

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



140 West Avenue, Plain City Ohio

STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Father Joseph John Trapp II 614-873-8850 x13
FrJTrapp@saintjosephplaincity.com

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Tony Bonacci 614-578-3957
bonacci.1@osu.edu

SECRETARY: Mary Rice 614-873-8850
mary@saintjosephplaincity.com

DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Renée Dvorsky
renee@saintjosephplaincity.com

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Emily Winner
emily@saintjosephplaincity.com

BULLETIN EDITOR: Amy Colopy
amy@saintjosephplaincity.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Maryann Lange
maryannstjoechoir@gmail.com 937-642-4944

WEBMASTER: Connie Buckley
connie@saintjosephplaincity.com 614-286-2334


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Carl Haaser, Grand Knight
cjhaaser@gmail.com 614-891-1962

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES: Gloria Butler
jimgloryb@gmail.com 614-581-1240

ADORATION COORDINATOR: Elaine Bonacci
elainebonacci@gmail.com 614-557-3409

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Allen Crock
allen.c.crock@morganstanley.com 614-832-3226

OFFICE HOURS: M - F 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OFFICE PHONE: 614-873-8850
 St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Plain City, Ohio



Scan here to go to our website. From the website, click on the mail icon to receive the latest news via email.

Are you new to Saint Joseph Parish?

Welcome!

Are you new to St. Joseph's? We invite you to please introduce yourself before or after Mass, or stop by the parish office to register, meet Father Trapp and become part of our parish family.

MASSES

Weekday Masses are at the church

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend at the church:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

At the PAC:

Sunday 11 a.m.

ADORATION

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

CONFESSIONS

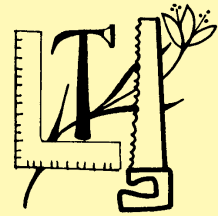
AT CHURCH:
Saturday after 9 a.m. Mass and 3:30 p.m.
Also by appointment.



Parish Activity Center and Parish Office

670 W. Main Street
Plain City, OH 43064

ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH? Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.



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

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

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

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

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

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



Adoration angels are needed in the evenings as follows:

Mondays 10- 11 p.m. **Tuesdays** 10 - 11 p.m.

Wednesdays 8 - 9 p.m. **Thursdays** 10 - 11 p.m.

Fridays 6 - 7 p.m., 10 - 11 p.m.

Please contact Elaine Bonacci to sign up. Thank you!

Please pray for our military:

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



Please pray for who all who are ill and healing:

Patricia Ann Allen	Gloria Butler
Rhonda Campbell	George Geruntino
Kevin Gleich	Florine Hamlin
David Harris	John Harris
John High	Gabriel Kaiser
Zachary Kaiser	Betty Stricharczuk
Mary Jane Ward	

Mass Intentions & Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 19

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25a; PS: 71; LK 1:5-25

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 20

IS 7:10-14; PS: 24; LK 1:26-38

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 21

SG 2:8-14; PS: 33; LK 1:39-45

5:30 p.m. Charles Skinner (K. Riley)

Thursday, December 22

1SM 1:24-28; PS: 1SM 2; LK 1:46-56

NO MASS

Friday, December 23

ML 3:1-4, 23-24; PS: 25; LK 1:57-66

8 a.m. Macy Block (S. Block)

Saturday, December 24

2SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14A-16; PS: 89; LK 1:67-79

9 a.m. No Mass

IS 62:1-5, PS: 89; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25; MT 1:1-25

4 p.m.* Robert Graber (Hofbauer Family)

4 p.m. PAC People of the Parish

7 p.m. PAC June Franz

Sunday, December 25

IS 9:1-6; PS: 96; TI 2:11-14; LK 2: 10-11

Midnight* Deceased and S/I of the Hofbauer/Kungis/Rice families

IS 52 :7-10; PS: 98; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18

10 a.m.* Augusta Kuhl (M. Valois)

Calendar

Monday, December 19

PSR 1st - 6th grades 4:30 p.m.

Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.

