

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-475-6533

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 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,

All the bishops in the country, including our own Cardinal Wuerl, have asked us to pray and do penance this coming Monday, January 22. They have asked that we pray God to help us restore our nation's laws so that America will become a place, once again where the lives of the unborn are completely protected.

They have also asked that we do acts of penance that day in reparation for the sins we have committed as a nation against the innocent unborn through abortion and abortion-inducing contraceptives. The bishops have chosen January 22 for this day of prayer and penance because it marks the 45th anniversary of the 1973 decision of the Supreme Court, which struck down the legal protections that individual states had passed in favor of the lives of the unborn.

There was a time, not long ago, within the living memories of many of our parishioners, when our country was a place that honored and cherished motherhood. Motherhood was not seen as an inconvenience. Having children was not lamented as obstacles to self-fulfillment. Mothers and their children possessed an inviolable dignity that commanded the respect and reverence of all the people. Even if hardships and difficulties pressed upon families our nation knew it had an obligation to accompany the needy with assistance that would provide, as best as possible, truly beneficial relief. It was also well understood, that certain solutions such as direct abortion and contraception, while perhaps seeming to gain a temporary good of liberty, were not 'solutions' at all but rather attempts at achieving a good using evil means.

We can ask God to help us regain the appreciation for Motherhood and new life that we once had. We can pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for our nation. There is no sin no matter how grave that Jesus has not given the Church the power to forgive. Abortion, contraception, sterilization, fornication, pornography, all unchastity—God can forgive them all. Let's pray for healing for our country, for repentance for ourselves and all those still in the throes of these evils. May God look kindly on our prayers and penances and return our nation's laws back in accordance with his.

Our parish will be open for Eucharistic Adoration and the chance to go to confession from 4:00 PM—5:30 PM this Monday.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for January 22nd through January 28th

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Louis Ceruzzi
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Nicholas J. Gagliardi
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Henry Windmoeller
Friday	8:00 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Nora Kaufmann (Living)
	5:00 p.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Helen & Stanley Sinkovich
	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for January 27th and January 28th

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Henrietta Gross	Francis Gross
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bill Leonard	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Valerie Young	James Ripple

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially Cody Guy, Joe Lee Somerville, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Roy Hauck, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, James Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Mary C. Holt, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

<i>Offertory, January 14th</i>	Envelopes \$2,827.00	Loose \$2,265.00
<i>School Support</i>	Envelopes \$534.00	Loose \$262.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
St. Joseph Church
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Monday, January 22, 2018

Cardinal's Appeal 2018 - As in past years, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal.

Mother's Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group beginning January 24, 2018, in St. Joseph's Hall. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We look forward to seeing you at 10:00 AM, Wednesday January 24. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega_mo@yahoo.com.

Please Recommend – Parishioners for the Pastor's Parochial Advisory Committee. Fr. Drew is forming a parish advisory committee. The purpose of the advisory committee will be to assist the pastor with prudent and timely consultation. The committee will meet at regular intervals (3 or 4) throughout the year. Parishioners dedicated to our parish are particularly suited for this committee, who has the characteristics of wisdom, holiness and prudence. Please recommend the names of such persons at the end of Mass (we will collect names written down in a basket) or send directly to the Rectory. Thank you for your help.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Join us for the annual MCA Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Bowles Farm in Clements. Chicken dinner will be served at 6:00pm and dancing starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Kristie Norris at norrissk@yahoo.com or Ricky McKinney at (240) 925-6101 to buy tickets (must be 21 years of age or older).
- Our next fundraising grocery auction is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th at 6:00pm at MCA. All are welcome! Bring your tote bags and coolers!
- Applications for the 2018-2019 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is now open for new families. The deadline to apply for assistance is Monday, February 5, 2018. <http://adw.org/tuition-assistance>.

Join us to pray the Rosary – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5. All are welcome to join us at St. Joseph's Church.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, January 22nd – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, January 23rd – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 p.m.