

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 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

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 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,

In this Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus explains that getting divorced and remarrying is committing adultery. This is because the bond that a husband and wife form on their wedding day exists until death. Jesus says this unity was God's plan from the beginning.

Divorce as we understand it today refers to the civil breaking up of marriage. This breakup does not refer to the bond—which still exists—but to the other practical effects of entering into marriage. It is a breakup which introduces disorder into a family, injures spouses and harms children. Divorce is different from the separations of spouses which can sometimes be for legitimate reasons. Civil divorce, too, can sometimes be tolerated provided it is the only way to safeguard certain moral rights or care for children. But, since the bond still exists, remarriage is not possible.

People have the right, for serious reasons, to ask the Church to declare their marriage bond null. This declaration of nullity is granted only after investigating whether the spouses were in fact validly married to begin with. Marriage, for its validity, requires that the couple freely exchange their marital consent according to the law of the church. If the Church's official investigation determines there was an essential deficiency in the couples exchange of marital consent on their wedding day or if a Catholic spouse failed to marry according to the law of the Church, there will be decreed a declaration of nullity. Only with the granting of this declaration would someone be free to enter into marriage again.

Someone who enters into a civil marriage after their divorce but without a declaration of nullity from the Church adds to the seriousness of the injury. Because it is a public act, it also separates the offending spouse, unless he manifestly repents, from ordinary participation in the Sacraments of the Church such as receiving Holy Communion and going to Confession.

One of the responsibilities of a pastor is to discern the difference between those who may participate in the Sacraments and those whom he must prevent from participating.

Jesus prevents remarriage after civil divorce without a declaration of nullity by calling this adultery. He also says, "thou shalt not commit adultery."

I'm happy to help anyone who may be interested in the process of seeking a declaration of nullity.

With paternal affection,



## Mass Intentions for October 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday	8 a.m.	Maria Mai
Tuesday	8 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. John Madigan
Thursday	8 a.m.	Michael E. Adams
Friday	8 a.m.	Mary Rose Young
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mary Agnes Bailey
	5 p.m.	Henry Windmoeller
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
	10 a.m.	Tommy Bailey (Living)
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

## Mass Schedule for October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	James Ripple & William Wojt

**Offertory, September 30<sup>th</sup>** \$4,534.00

**Other Donations (Including Online)** \$375.00

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

***The Ladies Sodality*** will meet Saturday, October 13, after the 8:00 Mass in the Parish Hall.

***Classes for inquiring into joining the Catholic Church*** will resume Monday evenings beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the Rectory if you or someone you know may be interested.

***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). More information is available on our website or by calling the parish office.

***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 Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

***Father Drew will lead the Rosary*** each evening at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions.

***Donut (Sun)Days are back!*** Mark your calendars for our next Donut Sunday to be held on Sunday, November 4th after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses in the Hall. Come for coffee, sugar, and Fun Fellowship! We'll be acknowledging the beginning of prayer season for All Souls and are looking for committee members to help out. If you're interested in spearheading this committee or just helping out, please contact Christine Komar at (301) 904-0336. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining this important ministry!

***Recent Church Scandals Presentation:*** Sunday, October 14 in St. Joseph’s Hall immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass. Fr. Drew will give an update on the recent scandals in the church concerning Abp. McCarrick and other cases of sexual abuse by priests. He will also be available to answer any questions.

***Just in time for the Christmas shopping season,*** St. Joseph's is now part of Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is exactly the same as your regular Amazon, but will give St. Joseph's a portion of the price of your purchases. All you need to do is login to <https://smile.amazon.com> and enter 0591517 into the "pick your own charitable organization." Or bookmark <https://smiles.amazon.com/ch/52-0592517>. Then shop as you normally would. That's it! Chances are, you're already shopping at Amazon, why not gift some back to our Church community?

***There is information at the Rectory*** pertaining to the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus high school scholarship grants. If you’d like more information please call the Rectory at 301-475-3293.

***Mother Catherine Academy News:***

- Bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- MCA Shadow Day Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, grades 3-8. Interested in sending your children to MCA? Please contact the school office for our first "Be a Saint" shadow day (301) 884-3165. Perspective students can spend the day as MCA student. Lunch provided. Must provide transportation. 7:30-3:00.
- Our 4th annual MCA Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 26th from 6:00 – 8:00pm! If you are interested in decorating your own trunk, please email [eventsatmca@gmail.com](mailto:eventsatmca@gmail.com).

- **Quilt Raffle:** Each year, through the generosity of Mrs. Clarice Leonard, MCA is able to raffle off a beautiful queen size quilt. All proceeds benefit MCA. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 or six (6) for \$10.00 and are available in the school office and will also be sold at the Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, October 6th. ***Mrs. Leonard will also be selling tickets after all Masses the weekend of October 27/28 at St. Joseph Church.*** The winner of the raffle will be drawn on Sunday, November 4th at our annual Christmas Bazaar.



***Grieving with Great Hope.*** Have you recently lost a loved one and are looking for help in grieving? Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville, MD will have Grieving with Great Hope, a Catholic based program. Deacon Bill will begin a five week program on Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Deacon Bill (240-230-3167).

***Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary Auction*** at Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, Friday, October 12. Auction starts at 6:00 pm. Viewing 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chicken dinners can be purchased at 5:00 p.m. Ronnie Farrell, Auctioneer. To benefit the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad.

***11<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival and Dinner – Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Chaptico*** – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, noon to 5 p.m. Delicious local food! Apples, crab cakes, fried chicken, oysters, applewood pulled pork, apple pies, apple cakes, apple butter & apple dumplings!! Dine in or carry out! Family fun – children’s games & activities, crafters, raffles, bingo & silent auction.

***The Good News about Sex, Openness to Life, & Marriage.*** Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church in Compton for an engaging panel discussion on Humanae Vitae, as we remember the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI’s pivotal encyclical. Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Guest panelists include KC & Ed Schnitker, Kelly & Wayne Van Ryswick, Fr. Carter Griffin, and Fr. Larry Swink. Bring your questions! Food and refreshments will be served. All are welcome, though not for young children.

### ***Upcoming Events & Reminders***

***Eucharistic Holy Hour*** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church from 4-5 p.m.

***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday*** – Father Drew will lead the Rosary in the Church at 8:15 p.m.

***Monday through Saturday*** the Rosary will be recited after the 8 a.m. Mass during the month of October.

***The Ladies Sodality*** will lead the Rosary before the 8:00 Mass on Oct. 14th, the 10:00 Mass on Oct. 21st, and the 5:00 Mass, Oct. 27. 2018.

***Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>*** - Columbus Day. The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

***Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>*** – 11 a.m. Catechism with Father Drew in the Rectory. CCD at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

***Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>*** – Presentation on Church Scandals at 11:00 in the Parish Hall.

***Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*** – 7 p.m. St. Joseph’s Hall: Class for those inquiring into the Catholic Faith

***Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*** – All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

***Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*** – Donuts after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Hall.

***Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*** – Parish Picnic from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Mother Catherine Academy.