

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 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,

Our Lord helps us to be able to spot a real, genuine desire to follow him. Lots of us call ourselves “Christians.” But we might also say that we’ve been Christian our whole lives. Or that we were born Catholic. We may even describe the moment when we decided to accept Jesus into our lives as our Savior and Lord.

But what Jesus describes here is more than what we call ourselves, or what we consider our background or culture, or even what we’ve accepted in some overwhelming spiritual moment. Jesus describing what it means to “want” or to “wish” to follow him.

There are two main parts, according to Jesus, that make up this “wish” or “will” or “desire” to follow him: 1) self-denial; 2) take up your cross. They’re both important, both necessary. Each, by itself, is incomplete if the other is missing.

Deny yourself:

It’s the opposite of promoting yourself. We need to cultivate a healthy ability to say “no” to prioritizing ourselves. This is easier said than done. It’s hard, in large part because it’s exactly how our first parents got it wrong when they sinned—and we’ve been getting it wrong ever since. God’s plan needs to hold sway in the universe, when we assert our plan ahead of his, everything comes crashing down fairly quickly. We need to cultivate the habit of holding in-check what we might prefer. Denying the gratification of our desires correctly reminds us that we are not the most important thing in the world. It also directly opens us up to what it is about ourselves that we should desire: Taking up our Cross.

Take up your cross:

Wanting to follow Jesus requires taking up our cross. Once we have denied ourselves of our own lives and desires and interests we put ourselves in the best position to embrace exactly how God wishes to conform us to the example of his Son. Jesus carried his cross to Calvary and in doing so redeemed the world. He paved the way for each of us to follow carrying our own crosses, participating in the redemption Christ won for us. Sickness, old age, fatigue, the hardships of raising a family, loneliness—even simply all the circumstances of everyday life. Our cross is uniquely our own and it’s right there for us to embrace. Rather than avoiding it and shunning it we should take it up if we want to follow Jesus.

Saying ‘No’ to ourselves and embracing our crosses is essential to following Jesus.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions for September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Monday (Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Henry & Virginia Windmoeller
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Joyce Lucille Thompson
Wednesday (Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Friday	8 a.m.	Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mitchell Kalloch
Sunday	8 a.m.	Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell
	10 a.m.	Charles Burghart
(Latin)	6 p.m.	Pro Populo

**\* Monday and Wednesday morning Mass will now be held at Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's in Charlotte Hall. There will be no 8a.m. morning Mass at St. Joseph Church on these days.**

**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.

**Monthly Contribution Schedule – September 2021**

September 19, 2021	Offertory	The Catholic University of America
September 26, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection

**September 5, 2021 – Offertory \$4,346.00 Building & Repair – \$854.00**

**Other donations, including online – \$1,020.00**

*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](http://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 CCD 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. Registration forms can be found on our website or on the table in the back of the Church.

**Please send your registration forms to the office as soon as possible.**

**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!

***Apologetics 101*** – Every Catholic is called to be an apologist – and this class will equip you to answer that call! Come and have fun “locking horns” with contemporary arguments against the faith! Join us Mondays starting 9/13 from 7:00 - 8:15pm this school year at St. Francis Xavier Church Parish Hall  
First Topic: “Equality and the Catholic Church.” For further information email  
Kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org or Fr. Ryan Pineda at pinedar@adw.org.

***Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day*** – A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the Church Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The services will be held Wednesday, September 15th in St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen Maryland. The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community and the Church especially encourages people who have recently suffered a loss to participate. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 5:00 PM with our celebrant, Father Charles “Chip” E. Luckett, from Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone’s comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, you may contact our office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766, or email us at qop@ccaw.org.

***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](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org). Donations are always welcome. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

***Community Blood Drive*** sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Mary’s Council #1470  
Saturday, 16 October 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. Sign up at: [WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG), then insert KOC1470 into the box ‘FIND A DRIVE’ in the upper right corner. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) After registering for your appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to learn more.