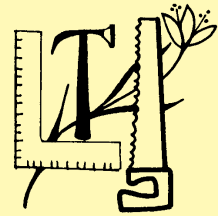


**ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT JOSEPH PARISH?** Please stop by the office to register you and your family or call 614-873-8850.



**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](mailto: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](http://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. **First Tuesday** of each month: 7 - 8 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  
Rhonda Campbell  
Kevin Gleich  
John Harris  
Gabriel Kaiser  
Betty Stricharczuk

Gloria Butler  
George Geruntino  
David Harris  
John High  
Zachary Kaiser  
Mary Jane Ward

*Mass Intentions & Readings*

*The Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time*

**Monday, November 7**

TI 1:1-9; PS: 24; LK 17:1-6

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 8**

TI 2:1-8, 11-14; PS: 37; LK 17:7-10

**5:30 p.m.** People of the Parish

**Wednesday, November 9**

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

EZ 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; PS: 46; JN 2:13-22

**5:30 p.m.** John Schapp (DOD Feb. 1, 1937)

**Thursday, November 10**

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

PHLM 7-20; PS: 146; LK 17:20-25

**NO MASS**

**Friday, November 11**

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

2 JN 4-9; PS: 119; LK 17:26-37

**8 a.m.** Patricia Hunter (P. Welsh)

**Saturday, November 12**

Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

3 JN 5-8; PS: 112; LK 18:1-8

**9 a.m.** +Jan Fournier (P. Welsh)

**4:30 p.m.** + Dino Young (Parish)

**Sunday, November 13**

MAL: 3:19-20a; PS: 98; 2THES 3:7-12; LK 21: 5-19

**8:30 a.m.** Dcn Joseph Checca (Bonacci)

**11 a.m.** +Patty Bezusko (Parish)

*Calendar*

**Monday, November 7**

PSR 1st - 6th grades

4:30 p.m.

PSR 1st - 6th grades

6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 8**

Strength & Stretching

8 a.m.

Bereavement Support

1 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 9**

RCIA

7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus\*

8 p.m.

**Thursday, November 10**

Choir Practice

7 p.m.

**Friday, November 11**

Office Closed - Veterans Day

Bible Study

9 a.m.

No Adoration at the Church

**Saturday, November 12**

Confessions\*

3:30 p.m.

Parish Rosary\*

4 p.m.

**Sunday, November 13**

7th & 8th Grade PSR

9:40 a.m.

Lector Training

Noon

Retrouvaille

1:30 p.m.

Youth Group

7 p.m.

\* indicates event at the church

**Plain City Prayer Fellowship: Student Prayer Breakfast**

Attention all Junior High and Senior High School Students: Please join the St. Joseph community and twenty-one other Christian churches in Plain City for the weekly prayer breakfast at Der Dutchmen at 6:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

What a wonderful way to start your day by joining your friends for a great breakfast and learn about ways that we can do more together.

Father Trapp will be the Pastoral leader on November 30. Please be sure to arrange transportation to school after the breakfast is over.



## Announcements

- The office will be closed this Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.
- The 55+ Group is going to view Nativities from around the world at Univ. of Dayton Roesch Library on Dec. 1. Please sign up at the PAC or church or speak with Joe Humphrey so he can have a head count for lunch at Young's Golden Jersey Inn. We are car-pulling so drivers are needed.

## Stewardship:

### Offertory Collection for Oct. 23, 2016

Envelopes	\$ 2,055
Loose (Unknown)	\$ 125
Diocesan Tax (6%)	<del>\$ (131)</del>
Total	\$ 2,049

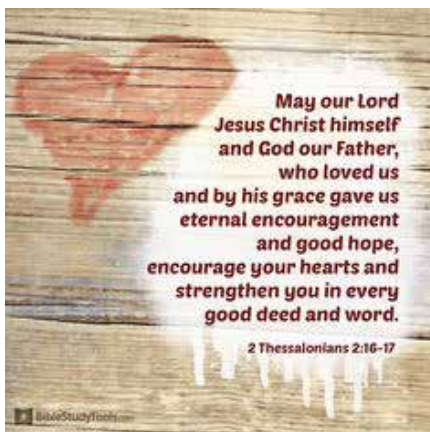
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***“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”***

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us

mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.



