

WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 pm
- Wednesday 5:30 pm
- Friday 8 am
- Saturday 9 am

Weekend at the church:

- Saturday 4:30 pm
- Sunday 8:30 am

At the PAC:

- Sunday 11 am

ADORATION

- M - Th 6 -11 am & 6 -11 pm
- Friday: 6-8 am & 6-11 pm

Confessions at church:
Saturday after 9 am Mass and 3:30 pm 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.

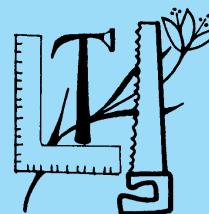
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. Please contact Father Trapp.

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

EUCHARIST 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 NEEDED:

Mondays: 10 - 11 pm
Tuesdays: 7 -8 am, 9 - 10 pm, 10 - 11 pm
Wednesdays: 8 - 9 pm
Thursdays: 7 - 8 am, 9 - 10 pm every 4th wk
Fridays: 10 - 11 pm
 Please contact Lori Crock to sign up.
 Subs needed also. Thank you!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

2LT Denis R. Aurelius USAF
 SFC Michael S. Bertorello, USA
 SGT Justin Edwards, ANG
 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	Shannon Eckman	George Geruntino	Kevin Gleich
Florine Hamlin	David Harris	John Harris	Sam Herriot
John High	Gabriel Kaiser	Zachary Kaiser	Barbara Sievers
Mary Jane Ward			

To have your loved one added to the prayer list, please email: bulletin@saintjosephplaincity.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

4:30 pm AT THE CHURCH Dec 16

Usher: M. & T. Schurman
 Lector: D. Rowley, A. Walter
 EM: **(sub rqstd)**, J. Humphrey, J. Fesko
 Servers: **(2 subs rqstd)**

8:30 AM AT THE CHURCH Dec 17

Usher: J. & T. Schwope
 Lector: G. Slane, **(sub rqstd)**
 EM: Dcn. T. Bonacci, E. Bonacci, K. Schilling
 Servers: J. Fritter, J. O'Connell

11 AM AT THE PAC Dec 17

Usher: M. & W. Brown
 Lector: C. Grywalski, P. Thomas
 EM: **(open)**, M. Thiergartner, **(sub rqstd)**
 Servers: A. Dendis, D. Tobe

HOMEBOUND:

S. Elias

COLLECTION COUNTING:

DEC	18	Team St. Barbara
DEC	26	Team St. Cunegundes
DEC	2	Team St. Diego
JAN	8	Team St. Anthony



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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS:

Monday, Dec. 11

IS 35: 1-10; PS: 85; LK 5: 17-26

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

ZEC 2:14-17; PS: RV 11; LK 1:26-38

5:30 pm: Dale Kinsley (Kinsley Family)

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

IS 40: 25-31; PS: 103; MT 11: 28-30

5:30 pm: Shockey Family (L. Giardina)

Thursday, Dec. 14

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

IS 41: 13-20; PS: 145; MT 11:11-15

No Mass

Friday, Dec. 15

IS 48: 17-19; PS: 1; MT 11: 16-19

8 am: People of the Parish

Saturday, Dec. 16

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; PS: 80; MT 17: 9A, 10-13

9 am: Baby boy Manczyk (DOD July, 14, 1959)

4:30 pm: Theresa Fleming (McClain Family)

Sunday, Dec. 17

Third Sunday of Advent

IS 61: 1-2A, 10-11; PS: LK1; 1THES 5:16-24;

JN 1: 6-8, 19-28

8 am: Mary Woolf (Bonacci)

11am: People of the Parish

HAPPENING THIS WEEK: TIME:

MONDAY, DEC. 11

PSR Grades 1 - 6 4:30 pm

Christmas Pageant Practice 5:30 pm

PSR Grades 1 - 6 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Bereavement Support 3 pm

St. Martin de Porres Meeting 7 pm

Parish Finance Meeting 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

RCIA 7 pm

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Giving Tree Distribution Night 6 pm

