

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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,

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is one of the major feasts of the year in honor of Our Lady. This year, the feast is celebrated on Monday, December the 9th. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Our Parish will still honor Our Lady that day with our normally scheduled 8:00 AM daily Mass as well as the recitation of the Holy Rosary with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday evening.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception honors what God accomplished when he preserved the Blessed Virgin Mary from the very first moment that she came into existence in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. Instead of inheriting the condition of original sin with its effects of being alienated from God and subject to the power of the evil one, God preserved her so that there was never a moment when she was in any state other than the state of grace. God granted Our Lady This great privilege to prepare her for the moment when he would announce to her through the message of the angel his plan that His eternal son would take flesh in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Lady freely responded with joy that she was the “handmaid of the Lord,” that “it be done” to her according to God’s plan. Nine months after Our Lady said ‘yes’ she gave birth to Our Lord.

We keep this feast day each year so close to Christmas as an excellent preparation for us to understand what God accomplishes in giving us his son. By God becoming part of our family, we get to look forward now to becoming part of his family. God rescues all the good things that he made so that we can see them happily in the blessings of heavenly joy. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is one of the most beautiful blessings God gives to us. It’s right that we should honor Our Lady for what God has done for her.

Join us for the Rosary, Exposition and Benediction on Monday evening.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for December 9th through December 15th

Monday	8 a.m.	Tammy Lynn Guy
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Maurice E. Matthews & Carolyn Bowman Miller
Friday	8 a.m.	Christine Marie Russell
Saturday	5 p.m.	Jimmy Gray
Sunday	8 a.m.	Tammy Lynn Guy
	10 a.m.	Mary Anna Clarke
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Preston (Al) Tyer, 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 December 14th and 15th

Altar Servers

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Carol Kieber
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sam Adams	Henrietta Gross
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Billy Benjamin

December 1, 2019 – Offertory – \$5,976.00 Building & Repair – \$1,309.00

Retirement for Priest – \$4,757.00 Christmas Flowers – \$1,614.00

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.

Diet & Nutrition Discussion with Father Drew scheduled for December 14th has been postponed until January 11th at 10 a.m.

Thank you from the St. Joseph Outreach Group - Collections for All Saints Day totaled \$1,600.00 and the Thanksgiving donations totaled \$868.00. We greatly appreciate the support! With the onset of cold weather we have been getting many calls for assistance with electric and fuel and would not be able to help without the generous donations from the parish and the parishioners. Thank you so much!



We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 23rd, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Sunday, December 8th – Return all Christmas Caring Program Gifts.

Monday, December 9th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year). Mass at 8 a.m. Holy Rosary with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

Wednesday, December 11th – Inventory of Christmas Caring Gifts at 3 p.m. in Hall

Saturday, December 14th – Wrapping of Christmas Caring Gifts at 9 a.m. in Hall.

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve. Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas. Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Children's Bingo at Mother Catherine Academy – December 15th - Santa Bingo A holiday event for the children with many prizes from Santa Claus! Doors open at noon and lunch will be available for purchase in the kitchen from 12-1 PM. BINGO will start at 1 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per child. Only children may play the games.

All are invited to join St. George parish, Valley Lee, MD, on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 pm for a liturgy of prayer, scripture and music. This special liturgy will feature parish lectors, musicians and some special guest musicians. A reception will follow in the church vestibule. Call 301-994-0607 for more information.

New Year's Eve Bingo at Mother Catherine Academy – December 31st, doors open at 4:30 p.m., early birds start at 6:30 p.m., regular games start at 7:00 p.m. Guaranteed \$2020.00 jack pot. Two parts sunrise sunset for \$1,010.00 continue for cover all \$1,010.00. Everyone will receive a fleece blanket and ten dollar coupon you can use for bingo, food or pull tabs on any returning visit. Reservations are being taken. \$20.00 admission will reserve your seat.