

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH · CELEBRATING 170 YEARS OF SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Our Ministers

ALL Ministers- Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass, check at the Sacristy for attendance and any further instruction from the Pastor. Thank You.

ACOLYTES

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Ron Hitzler, John Green, Kenneth King

11:00 a.m. Nate Powers, James Roper, Robert Johnson

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. Ron Hitzler, Liz Berry, Stan Carlos

11:00 a.m. Nate Powers, Mary Walton,
Leonard Carmichael

ANNOUNCERS

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Calista Smith

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gail Smith

CATECHISTS

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lead Catechists: Nadia Mays-Magruder, Gail Burton,
Pat Charlton, Reganne Edwards, Joyce Edwards

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Lead Catechists: Gail Burton, Pat Charlton,
Reganne Edwards, Joyce Edwards,
Nadia Mays-Magruder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pam Bias-Daniels, Lester Freeman, Edna McCoy,
Jack McWilliams, Joyce Edwards, Shirley Robinson,
Denise Stockstill, Kathleen Woods, Bruce Seidel,
Pam Franklin, Reggie Lee

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Margo Aug, Stephanie Edwards, Pam Franklin,
Lester Freeman, Jack McWilliams, Mary Richardson,
Gail Smith, Reggie Lee Bill Jefferson,
Shirley Robinson

LECTORS

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Grant Smith, Anne Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Lester Freeman, Melba Marsh

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. Walt Connolly, DeeDee Connolly

11:00 a.m. James Roper, Kennedi Dukes

READINGS

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16

Second Reading: Romans, 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke: 26-38

December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 or
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or
Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule: St. Joseph Church: 15 minutes before each Mass, Father is available for Confessions by appointment, please call 513-381-4526.



From The Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Today is filled with many wonderful liturgical celebrations and events.

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath, as we anticipate the arrival of the Messiah!

Christmas Eve begins this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

And we will gather at 10:30 p.m. tonight for the start of our celebration of Midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord.

On Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day, we will celebrate Mass at 12:30 p.m.

It still is not too late to get your donations in for our annual Christmas Appeal. This appeal runs throughout the holy season of Christmas. Thank you to all who have responded to date.

The focus of the readings today reminds us that we all have a part to play in the proclamation of the Word becoming flesh.

Let us keep each other in our prayers.

In Christ,
Father Rey
Pastor

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Deceased Members of the Taylor, Smith, Coleman, Benford Families by Father Rey
- 11:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Jo Ann Butts (AD) by St. Joseph Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – Evergreen Retirement Community for Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese for Military Services by Father Rey
- 10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass – St. Joseph Church for Cookie “Ruth” Vogelpohl (AD) by St. Joseph Church

Monday, December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day

- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church by St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 – St. Stephen

- 12:00 p.m. Mass The Cincinnati Children’s Hospital for Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese for Military Services by Father Rey

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 – St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

- 12:00 p.m. Mass The Cincinnati VA Medical Center for Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese for Military Services by Father Rey

Thursday, December 28, 2017 – The Holy Innocent

- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for the Children and Young People of St. Joseph Church by St. Joseph Church

Friday, December 29, 2017 – 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for 2017 Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church by St. Joseph Church

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Deceased Members of the Erardi and Boehmkor Families by John Gennon Erardi
- 11:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Deceased Members of the Smith Family; Ora, Rick, Clarence Robert, John, Ben, Calvin and Bernice by Gail Smith

Monday, January 1, 2018 – SOLEMNITY of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church for Parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Cincinnati, by St. Joseph Church

Stewardship

December 17, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 3,930.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas Appeal	\$ 1,758.00
Children's Collection	\$ 78.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 43.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 85.00
Sunday Saints	\$ 48.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 237.00
Social Action	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$11,189.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,500.00
Over/Under Budget	\$ 4,689.00

Save The Date

**GRACE-FILLED BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN:
STANDING ON THE PROMISE**
4th National Black Catholic Women’s
Gathering
Sponsored by
National Black Sisters’ Conference
Friday, 27 Sunday, July 29, 2018
New Orleans Marriott Hotel
829 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, LA
Reservation is now open 1 800-305-6342

Prayer for Vocations



*Almighty Father,
You have created for us some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path You have
planned for us in this life and to respond with
a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes
and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May
our young people respond to Your call with courage and
zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be
good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious
and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons,
and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's
love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations
to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:

