

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 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,

The month of November begins with a week of intense prayer for the Holy Souls in purgatory. I mentioned this last week both on this page and in the homily. Even though that week is now over, we should, of course continue to remember them in our prayers.

There is, for instance, a healthy remembrance that many families include at home during the blessing they pray at meal times. We did this in my family growing up and I recommend it to you. After we ask God to bless us and our food we included a prayer for our beloved dead who used to accompany us at our tables. We add, "May the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."

This is a great way always to remember the Holy Souls throughout the year. The thought of constantly remembering those who have gone before us may strike us at first as a bit morbid. It does take a little getting used to, but, I assure you, the thought is filled with hope.

November is a time of year which should be animated by great hope. Even as our mind naturally turns toward the end—the ending of the year, the ending of the annual harvest season, the ending of our lives—the swift passing of these days should recall to us the sudden onset of eternity for each of us. The Church has a name for this consideration: "The last things."

The reality of Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell have an uncanny way of focusing our minds and kindling our desire for God. In the face of these realities we should not give into fear or despair, but instead make good use of the remaining precious time that God has given us. In the face of eternity it becomes vital that we see the precious time we have as our chance to repent of our sins and with purity of heart to place our hope in God.

May our Lady help us to make the most of our consideration of the Last Things.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

## *Thanksgiving Day Mass*

*Thursday, November 22, 2018*

*Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The Thanksgiving Day Collection will be for our Parish Outreach. Thank you for your kindness.*



**Mass Intentions for November 12<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Maria Mai
Tuesday	*	William A. (Billy) Norris
Wednesday	*	Rev. Hilarius Tran-Khac-Hy
Thursday	*	Ed Pzesza
Friday	*	Doug Parks
Saturday	*	Christopher Mathers
	5 p.m.	Mary Agnes Bailey
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Aloyisus Hebb, Rosetta Young & Agnes Mason
	6 p.m.	Barbara Morgan (Living)

*\*Father Drew will offer Mass intentions privately on the days he is away this week.*

**Mass Schedule for November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Bill Leonard	Owen D'Aurora
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Christine Komar	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Brian Fenwick	James & John Ripple William Wojt

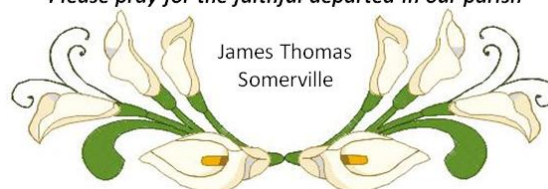
**Offertory, November 4<sup>th</sup> \$4,815.00**

**Building & Repair \$1,900.00**

**Other Donations (including Online) \$428.00**

**All Souls \$595.00**

*Please pray for the faithful departed in our parish*



**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially,** John Keaton, Baby Reagan & Baby Cayden Lyle, 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.

**Donations to the St. Joseph Parish Outreach** – Our Parish Outreach helps the needy in our community with expenses they are unable to meet. The collections on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the All Saint’s Mass will be donated to our Outreach program. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our Outreach. All donations placed in the poor box go directly to the Outreach program, or you can also put donations in a marked envelope and place them in any collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**Online Giving** – St. Joseph’s Church 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](http://www.stjosephmorganza.org).

**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.

**Father Drew will lead the Rosary** each evening at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church. All are welcome to join in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions.

**The next choir practice** will be Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. New members are always welcome!

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### ***Mother Catherine Academy News:***

- Bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- MCA will have a Grocery Auction on Thursday, Nov. 15th. Doors open at 5pm and the auction will start at 6pm.

***St. Francis Xavier Parish*** in Compton, Maryland will hold its annual Old Fashion Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the parish hall. Homemade arts and crafts, a raffle for a basket of cheer, a raffle for a hand stitched quilt, and a bake sale. A café style lunch will be offered which includes Stuffed Ham as well as Chicken Salad Sandwiches and more. All are welcome!

### **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

***Eucharistic Holy Hour*** – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church from 4-5 p.m.

***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday*** – Father Drew will lead the Rosary in the Church at 8:15 p.m.

***Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>*** – Office closed in observance of Veterans' Day. No 4 pm Holy Hour, No evening Rosary in the Church.

***Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>*** – No 8 a.m. Mass, No 11 a.m. Catechism, No 4 p.m. Holy Hour, No evening Rosary in the Church. CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

***Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*** – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

***Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>*** – Donuts after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass in the Hall.

***Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*** – Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 a.m. in the Church.



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