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## Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.







## What is Conscience?

In ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*** (no. 17), the Catholic Bishops of the United States Conscience remind us:

“The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. ...Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”

Conscience is a judgment of practical reason that helps us to recognize and seek what is good, and to reject what is evil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778, 1796).



The Second Vatican Council wrote:

“Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16).

Conscience does not simply “come to us”! Throughout our lives, we have to spend time *forming our consciences* so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular situations.

## How Do I Form My Conscience?

As the bishops note in ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***, we need to form our consciences in an *ongoing manner*. How do we do this?

- 1) When examining any issue or situation, we must begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) We must **study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) We must **examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices.
- 4) We must **prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* adds:

- 5) The **prudent advice** and **good example** of others support and enlighten our conscience.
- 6) The **authoritative teaching** of the Church is an essential element.
- 7) The **gifts of the Holy Spirit** help us develop our conscience.
- 8) Regular **examination of conscience** is important as well (p. 314).



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## Reflections on Conscience

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From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**1777** Moral conscience,<sup>1</sup> present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment **to do good and to avoid evil**. It also **judges particular choices**, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.<sup>2</sup> It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

**1778** Conscience is a **judgment of reason** whereby the human person recognizes the **moral quality of a concrete act** that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.

<sup>1</sup>Cf. *Rom* 2:14-16.    <sup>2</sup>Cf. *Rom* 1:32.

## Reflections on Conscience Formation

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From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**1784** The education of the conscience is a **lifelong task**. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. **Prudent education** teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults.



The education of the conscience **guarantees freedom** and **engenders peace** of heart.

**1785** In the formation of conscience the **Word of God** is the light for our path,<sup>3</sup> we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also **examine** our conscience before the **Lord's Cross**. We are assisted by the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**, aided by the **witness or advice of others** and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Cf. *Ps* 119:105.    <sup>4</sup> Cf. *Dignitatis Humanae* 14.

## Reflection Questions

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1. What is conscience?
2. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
3. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
4. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?



To download this and other helpful resources, visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)!

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Looking Ahead:

**Monday, November 21**, 11a.m. - 1 p.m. - **Giving Tree** Ornament preparation at the PAC. We need your help to trace and cut out the paper ornaments that will be used as the tags on the Giving Trees this Christmas Season.



**Saturday, November 26 - December 10**, choose tags from the **Giving Trees** and bring items to the Church and the PAC and place under the trees for those in need.

**Tuesday, December 13**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Join in the merriment at the PAC and help **wrap the gifts** for the families that are adopted by the St. Martin de Porres Society. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Please contact Amy Colopy at amy@saintjosephplaincity.com if you would like to volunteer this year. Families and friends all joyously welcomed.

**Christmas Poinsettia Flower Donations**

If you would like to make a cash donation for a potted flower in honor of, or in memory of a loved one please use the form below and turn it in with your check. Checks should be payable to St. Joseph Church. A list of honorees will be printed in the Christmas Day bulletin. Deadline for inclusion in that bulletin is December 11, 2016.

**Christmas Flower Remembrance**

In Honor Of / In Memory of:

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Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

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*"We enjoy great freedom in the United States. That includes, especially, the freedom to practice our faith. This freedom does*

*not come without cost. Who have put their lives on the line to preserve it for us?"*

*The annual celebration of Veterans Day on November 11th invites us to remember the men and women who have put themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life and the values we hold dear. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those killed in the line of duty, those still suffering from the effects of their generous response to the Nation's call, and, of course, everyone who has retired from active duty. Even the privilege to hold differing opinions and to express them openly is a result of the sacrifice of a few for all.*

*Let us remember those who have sacrificed so much to serve our Country. Let us keep them all in our prayers, on Veterans Day and always."*

Archbishop Broglio, 2013  
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA





Hold on to the coats that your kids have outgrown. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and mittens

for girls and boys sizes 5t to 16, to give to the very deserving students at Monroe Elementary again this winter.

