

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 SHUT-INS: 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 as follows:
Evenings: **Tuesdays** 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. & 10 p.m. - 11 p.m.;
Wednesdays 8 - 9 p.m.
Every third Thursday 9 - 10 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:

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 all 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 Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 5

1 COR 5:1-8; PS: 5; LK 6:6-11

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 6

1 COR 6:1-11; PS: 149; LK 6:12-19

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 7

1 COR 7:25-31; PS: 45; LK 6:23AB

NO MASS

Thursday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 MIC 5:1-4a; PS: 13; MT 1:1-16, 18-23

NO MASS

Friday, September 9

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; PS: 84; LK 6: 39-42

8 a.m. + Joe Hofbauer (Vaquez & Lamb families)

Saturday, September 10

1 COR 10:14-22; PS: 116; JN 14:23

9 a.m. Special Intention

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, September 11

EX 32:7-11, 13-14; PS: 51; 1 TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32

8:30 a.m. + Beverly Cooper (Parish)

11 a.m. + Patty Bezusko (Parish)

Calendar

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - Office Closed

No Adoration*

Tuesday, September 6

Strength & Stretching

8 a.m.

Wednesday, September 7

Thursday, September 8

Choir Practice

7 p.m.

Friday, September 9

Bible Study

9 a.m.

Saturday, September 10

Confessions*

3:30 p.m.

Parish Rosary*

4 p.m.

Mercy Mission*

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

PSR 7th & 8th Grade

9:40 a.m.

Folk Choir Practice

9:45 a.m.

Mercy Mission*

8:30 a.m.

Mercy Mission

11 a.m.

* indicates event at the church



**Change in
Sunday Mass
Time**

*Please remember
Mass time for
Sundays at the PAC
is now 11 a.m. for*

*the remainder of the PSR school
year.*

PSR starts next week

Sunday for 7th and 8th
grades at 9:40 a.m. at the
PAC.

Grades 1st - 6th begin
Monday, September 12,
at 4:30 p.m. (Session I) and
6:30 p.m. (Session II).

Please remember, parents are **required**
to accompany their child(ren) into their
classroom. Students will not be released
until a parent appears that the classroom
door.



Announcements

- The office will be closed Monday, in observance of Labor Day.
- Our Mercy Mission will begin next weekend. We hope everyone will attend.
- Youth Group is kicking off the Ministry on Sept. 18. Please see page 3 for calendar details.

Stewardship:

Offertory Collection for August 21, 2016

Envelopes	\$1,530
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 455
Diocesan Tax (6%)	\$ (119)
Total	\$1,866

These numbers do not reflect online giving.

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



"LET NO ONE EVER COME TO YOU WITHOUT LEAVING BETTER & HAPPIER."

"BE THE LIVING EXPRESSION OF GOD'S KINDNESS:

KINDNESS IN YOUR FACE, KINDNESS IN YOUR EYES, KINDNESS IN YOUR SMILE."

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

FACEBOOK.COM/SHARECATHOLIC



ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY - KNOW-LOVE-SERVE-

7:00-8:30 @ the PAC unless noted otherwise.

- September 18- Kick-Off!
- September 25- Altaration 1 (The mystery of the Mass)
- October 2- Altaration 2 (The mystery of the Mass)
- October 9- Lights Out Dodgeball (Service Presentation- Journey Bags)
- October 16- Dead Theologians Society
- October 23- Sleep in Sunday (Mass @ 5:30 YG following)
- October 30- Core Team Meeting
- November 6- Altaration 3 (The mystery of the Mass)
- November 12, 13- Youth Conference (@ St. Pauls in Westerville)
- November 20- Faith vs. Science and Study Session.
- November - No YG
- December 4- Service Night- Journey Bags
- December 11- Hope in the Lord (An issue night on the serious topic of depression)
- December 18- Parish Penance Service 4:00-5:00
- December 25- No YG- Merry Christmas!

