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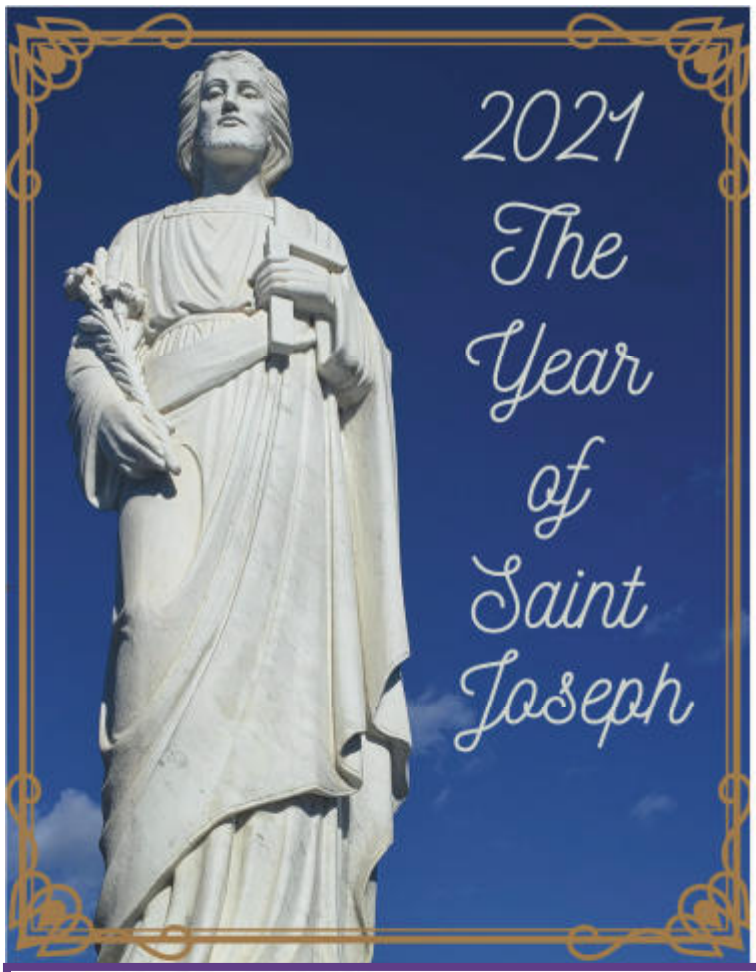

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Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am
M-Th 9:00am
Communion Service Friday 9:00am
Holy Days See website

Confession Schedule
Saturday 3:00-3:45pm in the Vestry

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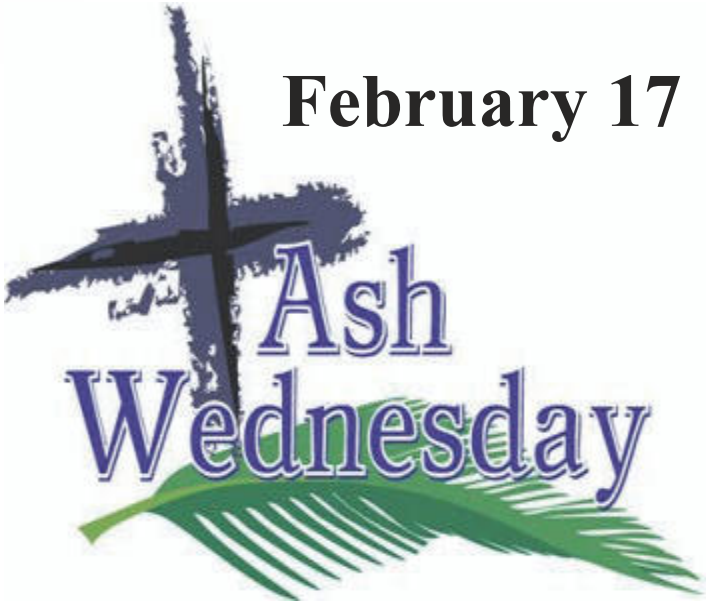
Lenten Practices Refresher

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards but encouraged (parental discretion required) at an earlier age.