Bins will be available at the PAC and the church very soon. We thank you for your generosity.



## Youth Group



Tonight the Youth Group will begin the first session of the Dead Theologians Society. Join us, as Father Pat Toner discuss the lives and miracles of the Catholic Saints.

7:00-8:30 at the PAC



## Corks, Caps & Cuisine



Friday, November 18, 7 - 10 p.m., at the PAC

Treat yourself to a fun and festive evening *wining* and *dining* in our candlelit garden. Enjoy food from around the world, while trying your hand at a "Hole In One"; take a chance to win one of our fantastic *Family Fun Table* gifts, each worth \$150+; play at the *PSR Spin to Win* table and walk away with a bottle of wine; bid on one or more of the fabulous items in our *Silent Auction*; or take part in our *Game of Growlers!*...  
...while enjoying current friendships and making new ones.

Support our *St. Joseph Wine Basket raffle* with 9 amazing bottles, a \$400 value!!!

\$5/1 ticket; \$10/3 tickets. Need not be present to win.

\*\*\*\*\* Limited tickets are available and are \$25 per person \*\*\*\*\*

Tickets will be available at all weekend Masses through next weekend or at the parish office. No tickets will be sold at the door. Buy them now!

Anyone wishing to donate a bottle of wine to the Spin To Win table and/or donate a decorated wine bottle (empty!) please bring to the PAC by Monday, Nov. 14th.



Are you looking for a great way to contribute to St. Joseph Parish without costing you any extra out-of-pocket cash? Update your Kroger Plus Card to benefit St. Joe's with the **Kroger Community Rewards**. In your on-line Kroger account open Community Rewards and choose "Enroll" or "Re-Enroll". Type in **82162** for **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH-PLAIN CITY**, and "Save". It's that easy! Thank you!

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



**General Audience:**  
*'As followers of Christ, may we never close our hearts to those in need.'*



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider two particular corporal works of mercy: welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked. Jesus mentions both of these in connection with the Last Judgement (cf. Mt 25:35-36). Nowadays, the "stranger" is often the immigrant in our midst. In every age, the phenomenon of immigration calls for a response of openness and solidarity. In our own day, the growing influx of refugees fleeing war, famine and dire poverty is a summons to welcome and care for these brothers and sisters. Like so many committed Christians who have gone before us, such as Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, we need to find generous and creative ways of meeting their immediate needs. So too, "clothing the naked" increasingly means caring for those whose dignity has been stripped from them, and working to ensure that it is upheld and safeguarded. As followers of Christ, may we never close our hearts to those in need. For by openness to others, our lives are enriched, our societies enjoy peace and all people can live in a way befitting their God-given dignity.

[www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30 P.M. AT THE CHURCH NOVEMBER 12  
 Usher A. & E. Stransky  
 Lector E. McClain  
 EM R. Rabold, D. Grose, D. Needham  
 Serve J. Fritter, (sub)

11 A.M. AT THE PAC NOVEMBER 13  
 Usher J. Ciuca, K. Donovan  
 Lector J. Humphrey  
 EM J. & R. Dvorsky, D. Bezusko  
 Serve C. Miller, D. Tobe

8:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH NOVEMBER 13  
 Usher J. & P. Trombley  
 Lector M. Wood  
 EM Dcn. T. Bonacci, E. & S. Costello  
 Serve D. Costello, J. O'Connell

HOMEBOUND Dcn. Tony Bonacci

COLLECTION COUNTING  
 November 7 Team St. Diego  
 November 14 Team St. Anthony  
 November 21 Team St. Barbara  
 November 28 Team St. Cunegundes

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