



July 13, 2022

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners:

I hope that this note finds you well and enjoying your summer!

As you are well aware, we concluded the celebration of our 75th Anniversary Year last month with two special celebrations – our Grand Celebration Dinner and our Closing Mass and Reception. It is safe to say that we had a wonderful time celebrating with friends, family, current and former parishioners and staff, especially during these two events. These were great opportunities to reconnect. Over the past several weeks, I have continued to hear many wonderful comments about these events. We have established a page on our website – accessible at www.sjohio.org/75 - that has a link to the live-streams of the Opening and Closing Masses as well as a link to photo galleries from the major events of our 75th Anniversary. If you have not had a chance to view these, you may wish to avail yourself of this. Of special note, we found a video from our 50th Anniversary that has also been posted to our YouTube page, which can also be found using the link above.

As I look back upon the events of our anniversary celebration, I am deeply grateful for the hard work of the members of our 75th Anniversary Committee, who even with only one meeting in December 2019, worked hard together with me and others in various ways to make these events possible: Jeff and Neomia Branic, Doug and Debbie Januszewski, Jason and Jodi Januszewski, Art and Cindy Leonard, Dawna Meng, Mike and Mary Lou Shumate, and Joe and Pat Weber. I truly rejoice that a great time was had by all and we are grateful for all that the Lord has accomplished in, through, and despite us over these past 75 years and look forward to what, with Jesus' Divine assistance and the guidance of our patron, St. Joseph, we can accomplish in the years to come...our Centennial Anniversary is now only just about 24 years away!

I am sure that you read it in the bulletin, but in case you missed it... We are bringing back coffee and donuts...beginning next month on Sunday, August 7 after both 8am and 10:30am Mass! Until we bolster our volunteer crew back to pre-COVID levels, we will have "Donut Sundays" only on the first Sunday of every month. Along with the donuts and somewhat ironic as I've joked before, we are also bringing back our Health and Wellness Committee's sponsored Blood Pressure Checks. These, too, will be the first Sunday of the month and take place during Coffee and Donuts, but also after 4:30pm Mass on Saturday that weekend. If you're interested in volunteering to help with Donut Sundays, please give the Parish Office a call or send us an email using office@sjohio.org and we will get you in touch with our coordinator.

Last month, we were privileged to welcome back Peter's Shadow Healing Ministry for a night of adoration and healing prayer. We first welcomed them in 2020 and ultimately gave rise to our own Healing Prayer Ministry! Our teams have been praying a while now and will be praying again this Sunday, July 17th after the 8am Mass. We invite you to join them in the Adoration/Daily Mass Chapel. Our teams will be available to provide individual healing prayer. We invite you to come experience the power of healing prayer as our teams pray for your needs as they pray once every month after an 8am Sunday Mass.

Lastly, every July brings fireworks, the Strongsville Homecoming, and our SummerFest! I am looking forward to the return of a "full" Picnic on Sunday, July 31. We're back immediately after the 10:30am Mass with food, drink, live entertainment, games for the kids, and free ice cream! Olympia Sweet Treats and Grill along with Master Pizza will be here, as will the Euclid Beach *Rocket Ship* Car! In anticipation of our Parish Golf Outing on Saturday, August 6 our Golf Committee has added a new event to our picnic with T&K Tree Service providing a golf ball drop with a chance to win \$1,000 with the purchase of at least one \$10 golf ball! Please check out this weekend's bulletin insert or visit our website at www.sjohio.org for complete information on both picnic, Golf Outing, the Golf Ball Drop, and the other raffle opportunities for golfers and non-golfers alike.

Speaking of the picnic, we have a unique opportunity as we wrap up our celebration of our anniversary and look towards the future. Everyone has a chance to be of the St. Joseph Time Capsule! Start thinking about: What does being a member of St. Joseph Church mean to you? What do you think our parish will be like in 25 years? You will have the opportunity to add your thoughts and memories to the capsule during our upcoming picnic. The plan is to open our time capsule during our 100th Anniversary in 2046. You would not want to miss this opportunity, would you?

Stay healthy. Let's continue to pray for one another. See you at the Picnic!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

~Fr. Joe