Mass Schedule
9:00am & 7:00pm

FIRST READING

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
"If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,
or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean,
by reason of the sore on his head.
"The one who bears the sore of leprosy
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,
and shall muffle his beard;
he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.
He shall swell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.
I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters:
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."
The leprosy left him immediately,
and he was made clean.
Then, warning him sternly,
he dismissed him at once.
He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,
but go, show yourself to the priest
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;
that will be proof for them."
The man went away
and began to publicize the whole matter.
He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Please scan for Digital Liturgy Guide

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH INFORMATION

Important Updates to Mass Procedures as of 11/17/2020

According to the Maryland Governor and Charles County Commission, churches may have in-person services to 50% building capacity.

Daily Masses, Saturday 4:00pm Mass, Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Mass— The church is open at 50% capacity, which is 124 people. Ushers keep a head count of everyone in the building. There will be a strict cutoff at 124 people. (Sunday 11:00 am Mass is currently the only Mass time that has regularly reached this number)

We have resumed taking up the collection during the proper part of the liturgy, at the Offertory Chant. The ushers will come to each pew, wearing masks and gloves, for you to place your offering in the basket. For your comfort and convenience, we are still recommending online giving.

Knights of Columbus®

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12128 OF ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ARE LOOKING FOR FINE CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN TO JOIN THEIR COUNCIL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

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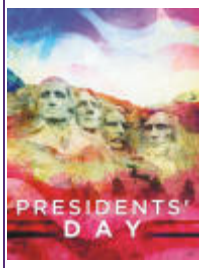
Mass Intentions & Parish Activities This Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 **9:00am Mass** Louise † & J Larry Swann † **11:00am Mass** Remedios Flores† **7:45pm AC** Narcotics Anonymous	**15** **9:00am Mass** Charles Edelen† **9:30am AC** Monday's Word  **No CCD or RCIA due to holiday.**	**16** **9:00am Mass** R. Mike Elligen† **9:30am AC** Prayer Group **8:00pm AC** AA Online and In-Person AlAnon Online Only Call Office for Info	**17** **9:00am Mass** William Riedel† **No** First Communion/ First Reconciliation Preparation due to Ash Wednesday. **6:30pm AC(BH)** Girl Scouts **7:00pm Mass** For the Parish	**18** **9:00am Mass** Frank M. Claggett†	**19** **9:00am Communion Service** **6:00pm** Adoration **No Stations due to Adoration.**	**20** **7:30am AC** Men's Group **12:00pm AC and Online** GriefShare **4:00pm Mass** For the Parish **SUNDAY– FEB 21** **9:00am Mass** Rick Roberts† **11:00am Mass** Joan "Bunny" Evans†

Key: **AC** = Activity Center; **CH** = Church; **PC** = Parish Center; **PO** = Parish Office; **PG**=Parish Grounds

COLLECTION REPORT

February 6/7 Offertory & gifts (in-pew). $4,647.00
Online offertory & gifts $3,012.35
Total. $7,659.35
Amount needed to cover parish weekly budget. . . . $8,503.84

Poor Box $75.00

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Thank you for your continuing support! When donating to the campaign, please ***use the gold-colored pledge envelopes payable to St. Joseph's Capital Campaign***. Using these envelopes assures that we apply the funds to the correct account.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Total Pledged. $1,100,937.16
Total Collected. $1,020,604.76

HELP WANTED: HOUSEKEEPER

In need of an experienced housekeeper to clean a single family house with steps. Weekly cleaning to include laundry for a single person. If interested, call Beth at (443) 992-0624.

Winter/Spring, 2021 GriefShare 13-Week Program

* Every Saturday from Noon-1:30pm from January 23rd-April 24th, 2021
* GriefShare seminar/support is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.
* We will meet both in-person in the Activity Center and virtually. Your choice in how to participate!

Register/More Info: https://www.griefshare.org/groups/127596 --or-- email Karen Kleyle at kkleyle@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Men's Group

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph. Want to be a man, husband, or father like St. Joseph? Then, join men of the parish as we strive to know Jesus better, to live as Catholic men of Faith, and to become like St. Joseph, the "Zealous Defender of Christ!"