PSR 1st - 6th grades 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20

Women Aglow 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

RCIA 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 22

Choir practice 7 p.m.

Office closed

Friday, December 23

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Confessions @ Church Noon - 1 p.m.

Christmas Vigil @ Church 4 p.m.

Vigil - Children's Mass @ PAC 4 p.m.

Christmas Vigil @ PAC 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Midnight Mass @ Church 12 a.m.

Christmas Morning @ Church 10 a.m.

* indicates event at the church

Parish Penance Service

Please join us for our Parish Penance Service today, December 18 at 4 p.m. at the PAC. Multiple priests will be available.

Advent Penance Service



A service for former parishioner Julia Sally Grzeskowiak, widow of Harry Grzeskowiak, will be held at Ferguson Funeral Home on Saturday, January 7,

2017 at 10:30 a.m. Visit their website to read and share special memories.

Announcements

- Join us tonight at 4 p.m. at the PAC for our parish penance service.
- Please sign up to be ushers, lectors, servers and EM's for the 5 different Christmas Masses next weekend. There are many spots to fill.
- The office will be closed for several days starting this Thursday through Monday and December 30 and January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency please call the parish office at 614-873-8850 ext 13 and leave a message.

Stewardship:

Offertory Collection for Dec 4, 2016

Envelopes	\$5,810
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 244
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (363)</u>
Total	\$5,691

These numbers do not reflect on-line giving.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



Why do we...

...use the colors green, red and gold to symbolize Christmas?

Most traditional colors come from western and northern European customs when Christmas is during the winter months when it is coldest.



Evergreen plants like holly, ivy and mistletoe were used for thousands of years to brighten up homes and buildings during cold, dark winters. It also reminded people that Spring is coming and that winter won't last forever.

During the middle ages in Europe many places would perform "Paradise Plays". They were plays that depicted biblical stories for people who could not read. The paradise tree in the plays represented the Garden of Eden ~ it was usually a pine tree with red apples attached to it. This became our Christmas trees as we use them today.

Red is also the color of Holly berries, which were said to represent the blood of Christ when He died on the cross. It is also the color of bishops' robes and became the color worn by St. Nicholas and eventually Santa Claus.

Gold, is the color of sunlight which is very important during the winter months. Red and gold, the colors of fire are a reminder of warmth. And of course gold was a gift brought by the wise men who followed the bright shining (gold) star to the birth of Jesus.

Whether you are lighting up your house, decorating your presents or icing your cut-out cookies you can be sure the colors you are choosing are rich in Christian traditions.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Vigil: December 24, 4 p.m. at the church
and 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. at the PAC.

The Children's Vigil Mass will be at 4 p.m. at the PAC. If your child(ren) is participating please have them at the PAC no later than 3:30 p.m. We will need some assistance with costumes and props. There is one more rehearsal, tomorrow, December 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. in between PSR sessions.

Mass at Midnight: 12 a.m. at the church

Christmas Day: December 25, Mass will be at 10 a.m. at the Church.

Masses for New Year's Weekend will be the regular schedule.

We ask that if you are attending any Mass at the church, that you courteously observe the parking laws. Additional parking is available at the auto shop on Center St and Gay St.
Thank you.

Upcoming PSR Schedule 2016/2017

There will not be any PSR classes for Grades 1 - 8 on December 25 or 26, January 1 - 2, or January 15 - 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day. **There ARE classes on January 8 - 9.**

Saturday, January 21, 2017 is a required class for all **2nd graders** making their First Communion this Spring. This is a **First Reconciliation Workshop**. Please wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty.

Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. is a required **Confirmation Retreat** for all **8th graders**. It will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City.

The office will be closed December, Thursday 22, Friday 23, Monday 26, Friday 30, and Monday 2. For emergencies please call the parish office at 614-873-8850, ext. 13 and leave a message. Father will return your call as soon as possible.



O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Today at Youth Group:

All teens are encouraged to attend the Parish Penance Service from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the PAC. The penance service is our youth group activity for the week. There will be no Youth group at 7:00 that evening.

