and Mandolin Dave –

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

Moonlyterz – Saturday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

St. Joseph 2025 Festival Raffle

Cash Prize Value Over \$5,000!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH & SATURDAY, JULY 19TH 2025

Grand Prize.....	\$1,500 CASH - Sponsored by an anonymous donor
2nd Prize.....	\$500 CASH - Donated by Park Village Health Care
3rd Prize.....	\$500 CASH - Donated by Chris & Chrissy Hensel
4th Prize.....	\$500 CASH - Sponsored by an anonymous donor
5th Prize.....	\$350 CASH - Donated by Atty Jim & Abby Contini
6th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Dr. Jack & Judy Burnham
7th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Scott & Amy Finnell
8th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Atty Jay & Erin Deeds
9th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Judge Michael & Elizabeth Ernest
10th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Karen Stokey
11th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by your St. Joseph Parish Staff
12th Prize.....	\$250 CASH - Donated by Jack & Sally Dooling

Drawing at 9:30 pm on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Winner need not be present.

DONATION: \$5.00 per ticket or 5 Tickets for \$20.00

Sellers of 20 or more tickets are eligible for a separate \$350.00 drawing. 1 entry for every 20 tickets sold.

Thank you to all of Raffle Ticket Sponsors!

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.

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 at the Festival,
please call the Parish Office.

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: _____

Woman's Prayer Group

Would you like to learn more about prayer, why we pray, and how we pray? All women are invited to join us on the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be held on July 7th. For more information, please contact Mary Elco or the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Meal

The intention for our community meal 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 Settimio or the Parish Office.

July 2, 2025 – Team L (Chrissy Hensel)

July 9, 2025 – Team O (Pat Figuly)

****Please Note Schedule Change****

July 16, 2025 – Team M (Andrea Settimio)

July 23, 2025 – Team A (Jack and Mike)

July 30, 2025 – Team B (Sue Capozella)

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. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Canned Meats
Rice	Black Beans
Jelly (plastic only)	Pouch Pasta
Pouch Pasta	Sardines

(Please No Glass)

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."

We cannot accept food items that have expired.

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



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School
777 Third Street NE
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

TCC Jr/Sr HS is
HIRING!

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

Office Secretary

DETAILS:

- Full-Time; Hourly
- Office Secretary provides support to the Principal, teachers, staff, students, parents and visitors as needed. This position requires someone with a firm commitment to confidentiality of all school information
- Salary Based on Experience



Interested? Send Resume to
Principal, Jennifer Calvo
jcalvo@cdeeducation.org

For more info:
Principal, Jennifer Calvo
jcalvo@cdeeducation.org

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 July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

"My final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become—and truly be—and long remain—'One Nation, under God, indivisible. With liberty and justice for all.' God bless America! God bless America!"

+POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II, DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 7, 1979

Monday, June 30 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22 When Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other shore. A scribe approached and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But Jesus answered him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead."

Meditation: When the Lord Jesus calls us to follow him, he invites us into a personal relationship of love and friendship. That relationship also involves the commitment of our entire lives to Jesus as Lord and Master, Teacher and Healer, Messiah and Savior. To follow Jesus is the greatest of all calls. What an awesome privilege and an awesome responsibility to be a disciple of Jesus Christ! What does it cost to be a disciple? For the first disciples, they paid the ultimate price for being a follower of Jesus by not renouncing Christ as Lord, Savior, Messiah; by not renouncing Christ's teachings; by being steadfast disciples of Christ. A disciple must be willing to make sacrifices, even the sacrifice of his own life to follow Jesus as his Master and Lord. Notice how another would-be disciple responded by saying that he must first bury his father, that is go back home and take care of his father until he died. Jesus appealed to the man's heart and told him to detach himself from whatever might keep him from following as his disciple.

Prayer: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

Prayer + First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church: O God, who consecrated that abundant first fruits of the Roman Church by the blood of the Martyrs, grant, we pray, that with firm courage we may together draw strength from so great a struggle and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful love. 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.

For more information about today's Optional Memorial, visit the following web page:
<https://americaneedsfatima.org/articles/the-first-martyrs-of-the-holy-roman-church>

Contemplation: What can keep us from giving our all to God? Fear, anxiety, self-concern, pre-occupation and attachment to other things, to name a few. Even spiritual things can get in the way of having God alone as our Treasure if we put them first. Detachment is a necessary step if we want to make the Lord our Treasure and Joy. It frees us to give ourselves without reserve to the Lord and to his service. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot out give God in generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake "will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29). Is there anything holding you back from giving your all to the Lord?

