

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

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,

Following Jesus includes a whole host of responsibilities. He expects our relationship with him to be fruitful, to be merciful, and to be strong. Jesus shows by his own example how he expects his followers to respond. A close reading of the sixth chapter of John's gospel will help us to become more responsible for our relationship with Jesus.

Faith:

The crowds are huge. Jesus has spent the day teaching them. It has begun to get late. A perfect "quitting time." He could send everybody home where they could get something to eat before it gets too late. Instead he asks his disciples where they can buy enough food for everybody. It's a ridiculous question. Phillip estimates the cost of feeding everybody at \$10,000 at least. Money that they don't have. Andrew says there's a boy here with some bread and fish. But what good could that possibly be. Jesus has lamented their lack of faith before. He wants it to grow. He asks for the fish.

Rescuing souls from the fires of hell requires a lively and strong faith. By salvaging what was left of Andrew's flickering proposal and turning it into more than enough food for 5000 men, Jesus breathes life into the faith that he has given each of us. We're going to need a lively faith if we hope to shine the light of Christ in this world that has lost its way.

Mercy:

The 5000 men who ate their fill included, certainly, any number of traitors. Judas, at least, was one of them. How many more like him? Yet Jesus' heart was moved with pity for all of them. Imagine if Jesus only taught the faithful. Imagine if he showed his power only to those who would believe. Instead, he has compassion on all of us while we were still sinners. This is so we can appreciate the great value of the gift of love which he has shown us and which he expects us to show others. God loves a cheerful giver. Let's commit ourselves to this responsibility with all our hearts. Not being stingy with our charity, but lavish.

Mission:

He escaped just in the nick of time. They were going to make him king. He had to get out of there. His popularity was interfering with his mission; the mission: save souls. Even though we might think of the many possibilities popularity provides, Jesus saw it and fled. They would completely misunderstand.

Jesus could easily see his followers got distracted by human respect, the congratulation of the crowds and being liked. He saw souls who would suffer from a mission that was compromised and ineffectual. We love popularity. He fled it.

Jesus expects us to bring him many souls. He needs our faith strong, our mercy to imitate his and nothing in the way of our mission. May we learn to be the apostles he is calling us to be.

With paternal affection,



Mass Intentions for July 30th through August 5th

Monday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Cecil Matthew Norris
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Audrey Somerville
Thursday	8 a.m.	Danette Schumacher
Friday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Saturday	8 a.m.	Debbie Walter (Living)
	5 p.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Father Marco Schad (Living)
	6 p.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.

Mass Schedule for August 4th and 5th

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sarah Richardson	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Gladys Long	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Valerie Young	James Ripple & William Wojt

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 22nd Envelopes \$2,317.00 Loose \$2,377.00

2018-2019 CCD Registration – Registration Packets are now available in the back of the Church and on our website. Completed registration forms and payment are due by Friday, August 17th. Forms and payment may be placed in the collection basket, mailed to the Rectory or dropped off at the Rectory during office hours (Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) The first class will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. at Mother Catherine Academy.

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.

Collection for Catholic Communications and Human Development – On August 18-19th, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Catholic Communications and Human Development second collection, providing funds for both the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Funds for the CCC support various communications initiatives of the Church - at the local level, the national level, and in developing countries. Funds for the CCHD support non-profit groups, locally and in other parts of the country, working to help the poor and disenfranchised. Thank you for your generosity.

Raising our Children in the Catholic Faith – The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Raising our Children in the Catholic Faith," to be held on Saturday, September 22 from 9-11am at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, MD. This workshop will address the needs of parents who share a desire to see their children grow in the faith. Parents who are single, divorced, separated, or widowed are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. For more information and to register, please email smacc.marriage@gmail.com.

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 30th – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, July 31st – 11 a.m. Catechism with Father Drew in the Rectory.



It's EASY and FREE to Register!

Go to www.stjosephmorganza.formed.org

Click "Register" and Enter your name, email, and desired password
You're all set to enjoy the engaging and inspiring content on FORMED!

Study: Lectio: Prayer Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's LECTIO series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six video sessions, Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Go to BIBLE STUDIES

Watch: Solanus Casey. This extraordinary film explores the heroic life of a remarkable, modern-day mystic, Father Solanus Casey, who was relegated to doing little more than being a simple doorman in his monastery. But God would transform the role his superiors assigned him, appointing it a far greater significance to be continued even beyond his earthly life: that of prophet, healer, and intercessor. Known as a wonder-worker and a powerful instrument of divine healing and hope, he touched countless lives. His untiring attention to the sick and poor, combined with his prayers, wise counsel, and burning faith brought an unprecedented outpouring of grief at his death in 1957. Go to MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH

Listen: Love Conquers All. Mike Aquilina, author of over forty books and an expert on early Church history, shares how the faithful witness of Christian families amidst the trials and persecutions of the Church in the first centuries of its existence led to the rapid expansion of Christianity and the conversion of the Roman Empire. He relates how fidelity to prayer, faithful attendance of Sunday Mass, and love of neighbor offered a powerful witness to a culture that, in many respects, is similar to our own. Go to EVANGELIZATION

Read: The Curé's Ars Today: Saint John Vianney. Everyone who thinks Vianney is already well known will find not simply new information, but what has new meaning for each discoverer. That meaning may well differ for each reader. The descriptions of the Curé's encounters with Satan and 'his lesser angels' and of the hours in the confessional were my own personal crucial rediscoveries. The retreat by Pope John Paul II given at Ars is an extraordinary bonus in this extraordinary work. Go to PRAYER AND DEVOTION (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)