

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 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

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from

6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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,

It's Respect Life Month. I received a message from Archbishop Gregory (all the pastors did) and he wants us to make sure all the people know just how valuable life really is. In a sense, that's easy for us at St. Joseph's to understand because we say it all the time. Human life is as precious as the Blood of our savior dripping down the cross on Calvary. That's how precious human life is. Divinely precious. Because human life is not merely earthly life. Jesus died for us to know that human life is destined for eternal life. His rising from the dead confirmed this.

Human Life, then, is precious because God plans for it—for us—to enjoy it forever with him. We mess this up a lot in many ways. This is the job, then, of the Church, to help us not to mess it up, or—when we do—to teach us how to recover it.

Human Life, however, is more than merely a lofty ideal about which we can say lofty things and towards which we can constantly strive. Human life is also a concrete reality that appears as really and as personally as any man or woman, boy or girl. Every human life, then, is precious, no matter how big or small, old or young, hidden or public. Each of us—from the moment we come into existence in our mother's womb until we enter our eternal reward—possesses the dignity of those who “should be called the children of God.” (1 John 3:1)

This dignity commands the mutual respect of all those who possess it. We would not even come close to depriving anyone of it directly for any reason whatsoever. Respecting Human life, then, means respecting also all that surrounds human life, especially everything that touches it most closely.

The way to reach the goal of Respecting Human life and to avoid directly depriving anyone of this respect is to follow after the example of Jesus himself. What this looks like in the concrete instances of everyday depends how our choices relate to the good of Human Life, itself.

I anticipate, in the coming weeks to speak about ways of respecting human life by anticipating its earliest stages through the virtues of chastity, modesty, purity and continence. I also hope to speak about respecting human life in the circumstances that surround death, by proper care for the dying as well as respect for the body after death.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for October 14th through October 20th

Monday	8 a.m.	Marie Quinney and Marguerite Collins
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Betty Penland
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Maxine Spence
Friday	8 a.m.	Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr.
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Eva Hall
	6 p.m.	Phil Conner (Living)

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, 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.

Mass Schedule for October 19th and 20th

Altar Servers

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sam Adams	Gladys Long
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Kathleen D'Aurora

October 6, 2019 – Offertory – \$5,794.00 Building & Repair Fund – \$1,555.00

Other donations, including online – \$428.00

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.

RCIA – Christian initiation classes will begin Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Transportation for Homebound Parishioners – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Fr. Drew recently lost sixty (60) pounds and has kept it off for the last few months and is feeling great. He’d love to share his story with anyone who might be interested to hear it. Join him Saturday morning, October 19th at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph’s Hall. While he’s definitely not a dietary expert nor any kind of medical professional, nevertheless he hopes his story might encourage others in their quest to regain their health and feel great. Join him and invite a friend.

Fr. Drew just finished reading a book, “Digital Minimalism” by Cal Newport. It’s about having a healthy approach to using our electronic devices such as our phones, tablets, computers and TVs. He’d love to report what he found interesting about this book Saturday morning, October 26th at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph’s Hall. Join him and bring a friend.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, October 14th – Columbus Day. The office will be closed.

Tuesday, October 15th – Adult Catechism at 11 a.m. No CCD. Parent meeting for 2nd & 8th grade CCD students at 6:45 p.m. in the Church.

Wednesday, October 16th – RCIA at 6:30 p.m. Women's Evening of Recollection at 7:30 p.m. (In the Church)

Saturday, October 19th – Health discussion with Father Drew at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Wednesday, October 23rd – RCIA at 6:30 p.m. Men's Evening of Recollection at 7:30 p.m. (In the Church)

Saturday, October 26th – "Digital Minimalism" discussion with Father Drew at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Wednesday, October 30th – RCIA at 6:30 p.m. (In the Church)



Bear Hugs for Healing is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a "bear hug" this Christmas, please drop off your bear donations at Heavenly Presents Catholic store at 22697 Washington Street (on the square), Leonardtown, Maryland before December 6. A drop box is available on our front porch. Donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Please contact Patricia Disandro a 240-681-3606 for more details.



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