

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office
St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692
Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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.:

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (non-school days)

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,

Independence Day is an important day for Christians in America. It gives us a chance to consider how our relationship with our country relates to our relationship with God.

The primary relationship of the Christian is his bond with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Through Jesus Christ a Christian is born anew and lives in the hope of inheriting our true, heavenly, homeland. Saint Paul says in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, woman or man. These distinctions, which can be so important and even so abused in this earthly life, pale in comparison with the Christian's primary relationship, his relationship with God. Only because of what Christ accomplished for us are we able to begin truly to appreciate all lesser relationships. "For freedom Christ has set us free."

There is no proper manner of combining our identity as Americans with our identity as Christians unless we have already given ourselves wholly and entirely to God as Christians first. Because we have done this are Christians then best able to navigate the complexities of our daily pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland amidst a world that, as we know it, is passing away. The attempt to reconcile the transient with the eternal without recognizing the primacy of the eternal is to lose both.

But, by firmly grasping who we are as sons and daughters of God, we are then able to embrace the blessings of the earthly liberty which we celebrate on Independence Day. In fact, no one should appreciate true liberty and real freedom from tyranny more than the sons and daughters of the Church. After all, it is our Savior who has freed us from the slavery to the devil and the tyranny of sin and death.

We know how precious is the cost of the real freedom from which our nation's freedom obtains its deepest meaning. And as we honor those who pledged the last full measure of their devotion to our fellow countrymen, we grow in an even deeper love for Him who died for all of us.

We pray for our country and our country's leaders on this Independence Day. We pray for those who serve our country, especially in harm's way, and we pray for their families. We pray for the strength to drive out the scourge of tyranny that oppresses the most vulnerable in our country, especially those who continue to be brutalized by the attacks against human life, even in the womb.

May God bless our parish and may He bless America.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for July 5th through July 11th</i>		
Monday		<i>No morning Mass in the Church</i>
Tuesday		<i>No morning Mass in the Church</i>
Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>)		<i>No morning Mass in the Church</i>
Friday		<i>No morning Mass in the Church</i>
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mitchell Kalloch
Sunday	8 a.m.	Alex Wilson
	10 a.m.	Brenda Louise Tucker
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Virginia Raulerson, Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

June 27, 2021 – Offertory \$3,650.00

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.

Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a drive through pick up only, please follow the signs.

Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD, is currently seeking a part-time Parish Bookkeeper/HR Administrator. This position is responsible for executing all aspects of the parish's accounting and HR activities, under the direction of the ADW Finance and HR offices. The ideal applicant has 3-5 years of relevant accounting experience. Applicants must be willing to meet Archdiocesan requirements for upholding Catholic identity, undergo a background check, and participate in child protection training. More details can be found at <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/career-opportunities/>.

Encounter Grace Catholic Women's Retreat: But Then Jesus is a day and a half retreat at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD, Friday, July 23 (6:30-9 pm) and Saturday, July 24 (8 am - 3 pm). Featuring 4 talks, praise and worship sessions as well as opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and confession, this retreat is designed to encourage women to rediscover where Jesus is working in their lives today and how to continue to grow deeper in relationship with Him. Tickets on sale now: www.encountergrace.com