

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 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,

We're at the climactic section of the "Bread of Life" discourse in our Sunday Gospel readings at Mass. In fact, with Our Lady's Feast Day falling on Sunday this year, next week we'll hear the readings for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and not the next section of John, Chapter six. Instead, we'll preview it briefly here.

This main portion of the "Bread of Life" discourse which Jesus delivers to the people in Capernaum reaches its high point when he tells them in three slightly different ways what exactly the Bread of Life really is. He reveals that 1) He is the Bread of Life; 2) the Bread He gives is his Flesh; 3) Unless you eat His Flesh you shall not have life within you.

This teaching takes his listeners by surprise. From the first moment, they're struck with bewilderment so much so that they immediately begin to argue among themselves over what exactly he means. Jesus clarifies by specifying exactly what they were afraid that he may have meant. I'm the Bread. The Bread is my Flesh. Eat my Flesh.

What Jesus says sounds so outrageous that he immediately begins to lose followers. People who, only a moment ago, were quite eager to follow him immediately turn away and go back to whatever they had been doing before. As his own followers begin to desert him, Jesus shows no concern that he was perhaps being misunderstood. Instead, he suggests to his apostles that now also would be an opportune moment for them, to leave, if they should wish.

Jesus is not interested in what the crowds have to say about him. Here, he is interested in establishing, clearly, the truth that what the Church will eventually celebrate as the Sacrament of Holy Communion is really, truly and substantially the presence of his own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Whenever we ask ourselves, could I possibly be consuming the Body and Blood of Jesus? We can always remember what he first told them at the synagogue in Capernaum, "The Bread that I will give them is my flesh for the life of the world."

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for August 9th through August 15th

Monday	8 a.m.	Reverend Monsignor Henry Otero-Diago
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Elfrieda J. McGee
Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>)	8 a.m.	John, Caroline, John Jr., Nicky and Brandon Hurry (Living)
Friday	8 a.m.	Lucy Harrison Vallandingham
Saturday	5 p.m.	Nancy Weathers Scherer
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Thomas Edward Goldsborough
<i>(Latin)</i>	6 p.m.	Debra Woods

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

Monthly Contribution Schedule – August 2021

August 15, 2021	Offertory	Assumption of Mary and Catholic Comm. & Human Development
August 22, 2021	Offertory	No second collection
August 29, 2021	Offertory	No second collection

August 1, 2021 – Offertory \$5,821.00 Building & Repair Fund – \$756.00

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.

Mother Catherine Academy Bingo – MCA is hosting Bingo on Saturday evenings. Doors open at 5:00pm, early birds start at 6:30pm, and regular games start at 7:00pm. Please bring your mask!

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, September 18, 2021, St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown. The Bread of Life Center for Peace is delighted to invite you to our next Prayer Breakfast, "God's Tapestry!" Doors will open directly after 7:30 am Mass at St. Aloysius Church. The morning will include Breakfast, Rosary and talk given by our speaker Meredith Quinn. Meredith was timid and fearful as a child and faced many difficulties, but Jesus was never far from her to console her and encourage her even through her adult life! Bring your spouse or a friend, grab some tissues and come hear this amazing testimony and be uplifted in your own Spiritual journey! Get your ticket online through Eventbrite or register by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents. Your registration is important to help us to plan for set up and food. Registration ends on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021. A “Free Will Offering” will be collected for those who are able to contribute to cover cost. In these difficult times our local food pantries are in great need! For those who would like to participate, we will be collecting your donations of nonperishable food items, diapers, formula, and toiletries. Thank you for your generous support!

Help Our Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 3rd - September 5th, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

4th Annual "Walk in the Park" 5K Fun Run/Walk – Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, September 18th for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Masked registration (as needed) starts at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and run/walk participants may begin. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a tee shirt will help preserve this historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration and even online giving is available on our website: www.stfrancixavierchurch.org. Donations are always welcome. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Special Guests & Musicians

10AM Presentations

11AM Mass

1PM Living Rosary

Lighthouse Tours

September 11, 2021 10AM-1PM

Honoring Our Heroes Near and Far

Never Forget!!

St. Clement's Island

Mass intentions offered for local First Responders & Military brothers and sisters
Rosary intentions for those lost on 9/11

Inviting all Southern MD ROOTS families and friends
Charter boat starts at 9AM,
Colton's Point State Pier-donations accepted
Contact Theresa for more info: mcartofgiving@gmail.com

Pack a picnic lunch and help us honor our heroes.