

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 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,

We're continuing to work on our public address system in the Church. We arranged for an expert to come and assess our setup. I anticipate within the next week or so we should be back online. Until then, we'll be using the original PA system which came with the church building when it was first constructed back in 1860, that is, we'll use the priest's voice.

In the days prior to electric sound amplification many churches constructed their pulpits in a position not near the altar but in an elevated location in the middle of the main body of the church. This was so that all could more easily hear the readings proclaimed and sermons preached. But with the advance of technology it became much easier for the people to hear the parts of the Mass which are directly addressed to them.

I'm sometimes asked why I don't wear a microphone. People ask me this telling me that they cannot hear some of the things I say when I am at the altar. In response I ask them if they can hear me loud and clear when I'm preaching and proclaiming the readings. They usually say yes. I also check if they can hear me at the times when they are prompted to make responses, such as "The Lord be with you" or "The peace of the Lord be with you always." They also usually say yes. I then remind them that there are certain prayers at the altar which the priest prays which are not addressed to the faithful gathered but rather which the priest addresses directly to God. It is not necessary that the priest pray these prayers with the same tone of voice that he would if he were preaching to everyone in the Church. If he were to use such a tone, it would be quite out of place. There are even certain prayers which are said clearly, distinctly and even in a secret voice, that is, in a voice which only he and God can hear.

If the priest were concerned at all times whether the sound of his voice was being amplified throughout the church during each prayer, he may become easily distracted instead of more focused on his primary responsibility of devoutly reciting the prayers of the Mass.

There are some moments when the prayers of the Mass are more secret and others when they are more audible. There are even times when the Mass continues in silence. But at all times, all present are still able to participate in a way which unites them to the saving work of Christ, which is accomplished at every Mass.

I'll keep you posted on our sound system. Until then, know that I'm always grateful for your feedback.

With paternal affection,



<i>Mass Intentions for July 15th through 21st</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Deacon Paul J. Abbate
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Betty Penland
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr.
Friday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Saturday	5 p.m.	William L. Farr, Jr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell
	10 a.m.	Walter Lawrence Guy, Sr.
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Baby Cayden Lyle, Steve Morgan, 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 20th and 21st</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Valerie Young
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	James & John	Brian Fenwick
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sam, Liam & Nigel, Owen and Francis	Henrietta Gross

Offertory July 7th, 2019 - \$5,740.00

Building & Repair - \$1,299.00

Other donations, including online - \$445.00

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 16th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

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.

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!

There will be a Praise & Worship gathering held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at St. Aloysius Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Come and experience peace and joy as we join together in praising the Lord and worshiping His Holy name. For more information call 301-475-8065.