

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 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

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

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

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

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon. thru Fri. (school days):

6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon. thru Sat. (non-school days):

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to 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.

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

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

Gift-giving is a lovely Christmas custom that has deep roots in the meaning of this Holy Feast.

Christmas, for children, is often a time for letting it be known what we want so that we can receive gifts. Christmas, for adults, is often a time for us to find out what others want so we can get it for them. Of course, whether we receive or give gifts—or both—doesn't have to depend on our age or how needy we are. The sooner we realize the great gift we have all received and the great gift we all must give, the sooner we will arrive at the real meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas we recall that we all have gotten the gift of a savior who is born for us in Bethlehem. God, having looked on us with mercy and compassion from the time we first found ourselves in need, has brought about a way for us to know the lasting joy and peace for which He created us all. God's salvation through Jesus is the gift that fills with meaning every other gift. God has satisfied our deepest longing by giving us His Son.

Our response, in gratitude for the gift of our Savior, is to give him in return the love that all our heart and mind and soul and strength is capable of. The gift of faith, believing in the one who was sent, yielding our entire assent to what God has revealed—this, we discover, is the gift that God deserves from each of us.

May God shower you with his blessings this Christmas—may he bless our parish and all our families with the knowledge and love of his Newborn Son. Merry Christmas!

With paternal affection,



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Mass Intentions for December 24th through 30th

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| <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 5 p.m. | Pro Populo |
| | 10 p.m. | Aloysius & Celeste Bowles, Jenny, Joseph, Frankie & Anthony Bowles |
| <i>Christmas Day</i> | 8 a.m. | Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton |
| | 10 a.m. | Francis Wathen and Chandler Johnson |
| Wednesday | * | Leonard Edward Copsey, Sr. |
| Thursday | 8 a.m. | Joyce Proctor |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | Mrs. Bonnie Kennealy, mother of Rev. John Kennealy |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | Baby Cayden Lyle |
| | 5 p.m. | Eva C. Hall |
| Sunday | 8 a.m. | Those interred at the St. Joseph Cemeteries |
| | 10 a.m. | Mary Lucille Young |
| | 6 p.m. | Pro Populo |

** There will not be an 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, Christmas Eve, or Wednesday, December 26th.*

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Agnes Baker, Alan Burch, John Keaton, Baby Reagan & Baby Cayden Lyle, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, Elizabeth Adams, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

Mass Schedule for December 29th and 30th

| | <i>Altar Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
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| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | | Gladys Long |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Francis Gross | Henrietta Gross |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | James & John, Sam, William | Carol Kieber |

Weekly Collections – Thank you for your support!

December 16th – Offertory \$4,044.00

Retirement for Religious – \$1,374.00



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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.

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 Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Mark your calendars now for the next St. Joseph's Events Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. We'll be looking at the upcoming year, gathering any new ideas and setting the calendar for 2019. Come one, come all and be prepared for some great fellowship, fun, and food! Questions in the meantime can be directed to Christine Komar at 301.904.0036.

The St. Joseph Outreach would like to thank everyone for the donations made to help those in need in our community. Your generous donations for All Saints Day and Thanksgiving have allowed us to help many. The All Saints collection totaled \$1,362.00 and for Thanksgiving it was \$830.00. We are helping many families and it would not be possible without your generous donations. *Thank you!*

The St. Joseph’s Sodality would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with this special Christmas Prayer: *“God of love and mercy, in this season of Christmas, we offer you our thanks and praise. We want to spread the word of peace you give us through Jesus Christ. May the birth of your Son overcome human suffering, calm our fears and bring peace to our homes, our families and the world.”*

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- New Year’s Eve Bingo: Join us at MCA to ring in the New Year! Our annual New Year’s Eve Bingo is always a packed house. Doors open at 4:30pm and admission is \$20.00. See our MCA Bingo Facebook page or contact Mrs. Johnson to make reservations or for more information, 301-884-3165.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

No Eucharistic Holy Hour or Rosary in the Church until further notice.

Christmas Eve Masses – 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation) Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.

December 24th through January 1st – The Office will be closed. Emails and phone messages will be monitored.