There is no Youth Group December 25 or January 1. Merry Christmas to all!

Through the years many have asked for the history of the St. Joseph Nativity and Manger displayed in the church. The following is Joe Hofbauer's telling of the story:



In 1949 Fr. William J. Meyers was assigned to St. Joseph Catholic Church as the new pastor. During the month of December, Father's desire was to decorate the church with fresh evergreens and a lot of poinsettia plants. However, St. Joseph's was not a wealthy parish and the added expense would cause unnecessary stress on the parishioners. Since he had an idea on how to acquire these items, Fr. Meyers needed a truck to carry out his plan. Because of the kindness of the Ryan family of Milford Center who volunteered their grain truck, Father, along with two altar boys, young Joe Hofbauer and Tom Lamb, headed to Oakland Nursery in Columbus. Father knew the owner, Gus Reiner. While placing his arm around Gus's shoulder, Father mentioned that St. Joe's was a poor parish and was in need of trees and flowers for Christmas. Through the generosity of Mr. Reiner, 15 to 20 evergreens and just as many poinsettia plants were later loaded on to the truck heading to Plain City. Upon leaving the nursery Mr. Reiner asked Father to pray for him.

When it came time to set up the manger and statues, Father was very disappointed to see their deplorable condition. A meat market owner, Joseph V. Hofbauer, instructed Fr. Meyers to order the statues and he would cover the cost; he also hired a local carpenter, John Finch, to build the stable. Since the stable had a rear window, it was suggested that a country scene be painted and placed in the window. Mr. Hofbauer hired Ernie Johnson, a local artist, to create the scene. (In the following year, it was discovered the painting was severely damaged and a second scene was painted.)

Everything was completed within a week and the statues arrived in time for Christmas. The stable and the church were beautifully decorated with poinsettias and filled with the scent of fresh pine.

The stable and statues have been well taken care of and is still being used today. In the late summer of 2005, Col. Jack Sanford, a former parishioner, air brushed the statues with a little paint to renew them.

Thank you to the Hofbauer family for their generational care of St. Joseph's Church.

Pope Francis' General Audience:



'The Scriptures show us how Christ's birth was prepared for by men and women – like Mary, Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth – who never lost their trust in God's promises.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we begin a new series of catechesis dealing with Christian hope. In these times, when evil often seems to have the upper hand, hope comforts us with the assurance of Christ's lordship, his victory over sin, and his constant presence in our midst. In this Advent season, we hear once more the great message of consolation spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Comfort, comfort my people". The prophet tells us that God promises to bring his people home from their exile in a foreign land and that he desires that a way be prepared for him through the desert. This summons to renewed faith and trust in God's saving power is also addressed to us. Saint John the Baptist, preaching in the desert of Judea, echoed these words as he prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. The Scriptures show us how Christ's birth was prepared for by men and women – like Mary, Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth – who never lost their trust in God's promises. May we imitate their hope, and await the coming of the Savior, who turns the desert of our lives into a garden of delight.

www.zenit.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4 P.M. AT THE CHURCH DEC 24

Usher D. & J. Foster
 Lector (2 subs needed)
 EM A. Dee, K. Walden, (sub needed)
 Server H. & J. Dee

4 P.M. AT THE PAC DEC 24

Usher Children's Mass
 Lector Children's Mass
 EM 3 openings
 Server 2 openings

7 P.M. AT THE PAC DEC 24

Usher J. Santini
 Lector 2 openings
 EM 3 openings
 Server J. & J. Santini

MIDNIGHT AT THE CHURCH DEC 25

Usher T. Thobe, Knights of Columbus
 Lector Knights of Columbus
 EM Knights of Columbus
 Server Knights of Columbus

10 A.M. AT THE CHURCH DEC 25

Usher 2 openings
 Lector E. Bonacci, (open)
 EM J. & R. Dvorsky, open
 Server J. O'Connell, open

MINISTER TO HOMEBOUND E. Bonacci, B. Chuha

The schedule listed above may not be the most current ministry schedule.
 Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the latest schedule.