

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 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,

Lots of folks are facing a dilemma: get vaccinated or get fired. They're looking for help on this and are finding very little. Next Tuesday evening, October 19th at 6:30 PM, I'll host a get-together here, in the Parish Hall, so that our parishioners and friends who are dealing with this hard question can find some support.

I won't go into the many details of this particular case here—I'll leave that for my presentation next Tuesday, but I will outline the main points, as I see them, especially from the perspective of those who would prefer other healthy alternatives to the vaccine.

Voluntary Medical Interventions:

Some medical interventions are more obligatory than others. The Heimlich maneuver to help a choking person, or CPR & chest compressions until the paramedics arrive on a heart-attack victim are rather universally acknowledged as good, basic first aid. Some medical interventions are entirely voluntary, such as surgery to remove a small benign growth, or a high-risk/low-reward major operation on a late-stage already-devastated victim of severely metastasized cancer. It is important to be able to tell the difference between what is voluntary and what is necessary.

Moral Acceptability of the Covid Vaccines:

Procured Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human life in the womb is always a grave moral evil to be avoided. Someone formally cooperating in such a surgical abortion is guilty of a grave sin and, according to the law of the Church, a crime as well. There is a real difference, however, between formal, active cooperation in an evil action on the one hand and, on the other hand, passively and materially benefiting from someone else's evil action. The latter, while not entirely free from the taint of the former may be tolerated for the sake of a serious reason. The former must always be excluded. This applies to the way some of the Covid vaccines have been derived. In the face of a clear and present danger such as the imminent spread of a deadly virus, vaccination may be tolerable for those with good reason even using a vaccine derived from cells gotten by means of a procured abortion. Such toleration does not legitimize nor count as formal cooperation in the evil of abortion.

Freedom of Conscience:

Vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that must be voluntary. We remain free and, even in the face of hard consequences cannot be forced against our will to take a vaccine.

Join us next week, if you can. And please pray for our parishioners facing difficult decisions.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for October 11th through October 17th

Monday (Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Joyce Lucille Thompson
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Dennis Mills, Jr. (Living)
Wednesday (Chesterton)	11:40 a.m.	Henry Windmoeller
Friday	8 a.m.	John, Caroline, John Jr., Nicky and Brandon Hurry (Living)
Saturday	5 p.m.	Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell
Sunday	8 a.m.	Susie Loretta Collins
	10 a.m.	Thomas Edward Goldsborough
(Latin)	6 p.m.	Pro Populo

*** Monday and Wednesday morning Mass is 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 Billy Joe Hill, 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 – October 2021

October 17, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection
October 24, 2021	Offertory	World Missions & Propagation of Faith
October 31, 2021	Offertory	No Second Collection

October 3, 2021 Offertory – \$5,804.00 Building & Repair – \$858.00

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.

Church Latin Lessons – Father Drew will be giving lessons on Church Latin at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall on Monday evenings in October. If you are interested in learning Latin, please join us October 11th, 18th and 25th. All are welcome!



Upcoming Events & Reminders

Donuts and Coffee in the Hall after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. All are welcome!!

Sunday, October 10th – Father Drew will meet with the CCD families after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Church.

Monday, October 11th – The office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. Latin lessons with Father Drew in the Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19th – Discussion on COVID Vaccination in the Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 1st – Solemnity of All Saints. The office will be closed.

Tuesday, November 2nd – All Souls Day



Our Lady of the Wayside Church 14th Annual Apple Festival – This will be a drive-thru dinner event at the Belmont Farm, 24079 Budds Creek Road, Clements, MD. Sunday, October 10th, noon to 5p.m. Menu includes fried chicken, pulled pork, shrimp macaroni salad, green beans, coleslaw, chunky applesauce and roll.

Dinners are \$22 each. Apples, whole apple pies and apple dumplings will also be for sale. Non-perishable food items or monetary donations will be accepted for the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry.

Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood – Annual October Drive-thru Dinner, Sunday, October 24, 2021, 11 a.m. ‘til sold out! Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey w/dressing, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and rolls. Cake table available. Drive-thru carry-outs only. \$30.00, make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Cash or check only, no card service available.



104th Anniversary 2021 – Public Square Rosary Crusade – Join us for the Holy Rosary on October 16, 2021 at 12 Noon behind Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville. In the secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort said: “Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has

always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.” For more information please contact Betty Hill at 301-884-3027.

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.

St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar – St. Nicholas Catholic Church, located at 8603 Contee Road, Laurel, MD, 20708 (between Route 1 & Route 197), will be holding their 2021 Fall Bazaar, on Friday, October 29, from 2:00- 8:00 p.m. & on Saturday, October 30, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Featured booths will be the “Treasure Trove”, “Pages from the Past”, Basket Chance Raffle, Wine Tombola, Food Concession (Snacks, Breakfast, Lunch, & 2 Dinners), with All Meals To Go & outside seating available, and Handmade Crafts. The One Grand Raffle will kickoff at the bazaar. Prince George’s County COVID-19 Guidelines are in place with Masks Required. Info/Contact Chair Donna Cellini,donnac803@aol.com, or Debbie Rausch, Publicity, rauschda@gmail.com.

Men’s Morning of Recollection with Fr. Larry Swink on Saturday October 30th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Indigoes, MD. This morning recollection will feature a Holy Hour, Mass, Confession, and a talk by Fr. Larry. The topic of Father Larry’s discussion will be “never forget devotion to the souls in Purgatory.” Just in time for All-Souls Day!