Tuesday, July 1 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27 As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

Meditation: What is stronger than fear, even the fear of death? There are plenty of scripture passages which provide an answer: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Wisdom of Solomon tells us that "love is stronger than death" (Song of Songs 8:6). Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, or temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: "It is I, do not be afraid".

Prayer: O God, who by your ineffable mercy have been pleased through the labors of your priest Saint Junipero Serra to count many American peoples within your Church, grant by his intercession that we may so join our hearts to you in love, as to carry always and everywhere before all people the image of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: On the day of his election to the papacy in 1978, Pope John Paul II advised us: "Be not afraid." Several years later, on the third anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death, Pope Benedict XVI quite rightly reminded us of those words, adding that throughout his pontificate, John Paul II acted on those words "with unbending firmness - at first while carrying his bishop's staff with its cross, and later, when his physical strength was waning, almost while supporting himself on it, until that final Good Friday in which he participated in the Way of the Cross from his private chapel, holding the cross in his arms." John Paul II's final suffering, he said, "revealed to believers, and to the whole world, the secret of an entire Christian life." Pope John Paul II lived a life of faith, through many trials, tribulations, challenges, fears and anxieties. He knew that with Christ at his side, there was never any reason to fear. How do you face the challenges of life?

Wednesday, July 2 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

Meditation: Jesus took pity on these men who were overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniacs the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God. Are you willing to part with anything that might keep you from his love and saving grace?

Prayer: God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. 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: There were a growing number of Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus. Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. When you face opposition from friend, family members, co-workers, neighbors, classmates – whomever – for living your life according to the teachings of Christ and his Catholic Church, fear not as you are in good company. Jesus was ridiculed and mocked for proclaiming the truth, his apostles and disciples were mocked and scored for living the truth. We live in an era where it is acceptable – even “fashionable” – to embrace a life of political correctness, an era where many do not want to offend a friend or go against a societal trend by saying “no” but have no problem turning away from God of offending him. Never shy away from living your life according to the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Remember, you profess to be a disciple of Christ – prove it by your actions.

Thursday, July 3 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29 Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Meditation: What gives us unshakeable hope and confidence in the face of death and defeat? The apostles abandoned Jesus in his hour of trial and lost hope when Jesus was handed over to the Romans for execution. They saw the cross as defeat rather than victory. They were slow to believe the reports of the resurrection until the Risen Lord appeared to them and reassured them of his presence and love. The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: It is through the gift of faith that we, too, are able to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus to us and helps us to grow in knowledge and understanding of God and his ways. Through the gift of faith we are able to proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Friday, July 4 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time ~ Independence Day ~

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: We live in a world where Jesus constantly invites each of us to follow him. And yet, on this day when we celebrate our country's birth, there are many reasons to celebrate the blessings that God has bestowed on our country, and causes for concern about the freedoms that some choose poorly to exercise. Does Christ invite us to follow him to view pornography? Does Jesus invite us to follow him by participating in any way in having an abortion? Does Christ invite people to be involved in gun and other forms of violence? Does Jesus invite us to rob and steal from each other, or treat others poorly? Of course not. There are so many things that people choose to do in this country that are contrary to God's way and the way of Christ. And yet so many Americans – including those who identify themselves Christian – regularly participate in these sinful acts and, in doing so, choose not follow Christ. On this day when we celebrate the birth of the United States of America, let us pray that our fellow citizens – men and women of all ages, walks of life, and religious faiths – will turn away from all that separates us from the love of God, and in doing so simply take up Jesus Christ on his personal invitation to each and every one of us when he says: "follow me." May our nation truly be, as we pledge to be, "one nation under God."

Prayer: Father of all nations and ages, we recall that day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God's call on your life? When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax office – no doubt counting his day's profit – Jesus spoke only two words – "follow me." Those two words changed Matthew's life forever, from a self-serving profiteer to a God-serving apostle who would bring the treasures of God's kingdom to the poor and needy. Jesus says "follow me" to every man and woman on this earth. The question becomes, how do you respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him? Take Christ up on his personal invitation to "follow me," and in doing so let your life be forever changed.

A Prayer for Our Nation

God, Our Father, Giver of Life, We Entrust our Nation to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our Land, Grant Us the Courage to reject the "Culture of Death". Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for Religious Freedom from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States of America, Pray for Us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas and of unborn children, Pray for Us. St. Thomas More, Patron of Religious Freedom, Pray for Us.

