

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday following the 6 p.m. Mass.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

You remember the story. Jesus arrived into a town and created quite a stir. Amidst the confusion of people coming and going, some people began bringing their children for him to touch and to bless. Jesus' disciples began scolding the people for this, rebuking them, "Leave the master alone." But Jesus noticed his disciples doing this and reacted immediately. He told them, "Let the little children come to me. Do not hinder them. For the kingdom of heaven is like these little ones." How embarrassed must have his disciples felt. They realized their mistake. And they learned their lesson. Jesus wants children to come to him. They would never make that mistake again.

As the generations passed by, the pastors of the Church remained constant in the lesson that they had learned. They realized that preventing children could also happen through a distorted view of the natural procreative process. They taught the people that God's design for bringing new life into the world was so that parents could bring their children to God. For no reason could they prevent them.

From its earliest encounters with the gruesome practices of abortion and abortion-inducing drugs in the Roman Empire, the Church spoke clearly against such ways of preventing Children from coming to know Jesus. Later, in the middle ages, when marriages were threatened and families were harmed by the scandal of divorce, pastors spoke out clearly against preventing conception or procuring abortion through using medicine. They warned that those who act against children this way "are guilty of a most heinous crime—nothing less than wicked conspiracy to commit murder" (Roman Catechism, VIII).

With technological advances in the early 20th century and the wide-spread distribution of condoms, it suddenly became quite easy to disrupt the natural generative process and prevent children from coming into the world. Certain Christian communities began to waver in Christ's teaching. Protestant Churches began to allow exceptions to Christ's rule and gave permission to preventing children. But the Catholic Church remained steadfast saying through the Pope, "Any use whatsoever of matrimony exercised in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an offense against God and of nature, and those who indulge in such are branded with the guilt of a grave sin" (Pius XI, *Casti Connubii*, 56).

Most recently, 50 years ago this week, with the advent of hormonal contraceptives, IUDs, and the birth control Pill, it became necessary for the Church to speak again in defense of the responsibility of spouses and of the rights children have to come into the world. In addition to excluding abortion and sterilization, Pope Paul VI cautioned the faithful to avoid as intrinsically disordered "every action which, either in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible. (Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae*, 14).

The conditions of the world today are every bit as chaotic as they've ever been. It will be easy for us to lose heart and yield to the temptations that would keep us from bringing children in the world. But Jesus' voice rings through the teaching of our pastors to have courage and keep bringing our children to Him. May Our Lady, the Queen of the Family help us always to be faithful to her Son.

With paternal affection,



Mass Intentions for July 23rd through July 29th

Monday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Harry A. Echle
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Thursday	8 a.m.	Rev. Mark Ervin
Friday	8 a.m.	Wayne Stone, Jr.
Saturday	8 a.m.	Agnes Genevieve Carter
	5 p.m.	Rev. Arnold W. DePorter
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Deacon Daniel R. Thompson
	6 p.m.	John Judson Alvey

Please pray for the faithful departed in our parish



Stephen Edgar Wathen



Mass Schedule for July 28th and 29th

	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Carol Kieber	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora	All Servers

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Max Long, Joey P. Adams, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Joseph Clark, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

Offertory, July 15th Envelopes \$2,310.00 Loose \$2,021.00

Donations (Including Online) \$1,505.00. No second collection next week.

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 4:00 p.m.

Online Giving – St. Joseph’s Church now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website! You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org. More information is available on our website or by calling the parish office.

Mother’s Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother’s Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’-by-World is a program for 6-12 people living in or near poverty to meet weekly for 18-20 weeks, for 3 hours to investigate the impact of poverty on individuals, families and the community. Be part of the journey. Investigate! You’re ready for change. Investigate and invest in your future by creating your plan to build your resources. Commit to meeting 3 hours for 16-18 weeks to problem solve with peers. Build social capital. Use your energy and talents to help improve your community. Mentor! You’re not a counselor or an expert, but a neighbor willing to walk with an investigator. To listen, validate, question and affirm their actions. Support! Prepare a meal for 10-13 investigators, facilitators and guest mentors to share prior to their meeting. Help fuel the “kitchen table” discussions! The program begins in August at the Lexington Park Library. To apply or learn more about Getting Ahead, call Teresa, SVdP St. Aloysius 301-481-2942 or Phyllis and Mike, SVdP Immaculate Conception 240-249-3737.

Dental Clinic For Those in Need - If you are unable to afford needed dental work or know someone who is in need of assistance with dental services, a dental clinic is being offered on Saturday, August 25th at Immaculate Conception, in the Parish Center. There will be space enough for 15 patients and will be offered on a first-come/first-served basis. You will need to contact the parish office to obtain the 3 required forms (Registration form, Consent & Authorization form, and the Sign-Up/Dental Issues & Complaints Triage form). Please complete the necessary forms and return them to the Rectory Office no later than Monday, August 6th. Someone will contact you to let you know if you've been selected. For forms or more information, please contact Immaculate Conception (301-884-3123) during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.)

Burial Plot Available at St. Joseph Cemetery – The price has been reduced to \$3,000.00 for a double burial plot available at the St. Joseph Cemetery across from the Church. If interested, please call Ms. Lee Harp directly at 703-751-6472.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, July 23rd – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, July 24th – 11 a.m. Catechism with Father Drew in the Rectory.



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Study: Beloved: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage More than a union based on romantic love or mutual fulfillment, marriage goes back to the very essence of what it is to be human – and reflects a design placed in our hearts by God himself. BELOVED – from the producers of the renowned SYMBOLON series – explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, BELOVED speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Go to SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Watch: The Way of St. James. Over the lovely "Camino de Santiago," the Way of St. James, which is the ancient route leading from the Pyrenees to the famous and ancient shrine of Santiago de Compostela, this documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination. Go to SPECIAL TOPICS

Listen: From White Supremacist to Catholic Writer, Joseph Pearce, an accomplished writer best known for his literary biographies, tells of his own conversion from a disillusioned, hate-filled young man to a committed follower of Christ. Here he presents his early life, which included a stint in a skinhead band, white supremacist activity, violent demonstrations, and time spent in prison, and then how he eventually embraced God's grace and mercy. Joseph is one of the most prolific Catholic authors of our time and now serves as senior editor for the Augustine Institute. Go to CONVERSION STORIES

Read: A Landscape With Dragons: The Battle for Your Child's Mind In this study of the pagan invasion of children's culture, Michael O'Brien, the father of six, describes his own coming to terms with the effect it has had on his family and on most families in Western society. His analysis of the degeneration of books, films, and videos for the young is incisive and detailed. Yet his approach is not simply critical, for he suggests a number of remedies, including several tools of discernment for parents and teachers in assessing the moral content and spiritual impact of this insidious revolution. In doing so, he points the way to rediscovery of time-tested sources and to new developments in Christian culture. Go to PARENTING (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)