

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 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,

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well of Sychar (John 4:5-24) shows us how wonderful a savior we have. We have a savior who knows where we've been, who tells us where we've been, and who still wants to be with us because he loves us and wants to save us.

This generous attention that Our Savior shows us should rescue us from the temptation of thinking that "God has abandoned me." That's a trick the devil tries on us when we find ourselves face-to-face with our sins. But it's not true. The Samaritan woman's story proves it.

She had five husbands and was now working on a sixth. How devastating is it when a marriage fails! But after five failed marriages, it's easy to imagine how abandoned she must have felt. Yet Jesus reveals his divine power to her and does not turn away from her. Rather, it is precisely to her that he reveals himself to be the Christ. What kind of a God sends his only-begotten Son into the world only to have him reveal his divine plan to a six-timing Samaritan woman? Our God. That's who. A loving Father whose Son praises him for hiding these things from the wise and the learned and reveals them instead to the littlest children.

God knows what we've done. God shows us what we've done. And yet it pleases God to stay with us until we come to believe that he will save us from our sins.

May the story of the Samaritan woman at the well increase in us a love for Our Savior so that we may willingly confess our sins and bring many others to know the joy and the freedom of the children of God.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions**  
**for March 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Cecil Jones
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth & Peter Maloney
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Windmoeller
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Jan Edwards (Living)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Helen Evonska (Living)
	5:00 p.m.	John Judson Alvey
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Henry & Virginia Windmoeller and Michael Adams
	6:00 p.m.	Deborah Raczniak

**Mass Schedule for March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

***Offertory, February 25<sup>th</sup>*** Envelopes \$2,484.00    Loose \$2,281.00  
Second collection next week is for School Support. Thank you for your generosity.

**\*\* Confession & Adoration During Lent \*\***

There are increased opportunities to come to the Church to go to confession and to adore the Lord in prayer. The Church will be open weekday afternoons (excluding Thursdays) from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a time of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Father Drew will conclude the hour with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father will also be in the confessional Wednesdays throughout lent from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

***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 again after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Apr 7 and May 5.

***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 to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega\_mo@yahoo.com.

***2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass*** – The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the Mass. 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 Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Lenten Food Drive*** – Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection will take place the weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Bags for your donations are in the back of the Church. Our collection will be donated to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico. St. Joseph parishioners are always very generous with the food drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

### Upcoming Events & Reminders

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45p.m.

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Rosary Group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Confession 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Choir practice in the Church at 5:30 p.m.

**Sat/Sun, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** – Return Lenten Food Drive donations to the Church.

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee & Donuts in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – The Feast Day of St. Joseph

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conversions to Christianity. Arrested and tried, Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions take a valiant stand that echoes down through the centuries.

**Read** Pardon and Peace Fr. Francis Randolph presents a very positive and practical understanding of the immense value of the Sacrament of Confession for the modern Catholic. Father Randolph helps the reader to see how the Sacrament of Confession meets the deepest needs of the penitent on the spiritual, emotional, and psychological levels. Because of so much recent confusion over the nature and purpose of the sacrament, the book tackles the common objections and anxieties over Confession, and recommends frequent Confession for getting rid of stress and anxiety, and growing in confidence before God.