

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 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,

Jesus uses parables to teach. If we don't seek to know the meaning of the parable, his teaching will be lost on us. We'll miss out. The parable can be almost anything—a story, an image, a sign. Jesus can turn any circumstance or event of our daily lives into an occasion to love God and to serve our neighbor.

He punctuates his teaching in this Sunday's gospel with an unusual parable. He wants to teach his disciples how to serve each other. True greatness consists in putting oneself at the service of others, even to the point of giving your life for those most in need.

He then does a strange thing: first, he takes a child and places it in their midst; next, he embraces it; finally, he says "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

What does it mean? What does it have to do with what he was just telling them?

He was teaching them that being the greatest requires serving everybody, even the least. He then shows this by embracing a child.

If you have ever had to care for a child, or someone in great need, you realize that it is a full-time job that requires everything.

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

Mothers, especially, understand this immediately. A fully adult, completely grown, wonderfully competent woman soon discovers herself entirely and completely at the service of an infant. It may seem upside-down. But this is the kind of love that Jesus is invoking. Nevertheless, there are still some who would just as soon cheapen a mother's love and divert the aspirations of young women toward other pursuits and away from motherhood. As if any of us does not intuitively know how motherhood can represent the pinnacle of love, service, and dedication.

Jesus requires us to love, to serve and to dedicate ourselves to God. And in embracing a child he shows us that it's actually something that should come quite naturally for us. It actually comes quite naturally for God who pours out his life entirely for us that we may live.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for September 20th through September 26th

Monday (Chesterton)	No Mass in the Church	Skip James
Tuesday	No Mass in the Church	Reverend Monsignor Robert Cary Hill
Wednesday (Chesterton)	No Mass in the Church	Carole "Donie" Alvey
Friday	No Mass in the Church	Christine Komar
Saturday	5 p.m.	Thomas Edward Goldsborough
Sunday	8 a.m.	Francis D. "Moley" Nelson
	10 a.m.	Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell
(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 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 26, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection
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September 12, 2021 – Offertory \$2,957.00 School Support – \$246.00

Other donations, including online – \$805.00

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 News:

- **CCD books** will be available for pick up on Sunday, September 19th after the 10 a.m. Mass in the parking lot. If you are not able to pick up at this time, please contact the office to make arrangements.
- **A short Catechesis with Father Drew** for our CCD families will be held after 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays in the Church starting on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

All are welcome to join a Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland on Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning at 3:00 PM. This is the site of the Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634 and the birthplace of religious freedom in America. The Mass will be celebrated by - Father Stephen Wyble, Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD . Join us for a special celebration Blessing of the Fleet Admission: \$10.00 (children 10 and under: Free) Includes: Free boat rides to St. Clements Island to attend the Mass as well as free admission to St. Clements Island Museum. Sponsored by the Optimist International Friend of the Youth. For more information contact: John Laychak, Blessing of the Fleet Chairman at 410-610-3457 or gamehunter.md@yahoo.com.

St. John's School, Pumpkin Dash (The Pet Edition!) - St. John's School is hosting the “Pumpkin Dash-the pet edition,” a virtual 5K run/walk and 10K bike ride (1-mile run/walk and 3-mile bike ride for children) from October 31st through November 6th. Run, walk, or ride anywhere you'd like! Registration includes t-shirt, finisher medal or water bottle, commemorative tiny bib, pet costume contest and more! Proceeds benefit St. John’s School and MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Services. Register at www.sjshollywood.org.

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, 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 to learn more.