“GOD’S MERCY IS EXALTED FROM THE CROSS”



**HOLY YEAR OF MERCY MISSION
IN CELEBRATION WITH THE FEAST DAY OF
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

SEPTEMBER 13 - 14 - 15, 2016

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13, 7 P.M. (PAC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14, MASS AT 6:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPT 15, 7 P.M. (PAC)

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MISSION TALK AFTER
EACH SESSION EVERY NIGHT
FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS AT 8 P.M.**

**REV. FR. THOMAS BLAU, OP
DOMINICAN FATHER OF ST. PATRICK’S COLUMBUS
AN APPOINTED MISSIONARY OF MERCY
BY POPE FRANCIS**

PSR Works of Mercy Project for 2016-2017

We will be making bags of toiletry items for the needy and homeless that come to the DNA center for assistance. All items must fit in a gallon-sized bag, so item size is very important.

The students in the various grades will pack the following items:

- 1st Grade: Individually packed toothbrush & toothpaste (4.5 oz)
- 2nd Grade: Bar of soap and individually packaged toothbrush
- 3rd Grade: Toothpaste (4.5 oz)
- 4th Grade: Individual size packets of tissues and disposable razors
- 5th Grade: Shampoo/Conditioner-in-one (12.5 oz)
- 6th Grade: Body Lotion (8 oz)
- 7th Grade: Shampoo/Conditioner-in-one (12.5 oz)
- 8th Grade: Individual size packets of tissues and disposable razors



The Holy Spirit inspires our commitment to the Corporal Works of Mercy and our commitment defines our relationship with God. We as followers of Christ are called to care for the less fortunate. Our PSR program is excited about being able to partner with the DNA and help those in need here in Plain City. Thank you!



St. Joseph's Parish School of Religion wishes to thank the Father Edward Fitzgerald Knights of Columbus Council for providing brand new bibles for our PSR classes this year. What a blessing! Thank you for taking part in the spiritual education of our youth. May God's blessings be upon you and continue to bless the work that you do for our Parish and our Community.



A great big **THANK YOU** to Carl & Trish Haaser for putting together a wonderful Parish Picnic on August 21. The weather could not have been better, the food more delicious, or the fellowship more fun.



Thank you to many members of the Knights of Columbus for manning the grills, pitching the tents, and all of your hard work.

The kids loved playing Bingo and of course, pretending to fight fires. Thank you to the Pleasant Valley Fire Department. You're a hit!

Hope to see everyone next year!





St. Joseph Parish will be participating in the 40 Days for Life (40DFL) program this Fall. 40DFL is a coordinated, national campaign to bring continuous prayer to local abortion clinics in more than 500 cities across the world. In Columbus, the program is sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. **This Fall, the vigil will be held at Founders' Women's Health Care (1243 E Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205).**

St. Joseph has adopted Tuesday, October 18, 2016, from 7a.m. until 7p.m. We are asking for a minimum of two volunteers to sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. A sign-up sheet is located at the church and the PAC. Each volunteer must also sign a "Statement of Peace". Please fill out this short form when you sign up for a volunteer hour.

If you cannot pray on our adopted day, you are still welcome to volunteer for another time during the 40 Days at www.40DaysforLife.com/local-campaigns/columbus. Thank you!



Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve our community? Becoming a volunteer at DNA's L.I.F.T. Learning Center may be just for you.

Starting on September 19, the L.I.F.T. Learning Center will be open on school days, Monday through Thursday, from 2:45 to 5:00. This will be a safe space for 5th-8th grade students to meet and to expand their learning opportunities.

The center needs adults and high school volunteers who are interested in working with students on schoolwork, organization, reading, and test preparation. Volunteers do not need to be in the education field. We are looking for people who want to form relationships with the students and be a positive role model for them.

To learn more about this program and the expectations of being a volunteer, informational meetings will be held at DNA (340 West Main) on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 6th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 7th, 7:00- 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17th, 12:45-1:45 p.m.