Saturday, 7:30am-8:45am in the Activity Center

OUR PARISH

St. Joseph's - Pomfret

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, Pomfret

Parish Office Hours: **Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm**

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Please register as soon as possible. **Benefits of membership are extended to those who have been registered for at least six months and who are actively participating in parish life and are known to the pastor.** Registration Forms are available in the back of the church, the parish office or download from the website. Forms can be returned through the collection basket, the mail or to the parish office. Please note that once children leave the household they should register on their own.

PARISH COUNCIL

Vanessa Aportadera, Betsy Chalifoux, Rigal Civil, Deborah Dudley, Kimberly Floehr, Mary Beth Gawthrop, Tracy Labrie, Michelle Murphy, Seth Rak, Maria Stewart

The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, September - May, at 7:30pm in the Activity Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Harry Shasho (Chairman), Bob Dinneen, Sean Murphy, Matthew Neiman, Pamela Young

SECURITY COUNCIL

Ray Aportadera (Chairman), Bruce Gentile, Edward Holland

BAPTISM—Parents desiring Baptism for their child should register at tinyurl.com/stjoebaptism. Our DRE will then contact you for class requirements and scheduling. Classes meet monthly with a few exceptions. Parents requesting baptism should be registered for at least six (6) months and be regularly attending Mass.

MARRIAGE—Couples must make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. No date can be guaranteed before meeting with the pastor.

PARISH CENTER—Please contact the parish office for rental information.

PARISH CEMETERY—Please call Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION—We welcome non-Catholics who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or in learning more about the Catholic faith, as well as Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Classes take place on Sunday at 11:30a.m. Please contact the parish office for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome to our parish community! Please obtain a registration form in the back of the church or contact the parish office. Please also notify the parish office if you change your address or move from the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Please call the parish office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized or confined at home and would like to receive a visit, Communion and/or anointing.

VOCATIONS TREE

It's in the foyer!
Please pick a seminarian and pray for him during Lent.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vitally important activity...remember No Priests, No Eucharist.

SHORT-TERM: Anna Ullman Bealle, Cathleene Anderson, Delores Walls, Katie Moore, William Coughlon, Felicia D'Haiti, Betty Scott, Maria Gallardo, Traci Renner, Virginia Kragh, Chris Ware, Clifton Dawes, Tim Christian, Sharron Winkler, Georgana Navarro, Kim Gibson

UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST: *Names will remain on our short-term list for 3 months. Call the parish office to re-request a name after 3 months or to remove a name when the person has regained health.*

CONTINUING: Johnny Abell, Tony Anderson, Steve Bautista, William Briggs, Joyce & Charles Clements, Cathy Compton, Harolly Coombs, James Russell Cooper, Therese Curry, Fr. Isidore Dixon, Diane Dries, Tess Franch, Theresa & Walter Glovan, Bill Goodwin, James Green, Zynae Green, Peggy Gregory, Marcia Hildreth, Harold Huntt, Brenda J. Jenkins, Sam Lombardi, Colleen Long, Alice McGriff, Chris Moorhouse, Martin Muschette, Sr., Kim Owens, William Patton, Jr., Tammy Payne, Evalyn Phelps, Fr. Pittman, Derrick Proctor, Merritt (Sarge) Sargent, April Sheffield, Dolores Steinhilber, John Sutay, Rosemary Szczyglak, John Tolson, Billy Turner, Michael Vernon, Kimberly J. Walker, Thomas Wellons, Wilhelmenia Winston

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:
Air Force: SSgt Karmyn A. Dyson III, TSgt Sam Martinez, Jr., E4 Justin Phelps, SSgt Marco D. Proctor, MSgt Ronald Panciera, III, SSgt Danielle Panciera.
Army: Sgt Ryan King, Sgt John Williams, CPT Kevin Burns, MAJ Jonathan Swan
Navy: ENFN Zachary D. Proctor, Patrick Ryan, Mark Cahill, LT David M. Phelps, Ethan F. Aris
USMC: LCpl Marshall Teletchea, GySgt Lance Transue

Recently Deceased: Nancy Markley

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