

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



This is the
Jubilee
Year of
Mercy

Welcome to
our church!

MASSSES

**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:

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
at church

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

at church

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at PAC

Are
*you new to
St. Joseph parish?*

You can learn more about us on our website and we invite you to introduce yourself. Please contact the office to learn about scheduling weddings, baptisms, and preparing for First Communion and Confirmation.

ADORATION

Monday through Thursday:
6 - 11 a.m. & 6 - 11 p.m.

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

CONFESSION

Saturday, after 9 a.m. Mass
at church

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. at church
& by appointment

**FATHER
JOSEPH TRAPP,
PASTOR**

*For after hours
emergencies:*

*Please contact Father
Trapp at
614-873-8850
& choose
extension 13.*

FIND US:

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Plain City Catholic Church

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our website.

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click the mail icon
to receive the latest
news via email.



JUNE 19, 2016 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS

Day off is Monday
M, T, Th, F 9-3
M, W & Th 7:30-2:30
M, W, F 9:30-3
W 10-2

For after hours emergencies:

Please contact Father Trapp at 614-873-8850 and choose extension 13.



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Dear Lord,

Please bless all of the Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Dads, Uncles and Brothers and guide us to be gracious role models in our children's lives. Help us to be loving and patient with our families and to be comforting teachers in the ways of your love.

We thank you for our "calling" to be fathers to our precious children. May we be for them a just and loving father as you are to us.

Bless also the fathers that have gone to their eternal rest. May they feel the peace and love that only you can provide.

Amen!

Saint Joseph, patron saint of Fathers, pray for us.

Please pray for our military:

Sgt. Michael S. Bertorello, USA
1st Sgt. Kevin R. Gleich, USA
Lt. Col. Patrick Parsons, USAF
MASN Todd Thieken Jr., USN
Lt. Cmdr. Matt Wood, USN



Please pray for who are ill and healing:

Patricia Ann Allen	Rhonda Campbell
Kevin Gleich	David Harris
John Harris	John High
Gabriel Kaiser	Zachary Kaiser
Betty Stricharczuk	Mary Jane Ward

Mass Intentions & Readings

The Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 20

2 KGS 17:5-8,13-15A, 18; PS 60; MT 7:1-5
NO MASS

Tuesday, June 21

Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
 2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A,36; PS 48; MT 7:6, 12-14
NO MASS

Wednesday, June 22

2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3; PS 119; MT 7:15-20
NO MASS

Thursday, June 23

2 KGS 24:8-17; PS 79; MT 7:21-29
NO MASS

Friday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 IS 49:1-6; PS 139; ACTS 13:22-26; LK 1:57-66, 80
NO MASS

Saturday, June 25

LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; PS 74; MT 8:5-17
NO MASS
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

1 KGS 19:16B, 19-21; PS 16; GAL 5:1, 13-18; LK 9:51-62
8:30 a.m. +
10:30 a.m. +

"Do you allow yourselves to be gazed upon by the Lord? But how do you do this? You look at the tabernacle and you let yourselves be looked at . . . it is simple! It is a bit boring; I fall asleep. Fall asleep then, sleep! He is still looking at you. But know for sure that he is looking at you!"

— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

Calendar

Monday, June 20

Zumba 9 a.m.

Tuesday, June 21

VBS Decorating at PAC 1 p.m.
 Women Aglow 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Zumba 8:30 a.m.
 VBS Decorating at PAC 5 p.m.
 Folk Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.
 K of C Officers Meeting* 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 23

Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Zumba 8:45 a.m.
 VBS Decorating at PAC 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

VBS Decorating at PAC 9:30 a.m.
 Confessions* 3:30 p.m.
 Parish Rosary* 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

SCRIP on sale after Mass 11:30 a.m.