Choir Practice 7 pm

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Bible Study 9 am

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

That Man Is You! 7:30 am

Confessions* 3:30 pm

Rosary* 4 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

PSR Grades 7 - 8 9:40 am

Folk Choir Practice 9:45 am

YDisciples 7 pm

**Denotes event takes place at the Church*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Masses for the 4th weekend of Advent will be Saturday, Dec. 23 at 4:30 at the Church and Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9 am at the PAC.
- We will have a parish penance service on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 pm at the PAC. Multiple priests will be available. Bring the family!

STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory Collection for November 26, 2017

Envelopes	\$2,675
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 364
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<u>\$ (182)</u>
Total	\$2,857*

*These numbers do not reflect on-line Giving

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3



We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

HISTORY OF THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.



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According to Ann Ball in her book, HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS:

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings rerepresented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Original Source: Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Nebraska. excerpt from www.catholicnewsagency.com



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Elderly religious need your help. The religious pictured here represent more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests living in the United States. Through prayer, love, and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

"My sister was to be a nun, and I was to be a mother," says Notre Dame Sister Mary Ann Hanson (foreground), 79, "but God had other plans." For 61 years, she has joyfully followed those plans. Today, she remains active by visiting the sick and knitting blankets for children rescued from human trafficking.

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Please check with your employer about matching gifts.

Amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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(Arch)diocese _____

Photo (from left): Sister Gloria Rodriguez, MGSps, 80; Father Albert Bunsic, OCD, 81; Sister Alfonsina Sanchez, OCD, 96; Sister Mary Ann Hanson, SND, 79.
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The parish office will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, Dec. 22
- Monday, Dec. 25
- Friday, Dec. 29
- Monday, Jan. 1



Due to New Year's Eve falling on the 5th Sunday of December, we will not have a formal 5th Sunday collection for St. Martin de Porres. If you wish to make a donation, envelopes are available at the PAC and the church. Thank you for generous contributions to this work of the heart.



Giving Tree Distribution Night this week: Dec. 14, 6 pm

Items collected through the Giving Trees will be sorted on Thursday, December 14 at 6 pm at the PAC.



We will have hundreds of items to sort because of your generosity. Pizza and pop will be available to the volunteers.

Special Mass Time Change:

Due to Christmas falling on a Monday, the Masses for the 4th weekend of Advent are as follows:
 Saturday, Dec. 23, 4:30 pm at the Church
 Sunday, Dec. 24 9 am at the PAC.

Attending one of these two regular weekend Masses does NOT fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation for Christmas.

Parish Meetings - all are welcome:

- Tuesday, December 12:
- St. Martin de Porres, 7 pm @ PAC
- Parish Finance Meeting, 7 pm @ PAC





Youth Group Christmas Party!

Presents vs. Presence
What is Christmas really all about?

- White Elephant gift exchange (bring a wrapped gift worth \$5.00 for the exchange)
- Wear your BEST crazy Christmas sweater or elf outfit! There will be a prize for Best Dressed!
- Lots of games, cookies, music, and more!
- All teens in 8th grade and up are welcome.

December 17th
7:00-8:30 at the PAC

Upcoming Events!

YDisciple:
 December 3rd, 10th
 January 7th, 14th, 21st
 7-8 @the PAC

Teens are always welcome to YDisciple, even if you have never been there before!

Ignite: December 17th

There is no Youth Group during Christmas break. Use some of your free time to watch the movies and formation studies on Formed.

Go to www.formed.org, use parish code **RFTRYT**.



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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. PSR students will be re-enacting the Gospel as we participate.

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, Dec. 30 and Dec. 31 will be the regular schedule.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1: 10 am the church

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 at Center St. and Gay St.

Thank you.



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
 PENANCE SERVICE**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
7 PM AT THE PAC
MULTIPLE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
COME AND PREPARE YOUR SOUL FOR THE BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON