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The Significance of Processions

By Reverend Anthony Coci

On February 2, our Calvert Catholic students and faculty gathered in the St. Joseph Activity Center for a procession down Melmore Street to the church. We commemorated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when Mary and Joseph presented their son in the Temple. According to the Jewish law, a woman was to present her firstborn son to the Lord and offer a ransom sacrifice (cf. Exodus 13:2-13) 40 days after birth to mark the time of her purification; hence, this feast was traditionally known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The number forty symbolizes a time of testing and purification; for example, Noah and the Ark, Israel wandering in the desert, and Our Lord doing battle with Satan in the desert. February 22 began our 40-day journey through Lent by purifying ourselves of worldly attachments. Then on Palm Sunday, April 2, we will gather for another procession, this time not from the Activity Center but instead inside the church from the main doors to the altar commemorating Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Processions are part of our Catholic ethos. Early Christians would take the bodies of their martyred comrades and process throughout the streets until they reached the place of burial. Today, we do something similar with the bodies of our loved ones from the funeral home to the church and then the cemetery. Every Sunday the priest and ministers gather for a procession up the main aisle of the church at the start of Mass. Tertullian, a Father of the Church (155-245 A.D.), described the Christians as assembling on the Lord's Day, and other special occasions, in a movement of progress toward their churches. Perhaps this is how our congregations became known as assemblies of believers. An interesting side note, the Opening Prayer of Mass is called the Collect, because after the assembly gathers, we collect our hearts and minds, and we direct them toward God.

Processions are part of our tradition. Some of you may recall the yearly pilgrimage in Carey from the basilica to the shrine park on the vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also, we must not forget the miracle of what happened in our local area when the statue of Our Lady of Consolation was processed from Frenchtown to Carey in 1875. Further, Our Lady told St. Bernadette, "Tell the priests to come here in procession and build a chapel," and today Lourdes is a continual place of pilgrimage and processions.

Processions are biblical. Moses and the Israelites processed from Mount Sinai toward the Promised Land (cf. Book of Exodus). King David processed by dancing before the Ark of the Lord as it was being moved from the house of Obed-edom to Jerusalem (2 Sam 6:12). Mary went in haste to the hill country of Judea to attend to her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:39). The Magi traveled from the East to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King (Matthew 2:1-2). Joseph and Mary took the Christ child and fled for Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15), then after Herod's death they journeyed back to Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23). The Gospel of Luke states that each year Mary and Joseph processed up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover with a caravan of people (cf. Luke 2:41-44). Jesus' whole life can be seen through the prism of a procession: He processed from the Father in Heaven to Earth when he took flesh (cf. John 1), he journeyed in the desert for 40 days after his baptism; he traveled throughout the whole region of Galilee and Judea. He set his face like flint for Jerusalem (cf. Luke 9:51) and processed with his cross to Calvary. Then when he died, he entered the realm of the dead, rose on the third day, and ascended to the Father. Now we joyfully await his final procession back to Earth when he will draw all the faithful to himself.

Processions help us understand the Holy Trinity. The Nicene Creed states, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son." The Holy Spirit processed from Heaven to Earth on Pentecost. The inner workings of the Trinity are ones of procession from the Father to the Son, the Son to the Father, the Father to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit to the Father, and the Son to the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit to the Son. Since we are created in the image of God, the inner workings of the Trinity are a blueprint of the inner workings of our souls, our lives, and how our relationships with others should be—a procession of love.

Processions are part of who we are. They are a devotional and spiritual practice. The more we engage in them the more we encounter a depth of our humanity and our faith. This upcoming year we will host a local Eucharistic procession (stay tuned for future details) as part of the Catholic Church's three-year Eucharistic Revival to renew our love for the Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. I hope you and your family are able to take advantage of this great opportunity as we continue to journey with one another through the pilgrimage of life.



In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Lenten Confession Times

As we continue our annual Lenten journey with the Lord and each other, we are reminded of our own mortality and of the call to repentance. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful to those who come to him with contrite hearts.

This season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so we can prepare to better celebrate and live Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and beyond. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent. The priceless gift of God's mercy is celebrated by the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In preparation for Easter, we invite all to begin anew with souls nourished by the gift of the divine mercy and forgiveness God has for everyone.

In addition to Saturday (3:30 - 4:15 PM), the following Confession times will be offered during Lent:

Sunday, March 26

Community Penance Service
3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, March 28

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Please Note:

There are no scheduled Confession times on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 1, 4:30 PM

Sunday, April 2, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

The blessing, distribution of palms, solemn procession, and narration of the Lord's Passion will be at all Masses.

