

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 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,

In the concluding verses of the sixth chapter of John, Jesus responds to Peter's confession with a reminder in the form of two questions.

1) Did not I choose you twelve?

This confirms several things: Jesus responsibility for the twelve; Jesus love the twelve as the object of his choice; the unity of the twelve.

2) Yet is not one of you a devil?

This confirms, as the evangelist explains in hindsight, the betrayal of Judas. But, since Jesus doesn't name Judas, it also confirms the presence of the enemy even among their own number. This also confirms the effect of imitating the devil's malice—we become like him.

These two questions taken together help us in several ways to follow Jesus more closely. Jesus immediately strengthens Peter's act of faith with the reminder the Jesus chose them and not the other way around. This is a defense for Peter and the Twelve against the sins of pride, hypocrisy, presumption and vainglory. Jesus had already similarly blessed Peter earlier when he said that "flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my heavenly Father." Also, when they do experience their own failure, they should repent all the more eagerly recalling that while "we were still sinners he loved us." Lastly it is a reminder that Jesus came to call not the righteous but sinners.

After Jesus rises from the dead he will tell Peter that he has prayed for him and that he must in turn strengthen his brothers.

May Jesus strengthen our faith in the His real presence in the Holy Eucharist with the desire always to remain faithful and loyal to Him. May He also restore us when we fall with the grace of true penance so that we may never cease to cherish our Communion with him.

With paternal affection,



Mass Intentions for August 27th through September 2nd

Monday	8 a.m.	Rev. Mark Ervin
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Larry Taborek
Thursday	8 a.m.	Rosie Aceituno (Living)
Friday	8 a.m.	Joseph S. Johnson, Jr.
Saturday	8 a.m.	Freya Block (Living)
	5 p.m.	Cecil Matthew Norris
Sunday	8 a.m.	Thyris Miles
	10 a.m.	Jenny Bowles
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for September 1st and 2nd

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	Francis Gross

Offertory, August 12th Envelopes \$2,286.00
Loose \$2,568.00

Human Dev. Envelopes \$880.00

Assumption of Mary \$1,293.00

Donations (including Online) \$780.00

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, 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.

Father Drew will lead the Rosary each evening at 8:30 p.m. starting Monday, August 27th through Saturday, September 1st in the Church. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions.

2018-2019 CCD Registration – Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and on our website. Forms and payment may be placed in the collection basket, mailed to the Rectory or dropped off at the Rectory during office hours. 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. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

Mother Catherine Academy is poised to welcome back students for our fourth year as an Independent Catholic School! We have several events that are open to the community. Please consider joining us.

- Every Saturday Bingo at MCA. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:00 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- Script Cards- Please consider purchasing Script cards for your everyday needs. We have cards for gas, groceries, clothing, and food. MCA receives a percentage of the value of each card sold. Please contact the school for more information.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins the first week of school. School begins on 8/29!

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education at Mother Catherine Academy.

Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria - Saturday, September 15th - Join the next Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria! Speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is still only \$15 if you register in advance by Thursday, September 13. Registration at the door will be \$17. All are welcome, men and women!

St. Mary's County Interfaith Council is sponsoring two upcoming food drives. Please spread the word and consider donating!

- Food drive for Loaves and Fishes Pantry and St. Mary's Helping Hands Pantry on Saturday, 9/8/18 at Giant Food in First Colony from 10 am-2 pm. Anyone can drop off that day at Giant for these Pantries.
- Banneker Elementary School "Snack Pack" Food Drive, Saturday, 9/22/18 from 10 am-2 pm at McKay's in Leonardtown.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, August 27th – Sacrament preparation class at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, August 28th – 11 a.m. Catechism with Father Drew in the Rectory. Religious Education Open House at 7 p.m. in the parish Hall.

Tuesday, September 4th – Events Committee meeting in the Hall at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend!



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: Made for the Common Good. The importance of marriage to the common good of society is explored in this video in view of the redefinition of marriage in the law. Go to MARRIAGE: UNIQUE FOR A REASON-USCCB

Watch FOR KIDS!!! Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of Saint Augustine. Bright, young Augustine thinks his mother's religion is foolishness. Convinced that his superior intellect will guide him, he sneaks away from home and ventures to a new life in the city of Rome. Soon Augustine finds himself in an important position as "The Voice of the Emperor," with the life of luxury he's always wanted. When the empire decides to take over the Christian basilica, Augustine prepares to give the speech of a lifetime, one that will slow the rising tide of Christianity's influence. With his devout mother and the unwavering Bishop Ambrose on one side and the empire's loyal soldiers on the other, Augustine must choose whom he will serve. Go to SAINTS

Listen: The Two Great Poverties In this presentation from the 2017 FOCUS SEEK Conference, Jeff Runyan speaks about the two great poverties of our age: physical poverty and an even more dangerous "poverty of perspective." Runyan points out that, like the rich man and his poor neighbor Lazarus, comfort and plentitude can obscure the perspective needed to make sound decisions in our individual lives and society. He encourages a perspective which sees Christ in the poor and leads to real relationship with those touched by physical poverty in our lives. Go to FOCUS

Read: Why Humanae Vitae Was Right. Janet E. Smith has gathered together twenty-one outstanding essays and articles by well-respected thinkers to provide the demonstration that Pope Paul VI was not simply correct, but prophetic. While this document is still widely neglected and misunderstood, the Church continues to proclaim that contraception is a moral evil and that the view of man, sexuality, and marriage that leads to the use of the Pill is not one that is compatible with human dignity, sexual responsibility, and spousal love. Go to CURRENT TOPICS (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)