

DECEMBER 25, 2016**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

"The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."
(St. Luke 2:10-11)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass **Fr. Ted's Day Off**
12:00 Noon AA (H)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:00 Noon AA (H)
7:00 p.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 96)
Frank Susa (Anniversary)
By Mary Susa

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 100)
Donald W. Corcoran
By The Brian Corcoran Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Mass **Fr. Ted's Day Off**
12:00 Noon AA (H)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. **Weekday Mass** (pg. 106)
Rosemary Longo
By Jennifer Longo
12:00 Noon AA (H)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 p.m. **Holy Day Vigil Mass** (pg. 35)
Jerry Miller
By Sara Short

SUNDAY, January 1

8:00 a.m. **Holy Day Mass** (pg. 35)
The People of St. Joseph Parish
11:15 a.m. **Holy Day Mass** (pg. 35)
Bob Ritter
By Janet & Bill Fee

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD falls on a Sunday this year, but it is also a Holy Day of Obligation every year on **January 1st**. The Solemnity is one of our oldest feasts and emphasizes Mary's motherhood of Jesus as Son of Man and Son of God. This also serves to keep us mindful of Christ's full divinity and full humanity.



OUR PRAYERS FOR OTHERS: Hold in your prayers **Julie Tchobanian, Gary L. Miner, Danny Ogan**, and all those who are on our prayer chain. If you have permission and wish to put a friend or loved one on the email prayer chain, or are interested in praying as part of our prayer chain, please contact Jackie Rose at diggersdaughter@yahoo.com or (614) 595-7633. If you would also like to have a name listed in our church bulletin for prayers, please notify us at office@saintjosephcircleville.com or call 477-2549, ext. 300.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION:

"ROOM FOR CHRIST" by Dorothy Day

"It is no use to say that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. But now it is with the voice of our contemporaries that he speaks, with the eyes of store clerks, factory workers and children that he gazes; with the hands of office workers, slum dwellers and suburban housewives that he gives. It is with the feet of soldiers and tramps that he walks, and with the heart of anyone in need that he longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, is giving it to Christ....

"If we hadn't got Christ's own words for it, it would seem raving lunacy to believe that if I offer a bed and food and hospitality for Christmas – or any other time, for that matter – to some man, woman or child, I am replaying the part of Lazarus or Martha or Mary and that **my guest is Christ.**" (<http://dorothyday.catholicworker.org/>)

FROM MISSIONARY FR. PAUL who visited us in August.

Dear Fr. Ted & St. Joseph Family,

Remembering your kindness and that of your community. Am wearing your gift of F-Shirts all the time – a grateful memory. Regards to all, especially Michael & Sharon Matthiass, the Vances, & Bill who drove me to Columbus in his fancy car! Am in New Zealand – helping out a passionist pastor here in Blenheim, amidst many places which suffered from recent earth quakes. I return to Australia after Christmas.

*– Keeping all of you in my grateful prayers,
Fr. Paul CP.*

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be no Choir Practice this week.

CEMETERY CARETAKER: St. Joseph Cemetery Board is seeking a part-time Cemetery Caretaker for the overall operation and maintenance of **St. Joseph Cemetery**. If you are interested, please submit a résumé to the Church and Cemetery Office (office@saintjosephcircleville.com or P.O. Box 40 Circleville, OH 43113) by **Monday, December 26th**. Job Description available from Parish Office (740-477-2549, ext. 300).

HOSPITAL AND HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS: If you or a loved one are home or hospital-bound for any length of time, and desire to receive the sacraments, please call the Parish Office. Fr. Ted and Mary Kay no longer have the ability to check the local chaplains' list; the list is no longer being made available to pastors and associates. Therefore, they will not know of your needs unless they are notified by the individual or his family.



ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND: Fr. Ted will be back on our regular schedule this weekend on New Year's Eve and Day.

ST. JOSEPH'S RESTORATION CORNER:

"St. Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster-father of the Infant-God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confidant of the secret of God in the work of the redemption of mankind." – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

WHY I GIVE: "St. Joseph's is a special place. There is a warmth, a friendliness, a caring. When I attend Mass, I enjoy taking a quiet moment to look around; I look at the windows, the Stations, and of course the people. And while there are many at our parish I don't know well, I know that we have the most important common thread of all; a love for Christ. I give because I love our church, I love our church family, and above all I love Christ who brings us together."

– Kim Frericks

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Liturgical Ministers:

December 31st and January 1st

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please be sure to find a replacement.

Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers – please check your name off the list at the back of the church when you arrive each week.

Saturday, December 31st, 5:00 p.m.

Servers: Katelyn Polacek, Jay and Jed Sahr

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Estel*,

Michael and Patricia Griffith,

John and Shirley Lake

Lectors: Amy Sahr (1), John Raterman (2)

Ushers: David Crawford, Randy McCoy,

Charles Estel, Phil Vogel

Greeters: Sr. Monica Justinger, Logan Skaggs,

Jim Schneider

Sunday, January 1st, 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Patrick and Joseph Morris,

Audrey Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Bryan Shonkwiler*,

Anne Strawser, Steve and Beth Ford,

Linda Nutter

Lectors: Merle Valentine (1), Theresa Stir (2)

Ushers: Terry Hupp, Carol Tarbill, Mary Kay Wood,

James Suver, Darren Metzger

Greeters: Merle and Krista Valentine, Tom Miner,

Jeff Daugherty

Sunday, January 1st, 11:15 a.m.

Servers: Christian Coulibaly,

Lauren and Zach Martin

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Steinhauser*,

Chuck Steinhauser, Stephanie Morris,

John Bowen, Rachel Martin

Lectors: Mary So (1), Tonya Whittredge (2)

Ushers: Brian Neff, Nick Gill, Phillip McKibben,

Doug Martin

Greeters: The Stant Family