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 4, 11:00 AM

at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

All the priests and deacons of the Diocese, along with three bearers of the Holy Oils from each parish gather together at this festive Mass in which the Sacred Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed. They will then be brought back for our presentation on Holy Thursday.

Please note: There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on April 4.

Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 PM

at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

This service serves as an introduction to the Sacred Triduum. The word "tenebrae" means darkness, in reference to the darkness held in the heart of the Church during these days. The liturgy consists of psalms, antiphons, and readings, much of which is taken from the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM

The reception of the Holy Oils, Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of feet, and the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Transept Chapel with private devotions until Midnight.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, April 7

12:00 - Noon

Private Devotions

12:15 PM

Stations of the Cross

1:00 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

At St. Joseph Church, we are privileged to have a relic of the True Cross on which Christ actually died. This sacred relic will be used during the Veneration of the Cross.

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

Saturday, April 8, 8:30 PM

Consisting of four parts: The blessing of the fire and preparation of the Paschal Candle (Lucernarium), the Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Please note: There will be no 4:30 PM Mass on April 8.

Easter

Sunday, April 9, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Commemorating the joy of our Lord's Resurrection, with the renewal of our Baptismal promises and sprinkling rite.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Rachel Bores

Jane Bower

Maricarmen "Mari" Cooper

Emily Daniel

Lindsay Daniel

Erin DeMonte & Family

Brett Frankart

Ethan and Rachael Fuller & Family

Richard Galuszka and Ann Kin & Family

Benjamin and Mindy Ginnever & Family

Anna Kin

Elliott and Anna Lee & Family

David and Lisa Morlock & Family

Doug and Kylee Percival & Family

Sharon Ranker

Derek Ridder

Maxine Schultz

Timothy Showman

Dale & Frazene Thornton



Recent Sacraments at St. Joseph Church

Baptism

Kyson Jeffrey Opp. Baptized January 7, 2023. Son of Bradley Opp and Dana (Olinger) Swartz.

Ayla Mae Swartz. Baptized January 7, 2023. Daughter of Timothy and Dana (Olinger) Swartz.

Enslee Rae Brown. Baptized January 7, 2023. Daughter of Anthony Brown and Brooke Olinger.



London Ivy Quillen. Baptized January 8, 2023. Daughter of Cory Quillen, Sr. and Hannah Terry.

Cory Tyler Quillen. Baptized January 8, 2023. Son of Cory Quillen, Sr. and Hannah Terry.



Iradessia Noelani Miyashiro-Amer. Baptized January 15, 2023. Daughter of Leah Chapman.

Vyolet Mahalani Miyashiro-Amer. Baptized January 15, 2023. Daughter of Leah Chapman.

Timothy Stephen DeMonte. Baptized January 15, 2023. Son of Jacob DeMonte and Erin DeMonte.



Caleb Joseph DeMonte. Baptized January 15, 2023. Son of Jacob DeMonte and Erin DeMonte.

Maryanne Nicole Miller. Baptized January 22, 2023. Daughter of Jarrid Miller and Misha Phillips.

Ryan Jean Ritzler. Baptized January 22, 2023. Daughter of Timothy and Jennifer (Miller) Ritzler.

Charlie Anna Marie Zink. Baptized January 24, 2023. Daughter of Chad Zlnk and Drew & Jodie (Magers) Felton.

Weddings

December 17, 2022. Jacob Donald Bowers & Veronica Carol Ruggeri.



February 3, 2023. Tyler Joseph Clouse & Elizabeth Grace Keefe.



Deaths

Kimberly Jo (VanCamp) Lee, 63. Died November 14, 2022.

David A. Bihn, 83. Died November 15, 2022.

Norma J. (Glick) Roush, 92. Died November 29, 2022.

Roseann C. (Stockmaster) Reinhart, 81. Died December 2, 2022.

Urban E. Feasel, 93. Died December 6, 2022.

Dawn R. Kurtz, 50. Died December 7, 2022.

Keith L. Kirchner, 87. Died December 20, 2022.

Jill C. O'Connor, 60. Died December 23, 2022.

Paul C. Fisher, 102. Died January 16, 2023.

Emilio Chavez, Jr., 73. Died January 28, 2023.

Updated Mass Intention Policy...

You may have noticed a note recently in the Sunday bulletins that the scheduling of 2023 Mass Intentions has been suspended. This is an opportune time to explain that note and introduce our updated Mass Intention Policy.

