

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

**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., Tues., Wed., Fri. (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

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 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,

There's something about God commanding us to love and to hate which strikes us as odd. Why is that?

For one thing can you really command someone to love or to hate? Isn't the nature of love, for instance, that it is freely given, and so something that cannot be compelled or coerced by external force? The same goes for hatred. Isn't it right that I wouldn't hate anything unless I already had to of necessity, so that God's compelling me to hate something would seem redundant?

Do we really need God to tell us whom and how to love? Do we really believe in a God that would command us to hate? And moreover isn't it a contradiction for Jesus to command us to love one another and also to command us to hate one another? How do we make sense of all this?

Yet this Sunday we hear Jesus say, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Love and hatred are passions. One of the main consequences of the original sin of our first parents was that man lost the ability to have proper dominion easily over his passions. While he may think that his love for God, himself and his neighbor are rightly ordered, it is not as it seems. Man has to struggle to love the way he ought. It's for this reason that God comes to man's help with the aid of his commandments of how and whom to love. When we hear it clearly given by God himself that we are to love him first and above all things and only then our neighbor as ourselves we hear a commandment that keeps us from giving free reign to our unruly passions. God's commandments save us.

Turning to Jesus, his unequivocal word that no love may precede our love for God saves us from the unruliness of our passions. The good news is that loving God whole-heartedly is what gives us the ability to love others perfectly.

There's no need to fear any contradiction in God—that he commands us to love only to then command us to hate. Rather, he rightly orders our ability to love so we and all whom we love can know the salvation he has won for us.

With paternal affection,



**Mass Intentions for September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Msgr. V. James Lockman
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Michael Eric Adams
Friday	8 a.m.	Henry & Virginia Windmoeller
Saturday	5 p.m.	William Hebb and Ashley Hebb
Sunday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell
	10 a.m.	Douglas and Daniel Brown and Joshua Holton
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially** Yvonne Lennon, Baby Cayden Lyle, Steve Morgan, Mary Mouher, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Max Long, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams, Winnie Merson.

**Mass Schedule for September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Altar Servers*

*Lectors*

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Braylon & Bryson Fenwick	Brian Fenwick
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Christine Komar
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sam, Liam & Nigel, Francis and Owen	Valerie Young

**Offertory – September 1, 2019 – \$5,683.00**

**Building & Repair Fund – \$1,216.00**

**Other donations, including online – \$5,165.00** 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).

**2019-2020 CCD Registration** – Registration forms are available 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.

**St. Joseph's Ladies Sodality** will be meeting on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m. The St. Joseph’s Sodality welcomes new members. If anyone is interested in joining the Sodality or have questions, please contact a sodalist or attend the meeting. The Sodality meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

**RCIA** – Christian initiation classes will begin Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Transportation for Homebound Parishioners** – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

**Adoration & Benediction** – September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Come celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Exposition and benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. Mark your calendars – another Adoration Hour is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Guardian Angels.

**‘Catholic Truths Hour’** with Father Drew. A series of teachings (35-40 minutes) with question/answer session on our Catholic Faith. Men’s hour to begin September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and ladies hour on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. A perfect way to enrich your Catholic faith experience. Coffee and snack provided. For more information please call 240-377-7438.

## **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – First night of CCD at MCA 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adoration and Benediction will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Catholic Truths Hour for Men, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Adoration & Benediction to celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Guardian Angels.

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Blessing of the Animals

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Catholic Truths Hour for Ladies, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** – RCIA classes will begin.



THAT MAN IS YOU! -- TMIY -- is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. It is designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. We meet Saturday mornings, starting September 14, 6:00 - 7:30 am at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. For more info, email or call Matt Cosgrove, [matthewcosgrove@verizon.net](mailto:matthewcosgrove@verizon.net), 610-368-2900.

**Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat** – November 8 – Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Saint John Paul II Seminary. Young men in grades 11 and 12 are invited to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Visit [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org) and select “Events” to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) with any questions.

**Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner** – Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryout's are available at \$26.00 each. Holy Angels Church address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609. For more information please call the rectory 301-769-3332.

**The 177 Project** – On Sunday, September 22, the 177 Project will be returning to St. Aloysius Church. The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night begins with an acoustic concert at 7:00 pm before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15 pm, and no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit [the177project.com](http://the177project.com).

**Immaculate Conception will host a pig roast** fundraiser on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Cost is \$20 per person, under 9 eat free. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Menu includes roast pig bbq, baked beans, potato salad & coleslaw. Soda, tea and coffee.