

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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**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:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 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 Sat. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

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

4:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Prior to Benediction

Mon., Wed., Fri.:

8:15 p.m. — After Compline

Wednesdays During Lent

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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.

# *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Jesus uses the parable of the Prodigal Son to teach us about forgiveness. This famous parable is a great way for us to learn how dearly God wants us to leave our sins behind and to return to him. A more careful look at this parable should give us the courage to confess our sins in the sacrament of penance during Lent.

It is an article of the Catholic Faith that Jesus gave to the Church the divine power to forgive sins. Our sins break our friendship with God in such a way that only God can restore. This is exactly what God accomplishes through sending his Son to suffer and die for us. After his death and resurrection, Jesus told his disciples to teach all nations about penance and the remission of sins. Ever since then the world has begun to know the power of God's forgiveness through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confession.

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son Jesus tells of a younger son who found himself in dire need after having squandered the inheritance he had received from his father on a life of dissipation. Returning to his father's house he found his father rejoicing to have him back and commanding that his return be celebrated with a feast. The rejoicing of the father awakes in us the vital understanding that no matter how far away we think we may be from God on account of our sins, He will rejoice to see us returning to Him. No one is so far gone that he cannot hope for forgiveness even if he should wait to the last day of his life. There is no crime we can commit or even think of that the Church does not have the power through the sacraments to forgive as long as we sincerely repent. This truth is at the heart of the Parable of the Prodigal Son and is a bedrock truth of our faith.

Sacramentally confessing any mortal sins we may have is one of our duties prior to receiving Holy Communion. The Church reminds us of this responsibility with a special emphasis during these days of Lent. We should take some time and examine our conscience to see what we have done which may require a confession. We should stir our hearts out of love for God and hatred of sin to make an act of sorrow as perfectly as we can. When confessing our sins to a priest, we should tell him that we are firmly resolved to avoid our past sins and anything that would lead us to sin.

Please find in the back of the church, copies of sample examinations of conscience and helpful guides for how, after the example of the Prodigal son, to return to our heavenly Father through the Sacrament of Confession.

With paternal affection,



<i>Mass Intentions for April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup></i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Edward and Jeanne Danko (Living)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Fred Beckman (Living)
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Sarah C. Thompson
Thursday	8 a.m.	Paolo Schumacher (Living)
Friday	8 a.m.	Deacon Gary R. Davies
Saturday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell
	5 p.m.	Chandler Johnson
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph & Dennis Russell
	10 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

***Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially*** Kathy Norris, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, 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.

<i>Mass Schedule for April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup></i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Christine Komar
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	William Wojt	Billy Benjamin
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sam, Liam & Nigel, Owen and Francis	Sarah Richardson

***Offertory, March 24<sup>th</sup>*** - \$3,915.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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***Eucharistic Holy Hour*** will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church with Benediction at 4:50 p.m.

***Confession and the Divine Office: The Hour of Compline (new time)*** – Confession will now be available in the Church at 8:15 p.m., followed by the Hour of Compline, which will be sung in Latin, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (No confession on Tuesday nights).

***Donut Sundays*** – It takes a village. If you have a few minutes to spare either before the 8:00am or after the 10:00am Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month, we need you! Volunteers are needed to assist with Donut Sundays for just a few minutes either with setting up or cleaning up (either way it's Uplifting!). Even if you can help one out of two days, it makes a difference. Contact Christine Komar at (301) 904-0336 for more details.

***Lenten Coin Folders*** are available in the back of the Church. All donations collected will be given to our Outreach group to help the needy in our community.

**Change of Date!** ***The 2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass*** honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will now be held on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of the Church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross** – Father Drew will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 19, 2019 and all are welcome to participate. For more information or directions, please call the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766 or email at qop@ccaw.org.

### **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Saturday/Sunday, March 30/31** – Return Lenten Food Drive donations to the Church.

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Rectory. Stations of the Cross & First Penance in the Church at 6:45 p.m. All CCD students and parents are to report directly to the Church at 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Confession 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Practice for First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Church

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Practice for Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. in the Church

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation at 10 a.m. in the Church

## ***Holy Week 2019***

Monday of Holy Week, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 a.m. Confessions from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **The Sacred Triduum**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration at the Repository until 10:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. Confessions following Stations.

Liturgy for Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions at 4:00 p.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday)

#### **Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (No 6:00 p.m. Mass)