

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 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,

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” Mark 7:13

The warning with which Jesus confronts the leaders of the community is helpful for us. We, too, find ourselves presented with God’s commandments on the one hand and human traditions on the other. When we ask ourselves, “Which should we cling to?” we had better be able to avoid the same mistake of the leaders of Jesus’ day.

What are God’s commandments?

There are the Ten Commandments: you shall not have false God’s, nor take the name of the Lord your God in vain, nor commit adultery or kill, etc. There is also the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. There is the new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. These commandments are told to us through the scriptures. One of the commandments Christ gives to the Church is to make them known: teach all nations, do this in memory of me. There are also the laws of God which he has written on the hearts of men. These are common to the whole human race, but may require the assistance of the Church to make them known, particularly when they have become obscured through sin.

What are human traditions?

Human traditions are inventions of man. Three strikes and you’re out. No School on Labor Day. The drinking age is 21 years old. These can be serious or small, capital crimes or parking tickets. Sometimes they accord with human nature, such as noise ordinances after hours. Sometimes they are contrary to human nature in awful ways, such as laws permitting the killing of children in the womb. Human traditions have been devised by man for some convenient or even a horrific purpose.

How do we know when human traditions should yield to God’s Commandments?

When we prefer man’s traditions at the expense of our rendering to God what belongs to him, we frustrate God’s plan for our souls. Our Lord wants to rescue us from this folly, which we’ve already committed once in the sin of our first parents. He has mercifully shown us that it is possible to be faithful to God’s plan, even if it should cost us dearly.

Our earthly pursuits should always accord with God’s plans. If we see they don’t, we need to get new pursuits.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for August 30th through September 5th

Monday	8 a.m.	John, Caroline, John, Jr., Nicky and Brandon Hurry (Living)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Thomas Edward Goldsborough
Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>)	8 a.m.	Haiti
Friday	8 a.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
Saturday	5 p.m.	Philip H. Hurry, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Carole Marie "Donie" Alvey
	10 a.m.	Melody Ann Russell
<i>(Latin)</i>	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 Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

Monthly Contribution Schedule – September 2021

September 5, 2021	Offertory	Building & Repair
September 12, 2021	Offertory	School Support
September 19, 2021	Offertory	The Catholic University of America
September 26, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection

August 22, 2021 – Offertory \$2,597.00

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!

CCD Registration – This year CCCD will be partially at home & partially in-church. Due to the unpredictability of the coming year’s public health restrictions, a simpler path recommends itself consisting of two basic approaches. We’ll encourage: 1) a home-study using texts and workbooks which the parish will provide; and 2) an in-person lesson given at the conclusion of the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass by the pastor. Please send your registration forms to the office as soon as possible so books can be ordered. Registration forms can be found on our website or on the table in the back of the Church.

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!

Women's Night of Reflection – September 14th, 7:00pm - St. Cecilia Church, St. Mary's City – How can we confidently navigate this world of uncertainty? The Lord told Martha, "...that there is need of only one thing."-Luke 10:42. Fr. Larry Swink will begin the evening with Eucharistic Adoration, followed with a talk. Confession will be available. This month's talk is "Mary and Martha: Finding Peace at the Feet of Jesus." We invite all women to come and refocus, refresh and rest before our Lord.

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.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Donations are always welcome. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Encounter Grace is offering 2 new Bible series for women this fall. BeLoved: Faith is a 3-week in-person series focused on the miracles and what they teach us about what it truly means to have faith. BeLoved: Seasons is a 5-week, online series that takes an in-depth look at the seasons of life women experience and the fruit that comes from those seasons when we are rooted in the Gospel. Information and links to register can be found here: www.encountergrace.co.

Grieving with Great HOPE, a six-week Catholic-based Grief Support Workshop will be offered at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville, on Tuesdays, September 29 through November 2nd from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Grieving with Great Hope is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. If you are grieving the death of a family member or a friend and trying to learn how to cope with your loss, you are encouraged to attend. For information and/or to register, please contact: Jean Ferrante, 301-943-1221, jeanferrante44@comcast.net or Tina Slaughter 301-884-9545 (H) 301-481-1961 (C), tinamslaughter@comcast.net, or Marian Taylor 301-904-2944, tmtaylor72@comcast.net.