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Saturday, August 2, 2025
9 am - 4 pm at the Josephinum
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Quo Vadis Retreat

The Vocations Office, invites all your men entering Grades 9-12 who are interested in discerning a call to the priesthood to attend Quo Vadis, July 27-30 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Quo Vadis opportunities include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection, interaction with priests and seminarians, as well as recreational activities, sports, and fellowship. The cost is \$50.00. Registration deadline is July 18. Questions? Contact Shane Gerrty at columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

Dress-A-Child 2025

As one school year ends, the Dress-A-Child program looks forward to the new 2025-2026 school year. Each new school year presents new opportunities and challenges for each student. Financial donation can be mailed to either of them. Please make checks payable to Dress-A-Child. You may also make a donation through the church, by dropping it in the collection basket, in an envelope marked Dress-A-Child or at the Parish Office. Donations must be made no later than July 20th. Contact Mary Kay Reed, 2406 St. Route 39 NW, Dover, Ohio 44622 or Beth Rafter, 4447 Swonger Road, Dover, Ohio 44622.



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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.

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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

July 2025

For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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Pedro y Pablo, apóstoles

28 de Junio del 2025



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	6 de Julio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	13 de Julio	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	20 de Julio	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

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

Misas en Ingles

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



Horario de los Coros

Julio 6	Mensajeros de Cristo
Julio 13	El Buen Pastor
Julio 20	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Julio 27	El Nuevo Sembrador

Oportunidad de Empleo

La comunidad católica de la Iglesia de San José (Dover, Ohio) está en busca de un ministro pastoral con experiencia para atender las necesidades de la población latina que está creciendo en la parroquia. Se requiere un excelente conocimiento práctico del culto católico. Los requisitos para el puesto incluyen: flexibilidad, comunicación oral y escrita bilingüe, habilidades de relaciones públicas, interpretación y traducción con oficiales públicos y otras agencias de servicios, defensor de las necesidades de las familias latinas, colaborar entre la iglesia y las familias de la escuela, y capacidad para educar y catequizar a las familias latinas.

El candidato debe ser católico practicante y mostrar una actitud y un comportamiento que fomenten el aprendizaje y el desarrollo permanentes en la fe. Los candidatos deben someterse a una verificación de antecedentes estándar. El salario y los beneficios se ajustan a la experiencia y a las políticas diocesanas. Envíe su resumen de trabajo y referencias al Padre Jimmy Hatfield, a la atención de la Iglesia de San José, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 o envíe un correo electrónico a stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Notas Espirituales

La tradición dice que los santos. Pedro y Pablo sufrieron el martirio en Roma. Hoy la Iglesia honra a estos dos grandes apóstoles que son especialmente honrados en Roma, pero como dijo el Papa Francisco el año pasado en su fiesta, "se trata de una fiesta importante para la Iglesia universal, porque todo el pueblo de Dios está en deuda con ellos por el don de la fe."

El texto del evangelio de hoy es único para Mateo. La declaración de Simón Pedro de Jesús como "el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente" no es el resultado del razonamiento humano, sino el resultado de una revelación celestial. Es en este punto en el texto de Mateo que Simón se le da el apodo de Pedro, "roca," y sobre esta roca Jesús estableció su "iglesia," una palabra que se encuentra sólo en Mateo.

En Hechos oímos hablar de las primeras persecuciones de la iglesia por Herodes Antipas. Santiago, hijo de Zebedeo, fue asesinado en A.D. 44. La posterior detención de San Pedro y su rescate de la cárcel sirve para animar a la iglesia porque ilustra que Dios está protegiendo a Pedro de cualquier daño. Su muerte ocurre unos 20 años más tarde en Roma. Hay mucho por hacer y muchas millas de viajar antes de que cumpla con la muerte de un mártir.

En la carta de Pablo a Timoteo, el apóstol escribe con una sensación de próxima muerte: "El tiempo de mi partida está cercano." Recordando sus sufrimientos, afirma que "el Señor me ayudó y me dio fuerzas... y me traerá a salvo a su reino celestial." El ejemplo de su fe ante el rostro del sufrimiento ofrece ánimo a los cristianos de todas las edades que se enfrentan a juicios a causa de su fe. Como el prólogo de la misa de hoy dice: "Cada uno de una manera diferente/congregados la única familia de Cristo/y venerando juntos en todo el mundo/comparten una corona de mártir."

Para la reflexión: ¿Qué significa el testimonio de los mártires para mi fe? ¿He obtenido el significado del sufrimiento de los demás?

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Julio 2025

Por la formación para el discernimiento.

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