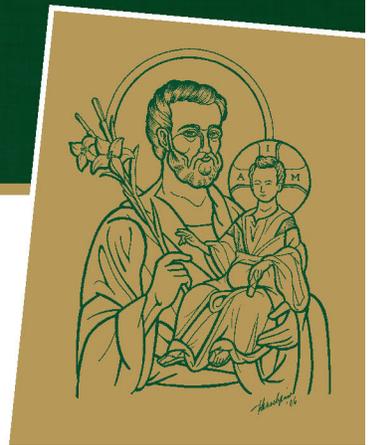


# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 9, 2015  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family:

While it seems like yesterday, October will mark four years since I began my ministry at St. Joseph. Some of the earliest experiences that we shared were those of my Listening Sessions, where over 150 parishioners came together so that I might hear from you about your hopes, dreams, and desires for our parish. Since July 2012, our Parish Pastoral Council, its six commissions, parishioners, and Pastoral Staff members have been working together to address these goals and advance our parish forward on our common journey of faith.

Our six commissions (Community Life, Liturgy, Spiritual Life, Social Concerns, Stewardship, and Youth-Young Adult) work with those active in their member ministries and organizations to envision ways that our parish can best fulfill its mission statement in these six important areas of parish life. The chairpersons were present at the June Parish Pastoral Council and shared their final *Renewal 2013* report. These reports recounted their successes, struggles, and hopes for further efforts. **All of these reports are available on our *Renewal 2013* webpage and I invite you to read and reflect upon their work. You may visit [www.sjohio.org/renewal](http://www.sjohio.org/renewal) to access all of the material that has been developed during the course of this process.**

Since beginning *Renewal 2013*, it is clear that our parish has evolved and is different than we were in 2012. We've witnessed an increased level of parish activity and involvement, a greater outreach to our community, and a growth in ministries. We've also witnessed a renewed presence of youth in our parish, strong financial support of the parish, significant improvements to our parish facilities, and the blessing of being able to welcome new parishioners. I'm grateful for the role that so many have played in the life of our parish over these past four years!

While much has already been accomplished, our work will certainly continue as even at our June meeting, the commissions provided recommendations for the consideration of the Parish Pastoral Council. **As I look back, it's very evident that every commission and our Parish Pastoral Council takes very seriously the responsibility of working for the betterment of our parish and bringing forth insights, concerns, and comments from parishioners. As we go forward, please continue these conversations with me, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Pastoral Staff, or our chairpersons for our consideration.** You can find contact information on the website, in the bulletin, or by calling the Parish Office. I believe that united as a family in Christ, and under the guidance of St. Joseph, we'll continue to accomplish great things!

With assurances of my prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".

Father Joe Mamich  
Pastor