OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeparishofc@bright.net

NORMAL MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:30 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm
Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSIONS
Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Saturdays 4:30 pm
Anytime by request

BAPTISMS
Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Charles or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE
Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to contacting the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
RCIA classes run from September to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT
Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY
Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. A priest will be available if needed. Notify the parish office about people in the hospital or shut-ins. If you are, or will be hospitalized because of a surgery or serious illness, contact the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson:
Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristan:
Mrs. Kathy Fischer 419-286-2003

Youth Minister:
Mrs. Rhonda Liebrecht 419-286-2019

Finance Council Chairman:
Mr. Larry Schimoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman:
Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and Communion to Homebound:
Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery:
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line:
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager:
Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee:
Mrs. Mary Menke 419-286-2504
Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-286-2429
WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Savannah Schneider, Ryan Aldrich, Allison Uphaus

LITURGICAL MINISTERS -  January 12 & 13:
SERVERS:
5:00pm  Chloe Fields, Elizabeth Howbert, Evan Hoersten
7:30 am  Nathan Sealts, Eric Wieging, Lydia Will
9:30 am  Cody Horstman, Marina Lucas, Eli Zehender

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Kathy Lucas, Alaina Maag, Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Eileen Schimmoeller
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Logan Sickels, Justin Liebrecht, Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup, Anita Aldrich, Teresa Wurst

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Karan Maenle

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Darrin Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

Please Pray for the Sick:
Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers

December 30, 2018:

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(YTD as of Dec. 30, 2018) = $104,621.93
YTD Over Budget = $621.93

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Mass for Fr. Tony Borgia
Sunday, January 13th at 9:30 a.m.
Come and celebrate the life of Fr. Tony who gave so much to our Parish and the community of Fort Jennings.
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CLC Meeting - Wednesday, January 9 at 7 PM at Ft. Haven. Bring some ideas of things you would like to see us do for the new year. We are always open to new adventures. See you there!
Purse & Fine Jewelry Bingo on February 8 at the Delphos Eagles. $20 per ticket, reserve a table for a small fee. Contact Stacy Warnecke for tickets. Sponsored by the Ft. Jennings Women’s Club and Memorial Hall.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES
Baptismal Class will be Tuesday, January 8th. Please attend instructions before the birth of the child.

**Call the Parish Office to register for class**

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at Noon.

Wade Wehri Family Benefit

As many of you heard Wade Wehri, son of Jarrod and Amy (Ottoville) was diagnosed with Cancer at the age of 9 months. He fought a long, and tough battle before he went to be with the Lord.

Please come and show your support for this amazing family on:

Sunday, February 3, 2019 11am-2pm

BBQ Chicken Dinners Pre-Sale ONLY $8.

If you are interested in donating a Silent Auction/Raffle item or would like to purchase Chicken Dinner tickets, Get-away Raffle tickets, or t-shirts please visit our Facebook event page: "Family Fun Day #fightforwade" or stop by The Gentry or The Express Mart, in Ottoville. You may also contact Jackie (Wehri) Kohls 567-242-8335.

Jackie (Wehri) Kohls will be in the rear of church after Masses next weekend selling dinner tickets.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Funeral Mass Guidelines for Catholic Faithful Diocese of Toledo

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ’s death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God’s merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers and intercession. At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God. In this way it recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and a new earth, where death will be no more.

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God’s mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis.

Pre-planning - Preparing for death involves the careful planning for the celebration of the funeral rites. The faithful are highly encouraged to review the liturgical norms of the Church as prescribed in the Order of Christian Funerals and the particular law of the Diocese of Toledo.

Obituary - The obituary, like the homily, should carefully avoid any statements that imply that the deceased is already in heaven. Rather, the Church, in the sure and certain hope of our future rising with Christ, pleads for the mercy of God upon the soul of the deceased. We affirm, in the Profession of Faith, the Church’s belief in the resurrection of the body when our souls will be reunited with our glorified bodies.

When announcing the liturgical rites kindly use the Church’s terminology, such as “Funeral Mass” (Terms such as “Mass of the Resurrection”, “Memorial Mass”, “Mass of Christian Burial” are to be avoided.

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:30 in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida fire station). All are welcome.

Save this date! Rally for Life on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 2:00 pm in the American Legion Hall in Ottawa, Ohio.
Words of remembrance - In keeping with the sacred nature of the liturgy, if words of remembrance are to be given, it is suggested that they be offered either at the funeral home during visitation, following the Vigil, at the gravesite following the Rite of Committal, or at the funeral luncheon. The Order of Christian Funerals does allow the option for a family member or friend to speak in remembrance of the deceased. The ritual permits that this may be done following the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Commendation. In the Diocese of Toledo however, if appropriate words of remembrance are to be given in relation to the Funeral Mass, it is preferred that they would observe the following:
• to take place prior to the beginning of the Funeral Mass
• to be no longer than three minutes in duration
• to be shared with the Pastor at least the day before the Funeral Mass

Christian Symbol - Only Christian symbols may rest on or be placed near the casket during the funeral liturgy. "Any other symbols... have no place in the funeral liturgy" (OCF, no. 38). "Any national flags or the flags or insignia of associations to which the deceased belonged are to be removed from the casket at the entrance of the church. They may be replaced after the casket has been taken from the church" (OCF, no. 132).

Flowers - "Fresh flowers, used in moderation, can enhance the setting of the funeral rites" During Lent, flowers are forbidden to decorate the altar. Exceptions are made only for Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts. Flowers arranged near the altar should not impede the celebrant's ability to incense the altar by walking closely around it. Kindly note that floral arrangements brought inside the church to decorate the altar should remain in the church following the funeral liturgy.

Sacred Music - “Music at funeral liturgies should strive to express the hope we have in faith. It should also possess a quality and dignity worthy of the worship of God” (Pastoral Policy, no. 3267). In the privileged liturgical seasons such as Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, the music should primarily reflect the liturgical season as well as the celebration of the funeral rites.
• Hymns and acclamations are led from a designated place apart from the ambo.
• Popular/secular music, including recorded music, is not permitted during any of the funeral rites.

Homily - The homily is not a eulogy or a series of stories or remembrances. Because the Sacred Liturgy exists to glorify God, a homilist should carefully avoid any statements that imply that the deceased is already in heaven. Rather, the Church, in the sure and certain hope of our future rising with Christ, pleads for the mercy of God upon the soul of the deceased.

Cremation - The Church raises no doctrinal objections to the practice of cremation, “since cremation of the deceased’s body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased’s body to new life”.
Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites. The Diocese of Toledo “encourages the celebration of the funeral Mass within a reasonable time after death, prior to cremation”
If cremation is chosen "because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful"

Disposition of the Ashes - The ashes of the faithful "must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. “The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition”
It is not permitted for the ashes of the deceased to be separated and distributed or conserved in a domestic residence nor be scattered “in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects”.

Photography/Videography/Live-Streaming - It is preferred that photographing, videotaping as well as live-streaming the funeral rites, is to be avoided so as to respect both the dignity of the Sacred Liturgy and the mourners.