What are Mass intentions?

Mass intentions are requests made by family or friends for a Mass to be offered for a person or special intention. The practice of requesting Masses to be offered for loved ones is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. They may be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as in honor of their birthday), or most commonly for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Infinite graces flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Each week the scheduled intentions are listed in the bulletin.

Why the scheduling suspension? What changed?

Due to changes in the Mass schedule and in an attempt to follow the Diocesan Pastoral Policy, our 2023 Mass Intention Book filled up quickly. The Diocesan Pastoral Policy states that only one Mass intention may be scheduled at each Mass. Therefore, the number of Mass Intentions per Sunday/Vigil Mass was reduced to one instead of two. That significantly reduced the number of available offerings. One Lord's Day Mass will continue to be reserved for the People of the Parish (Pro Populo) each week.

Updated Mass Intention Policy:

We have a large parish with a strong devotion of offering Masses for our deceased loved ones. In order to accommodate the large number of Mass requests in a fair and reasonable manner, we have developed the following policy for 2024 with guidance from the Diocesan Pastoral Policy:

The 2024 Mass Intention Book will be available for scheduling beginning in August 2023.

Each *donor* may schedule up to two Mass Intentions (total) per year and only one may be on Sunday/Vigil night.

Examples of Mass intentions are: one person (Joe Simms) or couple (Joe & Jen Simms), or a family (L/D Simms Family) or group (Souls in Purgatory). Multiple different names may not be listed in a Mass intention.

The suggested donation for a Mass intention continues to be \$10 each or whatever the donor wishes to give to the parish.

Masses may be scheduled through the Parish Office in person, by email or over the telephone.

The Mass Intention Schedule is subject to change, in which case we will attempt to contact the family to reschedule.

Exceptions may be made for pastoral necessity. For instance, there will be two intentions listed at the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass the remainder of the year in order to accommodate those who had intentions scheduled at the 4:00 and 5:30 PM Masses prior to the recent change to the Mass schedule.

Again, the 2023 Mass Intention Book is completely filled. Our apologies to those who were unable to request a Mass intention for this year. With the new policy, we hope to meet everyone's requests. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to this updated policy. We will continue to evaluate as needs arise.

Additional ways to honor the memory of your loved ones:

Light a candle for them in church. One and six day candles are available.

Make a donation in their memory to the Cemetery Upkeep Fund or another special project such as the Stain Glass Window Fund.

Add their name to the "In Loving Memory" section on the back of the parish bulletin. For more details call Scott Franz of Diocesan at 614-915-4118.

Upcoming Cemetery Renovations

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery was built in 1922. The building is still in great shape, given that it is 100 years old. With that being said, there still are maintenance needs. One such example is the need to replace the roof.

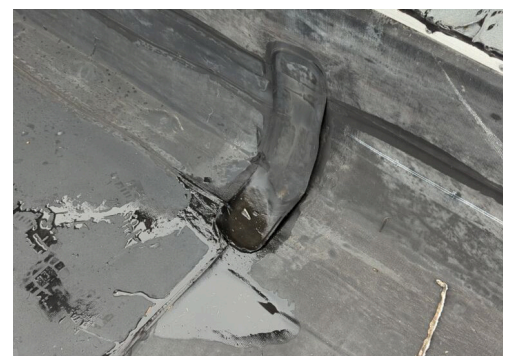
After getting some recommendations and estimates, we have chosen to go with a company called Technique Roofing Systems. They will be tearing off all of the old roofing material and replacing it with new.

Thanks to Superintendent Mike Somers and St. Joseph Parish staff, our parish cemetery will be taken care of for years to come.

We are fortunate to have the funds to cover this project, however please remember to include the cemetery in your thoughts and prayers when considering donations so we can continue to maintain our cemetery.

Thank you!

Dan Roessner
Cemetery Board President





The Beauty of Latin

By Amy Fretz, Music Director

The Lenten season is nearly upon us. I am still sort of new at St. Joseph, so I'm learning all of the traditions here. I am told that Fr. Joe always sang parts of the Mass in Latin during Lent and we will continue this tradition.

As we begin to sing the *Pater Noster*, the *Sanctus* and the *Agnus Dei*, some of you may be compelled to say, "What's with all the Latin?!" I decided that it would be the perfect time to talk about this subject.

I was inspired to write this article when I recently watched the funeral Mass of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. I didn't understand much of the language. One reading was done in English, but others were in Spanish, Italian and German. However, when I heard the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* and they were exactly the same as we will be singing here at St. Joseph, the light bulb went on!

Latin is the unifying factor. Wherever Mass is sung in Latin, it is exactly THE SAME. It is much like music itself. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is credited with saying, "Music is the universal language of mankind." I realize when I'm teaching one of my piano students to read the music, the notation is identical around the world. The use of Latin in the Catholic Church works the same way. We are reminded in a special way that we, as Catholics, are all linked in our belief of God and the Eucharist. After all, the very word Catholic comes from the Greek word "Katholikos," meaning universal. So, to celebrate the Lenten season, let's continue one of our parish's traditions by embracing the even deeper tradition of the Catholic Church around the world, the singing of Latin at Mass.

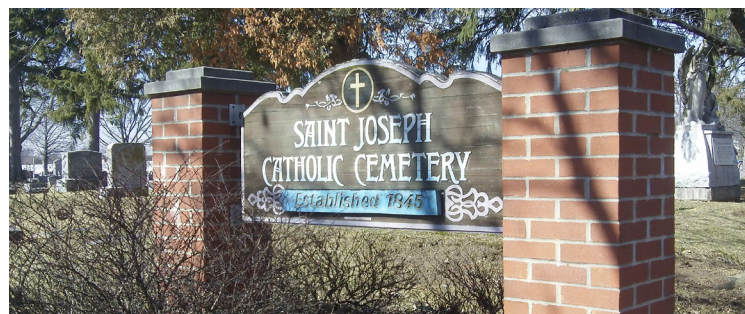
Even if we have trouble reading the Latin words, we understand what is being sung. In preparation for Lent, perhaps you would enjoy reading the *Our Father* in Latin:

PATER NOSTER, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has welcomed me to St. Joseph so warmly. I wish you all a blessed Lenten season.

Cemetery Rate Increase

St. Joseph Cemetery Board voted to increase burial lot prices from \$650 per grave (parishioner rate) to \$750 per grave (parishioner rate) **effective July 1, 2023**. All other cemetery fees (opening and closing of graves, non-parishioner burial lots, etc.) will also increase at that time. If you wish to buy burial sites at the current rate of \$650 for parishioners, these rates will remain in effect until June 30, 2023. **For more information, call Kris at the Parish Office, 419-447-5848.** Cash, check, or credit cards are accepted.



Bulletin Update

We will very soon be discontinuing the bulletin@tiffinstjoseph.org email address.

From now on, please send your bulletin announcements to jharen@tiffinstjoseph.org. It is not a problem if you forget. Your email will either be forwarded to the new address, or you will receive a message that will direct you to send to the new address.

Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Joseph Parish Spotlights

The dictionary defines stewardship as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care,” and throughout scripture, followers of Christ are called to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to his people – including time, talents, and finances. Thus, Christians are to use His resources wisely and for His Glory.

Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we are and everything we have are a gift from God, as well as being grateful and generous with those gifts. A steward makes God’s love visible by imitating Jesus, who exemplifies God’s perfect and infinite love for us.

Cleaning Crew

A great example of stewardship within our parish is our “Cleaning Crew!” If you have noticed the cleanliness of our church, you can thank our group of many volunteers who come in every Monday to clean and polish the Sanctuary, pews, restrooms, and more. Our cleaning crew is comprised of several smaller groups who work on a rotating basis, and it is organized by Diane Jacobs and Ginny Bursa.

It takes many volunteers to make a church run smoothly, and we can’t thank these stewards enough for sharing their time and talents with us! Pictured are many of the individuals who take part of this volunteering effort.

If you’d like to volunteer or learn more about the cleaning crew, please contact Kris at 419-447-5848 or kwise@tiffinstjoseph.org.



Fellowship Sunday

Thank you to all who joined us for food, fun, & fellowship at our most recent “Fellowship Sunday!”

If you missed this event, join us at the next Fellowship Sunday on April 2nd. This is your opportunity to get to know your neighbors in the church, make new connections, or foster old ones. We look forward to seeing you there!





Save the Dates!

Seneca Nation is invited to participate in events ALL YEAR (2023-2024) to celebrate 100 years of Calvert!

Fall:

- Sept. 16 (TBD): Heritage Parade Float
- Sept. 25 - Oct. 1: Tours of CCS Available
- Sept. 25: All School Mass & Lunch
- Sept. 27: Bonfire
- Sept. 29: Pep Rally, Football Game with Alumni Band & Cheer
- Sept. 30: Golf Outing, Alumni & Friends Reverse Raffle, and Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 1: Alumni & Friends Mass and Hall of Fame Induction
- Oct. 14. Black-Tie 100th Birthday Autumn Auction

Spring*:

- School Musical
- Fine Arts Display
- Calvert Graduation Event

*Dates TBD

Watch for details about these events and more!

