

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 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,

First Sunday of Advent

We celebrate the first Sunday of Advent this week. It is the beginning of the season of Advent. The entire purpose of the season of Advent is so that we can prepare ourselves to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Advent ends with the Feast of Christmas and the beginning of the Christmas season. Please note that in the Church, the Christmas season begins only after the ending of the Advent season. There will be plenty of time to celebrate Christmas with great joy when it comes. But now is a time for intense spiritual preparation. Our preparation will eventually include an immediate preparation for commemorating Jesus' Holy Birth in Bethlehem. But even before that, at this early stage, our first job is to consider how prepared we are if Jesus were to come right now.

Having a priest hear your Confession is the best way to get ready for Jesus' coming. Let these days be days of prayerful preparation. Look forward to making the most of it.

Rectory Roof

Just as St. Joseph worked to provide a roof over the heads of the Holy Family, your generosity to our parish has assured that your pastor will have a roof over his head. I recently noticed a leak and ordered an inspection. It turns out the rectory will need a new roof. Your generosity each week provides for the material needs of our parish including meeting our insurance premium. Fortunately our insurance will cover the cost of the new roof which was \$11,180. I signed a contract with a roofer last Wednesday and the work should be done this week. One of you even kindly made a donation to cover the cost of our deductible. The new roof comes with a 50 year warrantee. Thanks for keeping me warm and dry!

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation

Next Saturday is Our Lady's feast day. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation every year even when it falls on a Saturday as it does this year. This means the faithful have to go to Mass twice next weekend (once for Our Lady and a second time for the Sunday). Unfortunately, the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass does not count twice. Please note the Mass times below. Plan to celebrate Our Lady's feast day with great joy with mass and with your families. Many years ago the bishops of our country adopted Our Lady as our nation's patroness under the title of the Immaculate Conception. May our celebration this year bring her maternal aid to those in our country who need it the most. See you at Mass next Saturday!

With paternal affection,



Mass Intentions for Dec. 3rd through Dec. 9th

Monday	8 a.m.	Deacon Hiram Haywood, Jr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Duffy
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Clarence Nelson & Regina and Leroy Perkins
Thursday	8 a.m.	Susan Clair (Thompson) Johnson
Friday	8 a.m.	Mary O'Donnell
	6 p.m.	Rev. Msgr. Robert P. Mohan
Saturday	8 a.m.	Ryan Parry
	10 a.m.	Baby Cayden Lyle
	5 p.m.	Mary Agnes Bailey
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph & Dennis Russell
	10 a.m.	Christopher Mathers
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for December 8th and 9th

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Carol Kieber	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	William Wojt
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Christine Komar	Francis G., Braylon & Bryson F., Owen D., Liam H.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Alan Burch, John Keaton, 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 and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

November 25th – Offertory \$4,667.00

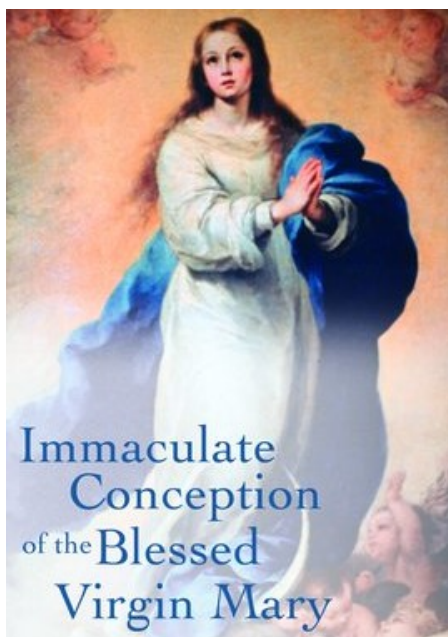
Other donations, including online – \$1,670.00

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass – Friday, December 7th

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th – Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m and 10:00 a.m.



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.

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 in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions.

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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!

The Choir will practice on the following Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the Church - December 3, December 10 and December 17. New members are always welcome!

Our Ladies Sodality will host a bake sale the weekend of Dec. 22/23.

There will not be a Ladies Sodality meeting in January, the next one will be February 2, 2019.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Eucharistic Holy Hour – 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.

Sunday, December 2nd – Donuts after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses in the Hall. Please join us!

Tuesday, December 4th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. No CCD tonight.

Friday, December 7th – Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th – Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Masses – 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25th – Christmas Day Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



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Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God. Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God! Go to DISCOVER THE SAINTS

Read: The Year and Our Children. Learn how to make an Advent wreath—and how to make it more than just a pretty ornament. Teach your children about the real Santa (the one who was a bishop), and how to celebrate all twelve days of Christmas, giving them a holy wonder that will continue long after all the presents have been opened and the wrapping thrown away. Mary Reed Newland wrote numerous beloved books for Catholic families, but The Year and Our Children is her undisputed masterpiece. Read it, cherish it, share it, put it into practice—and give your kids the gift of a fully lived faith, every day and in every season. Go to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)