Hospital – Nursing Home

Berry, Agnes	UC Intensive Care
Carmichael, Leonard	Christ Hospital
Crowder, Vivian	Scarlet Oaks
Dysart, Richard	Covenant Village
Griggs, Ruth	Christ Hospital
Hogue, Bernie	Drake
Hurst, Father Paul	Bayley Place
Matthews, Will	Montgomery Care
Meyers, Fr. Harry	Western Hill Retirement
Morin, Mary	Bridgeway Point
Porter, Georgia	Ivy Woods
Richards, Kathy	CommuniCare
Slaughter, Isaac	Children's Hospital
Smith, Essie	Pristine Senior Living
Whitlow, Janet	Good Samaritan
Wolfolk, Joe	Indian Springs
Zimmerman, Helen	Lincoln Crawford

Homebound/ Sick-Shut-In

- Byes, Annie
- Caldwell, Billie Jean
- Charlton, Joseph
- Cowherd, Diana
- Cullen, SC, Helen
- Daniels, Larry
- Foster-Waller, Alberta
- Freihofer, Alex
- Knight, Linda
- Richey, Beverly
- Robinson, Shirley
- Stevenson, Ruth
- Tolliver, Shirley

Prayer List

- Gibson, Mamie
- Hill, Hestella
- Hunter, Deanna
- Irby, Frances
- Kroeger, Twins (Conjoined)
- Lampkin, Christopher
- Mason, Cynthia
- Payne, Yolanda
- Posey, Julie
- Rohan, Ned
- Smith, Vicki
- Turner, Pam
- Warren-Malone, Belinda

The Morning of the March for Life
Friday, January 19, 2018
DAR Constitution Hall
1776 D Street, NW (18th & D Street)
Washington, DC 20006
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass at 7:30 a.m. (Doors open at 7am)

Let us know you will be attending by going to:

www.NationalPrayerService.com

Free • No tickets needed • Large Groups welcomed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
- 11:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Evergreen Retirement Community
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling start of Midnight Mass
St. Joseph Church

Monday, December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day

Parish Office – CLOSED
St. Joseph Catholic School CLOSED until
January 3, 2018

- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Day Mass St. Joseph Church
No Bible Study

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 –

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Parish Office – Open
West End Emergency Center and Pantry –
CLOSED TILL January 2, 2018
- 12:00 p.m. Mass The Cincinnati Children Hospital
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Fellowship Room - Church

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 –

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Parish Office – Open
SJCS – CLOSED
- 12:00 p.m. Mass The Cincinnati VA Medical Center
- 2:30 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer Group – Rectory
No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 28, 2017 – The Holy Innocent

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Parish Office – Open
- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

Friday, December 29, 2017 –

5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Parish Office – Open
- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

Saturday, December 30, 2017 –

6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass of Christian Burial for Paula Bosch

Sunday, December 31, 2017 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
- 11:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. – Knights of Peter Claver Dance
Knights of Columbus Hall 7500 Fairpark Avenue 45216

Monday, January 1, 2018 –

SOLEMNITY of Mary the Mother of God

- Parish Office – CLOSED
- 12:30 p.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

COMMUNITY NEWS

CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Cincinnati Men's Conference is back and will be hosted at Cincinnati's gorgeous Taft Theatre! The Catholic Speakers Organization, Catholic Speakers, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have teamed up to bring back America's first Catholic Men's Conference ever organized and produced. Both organizations are more than excited about the spiritual benefit the conference will bring to the greater Cincinnati community. What is equally exciting is the speaker lineup for the event, where some of the most renowned Catholic speakers were honored to join the roster. **Everyone is welcome to attend** no matter what religious belief or where you are in your journey of faith.

The Theme of the 2018 conference is "*Be A Man! What It Means To Be A True Christian Man In Today's Society*". The day will be filled with 4 lectures from 4 different speakers pertaining to being the best version of a man we can be via true Christian ideals giving us the tools to become the best brother, son, father, spouse, manager or leader to our fellow man. How are we expected to act as good Christian men in today's modern society and what are the non-negotiables for good Christian men trying to be authentic examples of Christ to the rest of the world?

The conference will be held on **Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at the Taft Theatre:** 317 E 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (downtown Cincinnati). Purchase tickets at CincinnatiMensConference.com

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

The observance of the **World Day of Peace** before the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** Monday, January 1, 2018, 10 a.m. at Ascension Parish, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering, the Holy father designates each New Year's Day as a special opportunity for the universal Church to pray for a year of greater peace, respect for life and social justice. Join us as we pray for nonviolence and healing in our communities, nation and world.

or Cincinnati

Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

(Corner of 8th & Plum Streets, Downtown Cincinnati)

11:00 a.m.

Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer