

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

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

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,

“I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town.” (Luke 10:12)

Jesus uses three graphic descriptions that will help his followers for the hardships that will come with their mission to tell the good news.

Lambs among wolves

It's hard to imagine a lamb hoping to survive very long surrounded by wolves. It's not much of a consolation to figure that at least it'll be over quickly. But neither is Jesus creating for his followers a false sense of security. It's tough out there. Expect them to do the worst to you. They would do the worst to him. Our job is to be faithful to the one whose example culminated on the Cross.

Shake it off

Some will accept the good news and some will not. Jesus wants his followers to encourage those who will receive the good news and to warn those who will not. By fostering communion with and peacefully offering hospitality to those bringing the good news God's peace will come to rest on mankind. But by rejecting the messengers of the Lord, those refusing to believe should expect also to receive a clear and strong rebuke. Shall we enjoy communion and peace with those who prefer to reject the forgiveness of God? Jesus has his disciples shake the dust of those from their feet as a clear warning against them.

More tolerable for Sodom

Every true Israelite knows that God punished the town of Sodom, raining down such fire from heaven on it so as to utterly destroy it, reducing it to a smoking ruin (cf. Genesis 19). Their crime before God was that all of their inhabitants had given themselves over to every depraved lust contrary to nature—men preferring sexual relations with men, etc. God wanted Abraham and his descendants to understand without a doubt the punishment that awaits those who reject God's plan for his creation. Yet, as severe as the destruction of Sodom was, those who reject God's forgiveness and salvation should expect an even greater punishment.

Being a Christian is serious business. If we don't take it seriously yet, a close listen to Our Lord's words should wake us up. May God give all our parish an ever-stronger desire to proclaim the Good News.

With paternal affection,



<i>Mass Intentions for July 8th through 14th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Betty Penland
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Levester Jones
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Deacon Paul J. Abbate
Friday		Deacon Anthony Moll
Saturday	5 p.m.	Michael Adams and Henry & Virginia Windmoeller
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph, Dennis and Christine Russell
	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6 p.m.	Marguerite Collins

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Baby Cayden Lyle, 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.

<i>Mass Schedule for July 13th and 14th</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Francis Gross	Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Christine Komar
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Gladys Long

Offertory June 23, 2019 - \$4,703.00

Peter's Pence Collection - \$1,195.00

Offertory June 30, 2019 - \$3,511.00

Other donations, including online - \$1,404.00

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.

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.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, July 9th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Friday, July 12th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Sunday, July 21st – Donuts & Coffee in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Monday, July 29th through Friday, August 2nd – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

St. Mary's in Bryantown is offering a series on mental wellness. Good mental health is an important factor in having a happy life. This 4 session series will give insight into what mental wellness is and how to maintain it. Included in this we will discuss helpful strategies for facing and helping our loved ones to face depression, anxiety, addiction, and grief. The presentations will be given by Caitlin Langreich. Caitlin has a M.A. in clinical mental health counseling and is a certified clinical trauma professional. You don't have to come to each presentation to benefit from this series and there will be time for Q&A. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about how to achieve and maintain mental wellness, please join us! Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm July 9 & 23; August 6 & 20. For more information about this series, contact Fr. Conley freconley@comcast.net.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Enrollment for Mother Catherine Academy for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! Visit <https://secure.tads.com/Go/StartAdmissionsApplication.aspx?SetupCode=A8REE-181> or go to the school website at www.mothercatherine.org and use the TADS Enrollment link on the Admissions tab to enroll your child/children and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! The registration fee is \$150.00 for all students. Contact the school at (301) 884-3165 for questions or assistance.
- MCA Open House: Sunday August 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
- First Day of School for Students: Tuesday, August 27th (early dismissal at 1:00pm)
- MCA Annual Auction & Social Event: MCA is gearing up for its fifth year as an independent Catholic school. Enrollment has grown leaps and bounds and we have a great staff of teachers and education professionals. But we still have to fund-raise so we can continue to provide our children with an outstanding education. We realize all MCA families are asked to donate a lot all year long, but we need your help and support. If you would like to donate gift cards, new or gently used items, artwork, event tickets (concerts, sporting events), handmade or homemade items, wine, cash or if you would like tickets to attend, please let us know. We put all donations to use for the benefit of our students! All proceeds go to MCA! The event will be held Friday, September 6th, appetizers, open bar, full dinner, dessert dash, lots of fun with our silent and live auctions - this year's theme 'Anchors Aweigh in the Chesapeake Bay'. Any family who donates an item valued at \$25 or greater will be entered into a drawing for a pair of free auction tickets (\$150 value). If you would like to volunteer to solicit local businesses or volunteer to work the event, please contact Betsy Farrell, bfarrell@ftrinc.net. Thanks to all who have always helped and continue to do so!