* indicates event at the church

Adoration angels are needed for the following times:

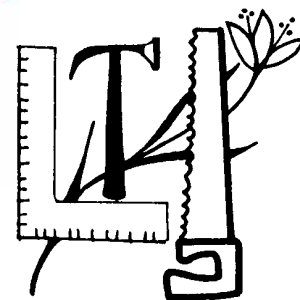
Monday evening 10-11 PM

Tuesday mornings 9-10 AM

Wednesday 8 -9 PM

Friday evenings 10-11 PM

Give thanks to Almighty God for His great Glory by spending an hour with Him in peaceful reflection.



Announcements

- While Father Trapp is away there are no weekday Masses.
- There are multiple VBS decorating meetings this week. See the calendar on page 2 for times you can lend a hand.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting fireworks viewing from the PAC on July 4th. See page 7 for details.
- There is a 2nd collection next week for Peter's Pence (Holy Father).

Stewardship

Offertory Collection for June 5, 2016

Envelope Contributions (51)	\$ 3,000
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 174
Less Diocesan Tax (6%)	\$ (190)
Total	\$ 2,984

These figures DO NOT reflect ONLINE GIVING.

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." LUKE 9:23

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.

Did you know...

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.



John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

Christians Struggle to Find Refuge in the Middle East

Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn when Jesus was born. Today, Christians are finding no place in the region where the earliest Christian communities emerged. Extreme religious persecution threatens and disrupts the lives of Christians and other religious minorities.

The so-called Islamic State's brutality against Christians, other religious minorities, and Shia Muslims is well documented. Recently, Secretary of State Kerry named it for what it is - genocide. ISIS sensationalizes its cruelty to intimidate "infidels" and to gain new recruits. In February 2015, an ISIS-affiliated group in Libya publicized the beheading of 21 Coptic Christians from Egypt. A few weeks later, ISIS kidnapped hundreds of Assyrian Christians in Syria. Their rampage through the region, including Qaraqosh, the largest Christian city in Iraq, have been devastating. Women and girls have been kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery. While air attacks by the United States and allies aided local forces in pushing back some of ISIS' territorial gains, groups claiming some allegiance to ISIS have cropped up in North Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

In Syria, the civil war has weakened the rule of law. Christians and minorities in Syria have been kidnapped, held for ransom, tortured and often brutally killed. Even bishops and nuns have been taken hostage. Since 2011, it is estimated that many minorities are among the 250,000 to 470,000 people killed, the over 7 million internally displaced within Syria, and the 4.7 million who are refugees or asylum seekers in other countries.

Since the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq that led to political exclusion of Sunnis, Christians have been among those targeted by extremists. In 2014 ISIS militants took Mosul, home to a large Christian population that fled with little more than what they could carry. The Archbishop of the Syriac Orthodox Church lamented the loss of manuscripts dating back to the first century and cried that for the first time in almost 2000

years, no Mass would be celebrated in Mosul. Churches and mosques have been desecrated as ISIS seeks to eradicate Christian symbols and Shia sites. Priests and bishops have been kidnapped for ransom. All of this has resulted in a mass emigration of Christians from Iraq.

In Egypt, Coptic Christians have traditionally not been able to build or even repair their churches. After the 2011 revolution that ousted President Hosni Mubarak and the 2012 election of Muslim Brotherhood-backed Mohamed Morsi as President, Egypt's blasphemy law was increasingly used as a tool against Christians and fellow Muslims to settle personal disputes and undermine those considered a political threat. When President Morsi himself was overthrown, Christians were often blamed and the State failed to protect them and hold perpetrators accountable. Under Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, elected president in 2014, the rule of law has improved, but many Coptic Christians still face considerable discrimination.

In July 2015, Pope Francis said, "Today we are dismayed to see how in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world many of our brothers and sisters are persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus. ... In this third world war, waged piecemeal, which we are now experiencing, a form of genocide is taking place, and it must end." In September 2015, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supported a Congressional resolution that calls what is happening to Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East a "genocide." In March 2016, the resolution passed the House unanimously and Secretary of State Kerry condemned ISIS for genocide.

