

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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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,

Cohabitation is the unstable living arrangement which presumes that a man and a woman, themselves not lawfully joined in Holy Matrimony, are nevertheless engaging in the sexual intimacy that is rightly the exclusive privilege of spouses. Cohabiting couples in this harmful situation who wish to marry in the Church should make the priest preparing them for the sacrament aware of their situation. He will prompt them to discontinue immediately their current living situation if they have not already done so. This separation is an important part of marriage preparation.

Cohabitation is harmful for three main reasons: (1) its obstinate persistence; (2) its manifest openness; and (3) its grave sinfulness. By briefly considering each of these reasons, I hope we can work to prevent this harmful disease from continuing to ravage young people in our community.

Obstinate Persistence: The danger in the obstinate persistence of a couple who have moved in with each other—even for a short while—is that while they know their situation is wrong, they are nevertheless unwilling to correct it. This is dangerous because the couple can begin to warp their consciences by using good intentions to justify a bad decision. The warping of the conscience at the crucial early stage of what is supposed to be a life-long relationship can have far-reaching unseen consequences.

Manifest Openness: The danger of the manifest openness of cohabitation is that it harms not only the couple but all those who know them as well. Marriage is a public reality. We are all responsible for bearing witness to the integrity of married life. Rampant cohabitation harms young people by removing the sacred vows of marriage from the common life of the family. Young people have a right to the safeguard of those vows. The public flaunting of sexual permissiveness is harmful to all who have to witness it.

Serious Sin: That intimacy which is rightly the exclusive privilege of lawful spouses is violated when removed from the sanctuary of marriage. What God has joined and called very good may not be brought low or subjected to base desire. Fornication and all unchastity harms the couple, who are made in God's image, and offends God who created them. It also shows a contemptuous callousness and a blatant disregard for the children who could be born into their union, depriving them of the stability of Holy Marriage.

At the conclusion of Respect Life Month let us pray for couples preparing for marriage. May the nobility of their hopes for a happy life together summon them to prepare well for Marriage and avoid whatever may lead them and their families astray.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for November 4th through November 10th

Monday	8 a.m.	Dolly Hess (Living)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Eileen Tate (Living)
Wednesday	<i>No Mass in the Church</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hohenwater
Friday	<i>No Mass in the Church</i>	Leonard Edward Copsey, Sr.
Saturday	5 p.m.	Leonard Edward Copsey, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
	6 p.m.	Joseph W. Thompson

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, 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 November 9th and 10th

<i>Altar Servers</i>		<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Sarah Richardson
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	William Wojt	Gladys Long
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Liam & Nigel, Francis, Owen	Kathleen D'Aurora

October 27, 2019 – Offertory – \$3,915.00

Other donations, including online – \$420.00

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.

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.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

November 6th and 7th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Tuesday, November 5th – No 11 a.m. Catechism in the Rectory. No CCD.

Monday, November 11th – Veteran’s Day. The office will be closed.

Tuesday, November 12th – No 11 a.m. Catechism in the Rectory. CCD at 6:45p.m. at MCA.

November 11th through 15th – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Thursday, November 28th – Thanksgiving Day. Mass at 10:00 a.m.

November 28th and 29th – Office Closed.

St. George Church Christmas Bazaar – November 9, 2019, 9a.m. to 3p.m. Gifts, crafts, food and Santa! Homemade crafts, candy shop, mystery raffle, gift basket raffle, white elephant room, baked goods and Santa Claus. New this year – fried chicken dinner, carry-out only, \$12 each. No vendors, all items have been donated – all sales will directly benefit the parish. St. George Community Center, 19197 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Call 301-994-0607 for more information.

Christmas Bazaar Sip 'n Shop – St. John's School Christmas Bazaar Sip 'n Shop is November 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Monsignor Harris Center. Shopping, gift raffles, hot dogs, refreshments, baked goods, wine, and children's crafts will be available.

Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar – Thirty-second year of the finest arts, crafts and food at the historic St. Francis Xavier Church. Saturday, November 23, 2019, 10am to 3pm. Cafe style luncheon and carry out - stuffed ham and homemade chicken salad sandwiches, beef vegetable soup, fried oysters, chips, coffee, tea, water and sodas. Come join in the fun, do some early Christmas shopping and enjoy a Southern Maryland style lunch!