In addition to these meetings, on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am to noon, DNA is sponsoring The Cost of Poverty Simulation, a program designed by Bridges Out of Poverty. If any volunteer wishes to attend this program, please contact Janet Lanka, 614-306-5137 or lankajenet@gmail.com. Lunch will be provided. The information session about L.I.F.T. Learning Center will follow lunch.

Teen Service Hours:

- We are looking for babysitters for the Mission on September 13th, 14th, and 15th. You may sign up to volunteer for one or all of the Mission dates. This is a great opportunity for high school students to receive service hours! Please contact Emily Winner if you can help.





THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

General Audience:

Dear brothers and sisters, Good morning!



The Gospel passage invites us to meditate on the theme of salvation. The Evangelist Luke tells us of when Jesus was going toward Jerusalem and along the way, is approached by a man who asks him this question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Luke 13:23). Jesus does not give a direct answer, but he moves the discussion to another level, with a suggestive language, which, at first, perhaps, the disciples did not understand: "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough" (v.24). With the image of the door, He wants to explain to his listeners that it is not a question of numbers, of how many people will be saved. It doesn't matter how many, but it is important that everyone knows which is the path that leads to salvation: the door.

To go along this path, one must pass through a door. But where is the door? What is it like? Who is the door? Jesus himself is the door. He says in the Gospel of John; "I am the gate" (Jn 10,9). He leads us into fellowship with the Father, where we find love, understanding and protection. But why is this door narrow? It is a narrow door not because it is oppressive – no, but because it asks us to restrict and limit our pride and our fear, to open ourselves with humble and trusting heart to Him, recognizing ourselves as sinners, in need of His forgiveness. For this [reason], it is narrow: to contain our pride, which bloats us. The door of God's mercy is narrow but always wide open for everyone! God has no favorites, but always welcomes everyone, without distinction. And the salvation that He gives us, is a never-ending stream of mercy, which breaks down every barrier and opens up surprising perspectives of light and peace. **The gate is narrow, but always wide open: do not forget this.**

Jesus speaks to us today, once again, offering a pressing invitation to come to Him, to cross the threshold of full life, reconciled and happy. He waits for us, no matter what sin we have committed, no matter what, to embrace us, to offer us His forgiveness. He alone can transform our hearts, He alone can give full meaning to our existence, giving us the real joy. Upon entering the gate of Jesus, the door of faith and of the Gospel, we can get out from worldly attitudes, bad habits, by selfishness and by our own closures. When there is contact with the love and mercy of God, there is a real change. And our life is illuminated by the light of the Holy Spirit: an inextinguishable light!

The Lord offers us many opportunities to save and enter through the door of salvation. This door is an opportunity, that must not be wasted: we must not make an 'academic discourse' on salvation, as the man who turned to Jesus, but we must seize the opportunities of salvation. Because at a certain moment "the master of the house had arisen and locked the door" (v.25), as mentioned in the Gospel. But if God is good and loves us, why does He close the door at some point? Because our life is not a video game or a soap opera; our life is serious and the goal to achieve is important: **eternal salvation.**

www.zenit.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH	SEPTEMBER 10	10:30 A.M. AT THE PAC	SEPTEMBER 11
Usher	A. & E. Stransky	Usher	(open) M. Peck
Lector	E. McClain	Lector	P. Thomas
EM	L. & K. Kaminski, L. Wright	EM	L. Ward, D. Bezusko, M. Theirgartner
Serve	J. Fritter, O. McClain	Serve	B. Grywalski, D. Tobe

8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH	SEPTEMBER 11	HOMEBOUND	E. Bonacci, B. Chuha
Usher	J. & T. Schwope		
Lector	A. Crock	COLLECTION COUNTING	
EM	Dcn T. Bonacci, L. Crock, J. Fisher	Monday, Sept 12	Team St. Diego
Serve	E. & G. Garnett	Monday, Sept 19	Team St. Anthony
		Monday, Sept 26	Team St. Barbara
		Monday, Oct 3	Team St. Cunegundes

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