The Middle East's 2000 year old Christian heritage is threatened. Church leaders throughout the region fear for the future of the Christian indigenous presence. Given the contributions that Christians have made in education, health care and social services, it is clear that the loss of the Christian presence in the Cradle of Christianity would harm all in the region.



Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development
Office of International Justice and Peace
www.fortnightforfreedom.org

LOCKING OUT SMALL CHURCH CONGREGATIONS IN NYC

USCCB Fact Sheet

2016

In 1994, New York City's Department of Education denied the request of the Bronx Household of Faith and several other churches to rent space from public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for scores of other uses. Litigation began soon afterward, and now, twenty years later, about 60-80 small church and synagogue congregations continue to fight for their rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The church groups have been serving their communities for years and simply wish to be able to rent vacant school space as the City allows other groups to do.

In 2011, a federal appellate court upheld New York City's ban on private worship services meeting in vacant public schools on weekends. The court stated that a church could conduct a meeting in the NYC public schools that contained singing, praying, preaching, and fellowship, but that they could not conduct a "worship service." But some denominations' worship services consist *only* of singing, praying, preaching, and fellowship.

New York City claims it only goes on the word of the religious group—if the group says that it is not conducting a worship service, then it can meet. However, the churches claim the City and school employees have been investigating what the churches do in the public schools and that the City has made its own assessments of whether the meetings constitute a "worship service" or not.

Many NYC churchgoers have protested the City's plans to evict them since the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take the case in 2011.

In 2012, a federal district court issued a permanent injunction against the City's policy, ruling that the policy violated the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. However, the City won its case on appeal, and last year, the U.S. Supreme Court again declined to take the case.

Now it is up to the Mayor of New York City to decide whether to reverse the policy or to render these small church congregations homeless for their worship services.

While New York City's discrimination would not frequently affect Catholic parishes, which generally own their own buildings, this kind of discrimination can be devastating to many smaller congregations, which merely seek to rent vacant space in schools on weekends, as civic clubs and other organizations do. The City's policy is a simple case of discrimination against religious believers: people may assemble in vacant school space for any peaceful purpose—except worship.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, New York City's policy severely diminishes many churchgoers' right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer.

Text FREEDOM to 377377 to receive religious freedom updates from the U.S. bishops.

Sign up for *Free to Serve*,
the e-newsletter of the
Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.



Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
www.usccb.org/freedom | Twitter: @USCCBFreedom
www.fortnight4freedom.org

Year of Mercy

"I have asked the Church this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us."



Pope Francis quotes from The Church of Mercy

"Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members."

"Have the courage to go against the tide of this culture of efficiency, this culture of waste. Encountering and welcoming everyone, [building] solidarity—a word that is being hidden by this culture, as if it were a bad word—solidarity and fraternity: these are what make our society truly human."

"Humility, meekness, magnanimity, and love to preserve unity! These, these are the roads, the true roads of the Church. Let us listen to this again. Humility against vanity, against arrogance—humility, meekness, magnanimity, and love preserve unity."

"What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on."

Shelter the Homeless

Often in our society we are trained to look away from the beggar on the side of the road. Have you ever made eye contact? What are the reasons for their homelessness? If we each made a conscious effort not to judge, but to see their human dignity maybe we would see a reflection of self. Keep a bag of necessities in your vehicle: a bottle of water, a roll of quarters, a gift card to a restaurant, a bus voucher. If you would like to be more politically involved read about the Fair Housing Laws in Ohio and report unfair practices. Remember too that being homeless can mean being without a country: Religious refugees are growing in number. See the Justice For Immigrants page on the USCCB.org website.

Forgive Offenses

Our Lord states categorically: "If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive yours" (Mt 6:15). Jesus is very precise in what he demands. How often should we forgive? Peter thought he was generous in suggesting seven times, but Jesus responded, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22). Can we "forgive but not forget"? Jesus says the Father will punish those who do not forgive from the heart (Mt 18:35). The stumbling block for many of us in this work of mercy comes in the adverb: forgive offenses **willingly**.