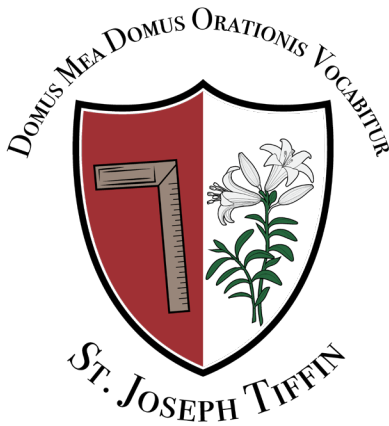
Rectory Project Update

In the last Intercom, we shared a letter from Matt Kennedy, Finance Council President, and Jim Perry, member of the Maintenance Committee, about the necessary updates being completed to our St. Joseph Parish Rectory.

Here are some photos from the current progress.



New St. Joseph Parish Crest



A few months ago, we introduced a new St. Joseph Parish crest (pictured above) on our website and Facebook page. This was created to be a uniform visual identity of our church in the community, and it will be a key factor for communication between our Parish and the public.

Designed in collaboration with the Pastoral Council, our new crest features symbols of our patron saint, St. Joseph. Depicted on the left is a carpenter's square, which symbolizes Joseph's trade. The lily, on the right side of the crest, represents purity and Joseph's celibate marriage to the Virgin Mary. Finally, circled around the top of the crest is the Latin phrase, "Domus Mea Domus Orationis Vocabitur," which means, "My House shall be Called a House of Prayer." This scripture verse from Isaiah 56:7 is the same one located above our main doors of the church.

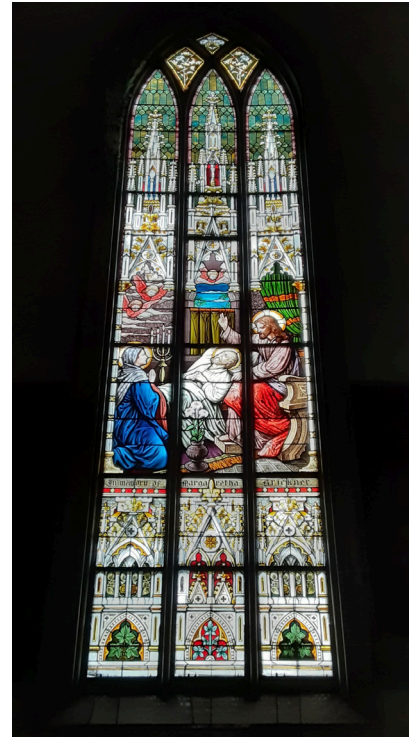
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Stained Glass Window Project

You most likely noticed at Mass that the stained glass window on the Melmore Street side of church is missing. In early February, craftspeople from Bigelow Glass in Findlay, Ohio removed the window to begin its restoration. The plan is to restore one window at a time with minimal disruption to Masses and will take approximately 1 to 2 years to complete. Please take caution as there may be times when scaffolding will be present in the aisle.

Over the past few years, our Maintenance Committee and Finance Council have been gathering information and preparing for this stained glass window restoration project. Part of our parish's share of donations to the recent Living Christ Campaign was earmarked for this project, and St. Joseph Church recently received a grant through Tiffin's Downtown Façade Enhancement Program. We thank all those who supported the Living Christ Campaign as well as those who have contributed to and continue to donate toward this project. Your generosity is appreciated!





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2023 St. Joseph Festival Plans for Its 71st Year!

Our 2023 St. Joseph Festival is off to a good start! The Festival will provide entertainment, games, and food for its 71st consecutive year on July 8-9, 2023. Plans are underway for dine-in chicken dinners, the Main Raffle with a Grand Prize of \$10,000, a car show, and the Super Raffle with a wide variety of prizes!

More details will be made available as they are determined on our Facebook page, @tiffinstjoseph, in the Church bulletin, and on our website: tiffinstjoseph.org.

The General Store, with unique and unusual used items, will be held the last weekend of June in the Activity Center. Exact times and dates will be announced.

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to help with pre-festival ticket sales and in other areas. Join in the fun and volunteer for this fun event! Call the rectory at 419-447-5848 for more information.

