



June 10, 2022  
Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners:

First off, we are in the last month of our year-long anniversary celebration! At least since 1840 when the first recorded visit of a bishop to the two Catholic families of Strongsville Township occurred, disciples such as us have shared our Catholic faith within this community. It is quite the blessing to be able to celebrate the 75th (plus one) anniversary of our parish's founding and be grateful for how God worked in our community and continues to invite us to work together now and into the future, to continue to serve both God and neighbor. For those who have already purchased tickets for tomorrow's Celebration Dinner, doors open by 6pm for appetizers and drinks at the Strongsville Recreation Center. Please enter using the Recreation Center's Main Entrance and then proceed to the Event Center where you will be greeted by members of our 75th Anniversary Committee and receive an envelope with your tickets and seating assignments. Then, we look forward to the end of the month when we will close our year-long celebration with Noon Mass and a Reception here in the Holy Family Center on Sunday, June 26. We have invited back all living priests, deacons, sisters, and former staff members for the Closing Mass and Reception. This Mass will also be live-streamed. Father Bob Sanson, our Pastor Emeritus, will be the preacher for our Closing Mass. The hors d'oeuvres reception is free, but in order to assist us in planning, we ask that you call or email the Parish Office ([office@sjohio.org](mailto:office@sjohio.org)) by Monday, June 20 to confirm your attendance. I hope that you will consider joining us for the Closing Mass and Reception on Sunday, June 26th as we bring our anniversary celebration to a fitting and prayerful conclusion.

Secondly, as a reminder, beginning in July, our Weekend Mass schedule will be Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 8am and 10:30am. If you did not see my letter, or have forgotten the background for our changes, you can visit [www.sjohio.org/survey](http://www.sjohio.org/survey) for complete results and background. With our church's seating capacity of 800 and no Mass averaging over 450 people before COVID-19, we will have adequate capacity. Also, after discussions with our live-streaming crew, beginning in July, we will only live-stream 10:30am Mass. St. John Neumann will continue to live-stream only their Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm and that is available using their website [www.sjnohio.com](http://www.sjnohio.com).

In addition, I echo the invitation that I offered last month, particularly those interested in sharing photos with other parishioners, and invite you to please consider signing up for MyStJoseph. This online tool allows you to update your own parish census records with your most current contact information, add and change individual or family pictures, and communicate with other parishioners. If you would like to sign up for this, please launch your web browser and go to [my.sjohio.org](http://my.sjohio.org), click Need a login?, and enter the email you received my letter on (because this is the one that we have for you on file); hit Find Me. Once you are found, an email will be sent to you; if you are not found, you can email [office@sjohio.org](mailto:office@sjohio.org) and they can help you. Once you receive an email with your information, you will have 24 hours to use that

link provided. When using MyStJoseph and setting up your account, you choose what information is shared with other parishioners. Out of respect for your privacy, no information is shared with others unless you choose it to be shared. YOU control whatever information you would like to share once you sign-up. You can do this on MyStJoseph by clicking on home, my account, personal preferences, and following the screen prompts. Once you allow your information to be shared, you can find other parishioners who have also allowed their contact information to be shared.

Finally, you have may noticed several times recently in Sunday bulletins that we are currently planning for the restart of two popular programs, but we could use a little help to make this a reality. We're looking to restart our customary Coffee and Donuts after our new Sunday morning Mass schedule begins in July. In order to do this, we're looking for people: single, married couples, and even entire families, who may wish to assist and be scheduled to work these. We ask anyone interested, new or old, to contact the Parish Office so we can update our lists. On-the-job training will be provided! In addition, we would like to offer our Funeral Luncheons again as these have ministered very well to those mourning the loss of a loved one, but we have experienced our own losses in volunteers to setup, serve, and clean up at these lunches. We need to find some new faces, particularly to assist in coordinating these luncheons, in order to continue to offer these effectively. All are welcome to lend their hand to either of these programs and we do need people to lend their hand if we are going to be able to bring these back as we were accustomed prior to COVID-19. If you are interested in learning more or wish to volunteer, please give the Parish Office a call or send us an email using [office@sjohio.org](mailto:office@sjohio.org). We'll get you connected to the right people!

Look forward to seeing as many as possible on Sunday, June 26!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

~Fr. Joe