To forgive others we must first be forgiven. We do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. Once we are liberated by God's divine mercy then we can begin to let go of past hurts so we can be as willing to forgive as we have been forgiven. It is an action. As St. Thomas called forgiveness: "the perfection of charity". And practice makes perfect.





As part of the national Fortnight for Freedom, a special **Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29, 5:15 p.m., at Saint Joseph Cathedral**, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. The Mass will conclude with a special Holy Hour beginning with a rosary for Religious Freedom and Liberty, followed by silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction. All persons are invited to participate in this special evening of prayer. For more information, please contact Saint Joseph Cathedral by calling (614) 224-1295, or the diocesan Office of Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540. Elevator access to the Cathedral is available via the west entrance (in the courtyard) from East Broad Street. For more information about the Fortnight for Freedom, please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Fireworks Viewing Celebration** at the PAC on Monday, July 4, beginning at 5 p.m. Entry is \$5 per vehicle with proceeds going to the Father Edward Fitzgerald Endowment Fund. Concessions of hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and sodas will be available by 7:30 p.m. It's the best spot in town to watch the Plain City fireworks. Joins us for the fun! Happy Birthday America!



Jubilee of Anniversaries 2016

For all married couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th anniversary and every year after: The Annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass will be held on Sunday, June 26 at St. Andrew Parish in Upper Arlington at 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell followed by an informal reception in your honor. Please register online at <http://familylife.colodioc.org> or by calling 614-241-2560. Reservations are necessary and requested no later than Friday, June 10, 2016.

The tabernacle at the church has been restored. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord during Adoration. See page 2 for available times.



BISHOP'S 2016 ANNUAL APPEAL
EMMANUEL - BE HIS HOPE TO OTHERS - GOD WITH US

Our Parish Goal: \$41,859
Total Pledges to date: \$22,235
53.3% of Goal
61 Families





THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

General Audience:



'We are called constantly to renew our love for the Lord, and to draw new wine, new life, from His saving wounds.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider the first of Jesus' miracles, the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. Saint John fittingly calls these miracles "signs", for by them the Lord reveals the Father's merciful love. Jesus' choice of a wedding feast points to the deeper meaning of this miracle. It is a sign of the new covenant that he came to inaugurate, the messianic banquet promised for the end times, where he is the Bridegroom and the Church his bride. By changing the water kept for ritual purification into new wine, Jesus signals that he is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. Mary's command to the servants – "Do whatever he tells you" – can serve as a program of life for the Church. We are called constantly to renew our love for the Lord, and to draw new wine, new life, from his saving wounds. The miracle at Cana reminds us that we are invited, as members of the Lord's family, the Church, to draw near to him in faith, and thus to share in the joy of the wedding feast of the new and eternal covenant.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p>4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH</p> <p>Usher Lector EM Serve Sacristan</p>	<p>JUNE 25</p> <p>T. & M. Schurman D. Ridder K. Walden, A. Wilson, J. Humphrey M. Ridder, S. Trushel A. Walter</p>	<p>10:30 A.M. AT THE PAC</p> <p>Usher Lector EM Serve Sacristan</p>	<p>JUNE 26</p> <p>J. & M. Peck P. Thomas D. Bezusko, L. Ward, A. Schimmoeller C. Haaser M. Peck</p>
<p>8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH</p> <p>Usher Lector EM Serve Sacristan</p>	<p>JUNE 26</p> <p>J. & J. Elias M. Valois Dcn T. Bonacci, E. Bonacci, E. Chervenak E. Garnett, T. Shaughnessy Dcn T. Bonacci</p>	<p>HOMEBOUND</p>	<p>G. & F. Hamlin</p>
<p>COLLECTION COUNTING</p> <p>Monday, June 27 Team St. Anthony Tuesday, July 5 Team St. Barbara Monday, July 11 Team St. Cunegundes Monday, July 18 Team St. Diego</p>			

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