

Saint Joseph Church



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am
M-Th 9:00am
Holy Days see website

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm in the confessional
Or by appointment

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November 12, 2024

Departing: 6:30am
Returning: 7:15pm
Cost: \$180*/person
(*includes bus, show, buffet, and all gratuities)



St. Joseph's Women's Group is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see "Daniel". The deadline to purchase tickets is October 12, 2024. Registration Forms are available in the parish office.

For more information contact: Karen Austin 301-848-5724.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY



The Angels Watch Meal Providers need volunteers to cook for the monthly meals that are delivered to Angel's Watch Shelter in Waldorf. Long term, short term, and intermittent help is needed. Volunteers would prepare part of a meal **once a month**. Donations are also appreciated to defray the cost to our cooks: large aluminum pans, enchilada sauce, rice, meat, cheese and more. Contact Loretta for more information 301-802-7222.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mt 25:35).

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LIFE NEWS

The Catholic Stance on Life – No Gray Areas

As Catholics, we are called to be unwavering in our defense of life from conception to natural death. The Church's teaching on the sanctity of life is clear and absolute, leaving no room for ambiguity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life" (CCC 2270).

Pope St. John Paul II reaffirmed this in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), emphasizing that abortion is a grave moral disorder because it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. He urged all Catholics to be advocates for the voiceless and vulnerable, highlighting that "we need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 80).

In a world where the sanctity of life is often challenged, it is our duty to stand firm. By supporting pro-life initiatives, providing compassionate care for those in crisis, and advocating for just laws, we live out our faith in action.

Let us be bold in our defense of life, knowing that we are upholding the dignity of every human being as created in the image and likeness of God.

The Grave Situation in Maryland

Currently, in Maryland, there is a grave situation with the proposed abortion amendment that seeks to enshrine the right to late-term abortion in the state constitution. This amendment would allow abortions up to the moment of birth, threatening the lives of countless unborn children. As Catholics, we must oppose this amendment and protect the sanctity of life.

BULLETIN BITE

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Our Lady of Mount Carmel

On July 14, we celebrate the feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint, who is known for her deep faith, humility, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Kateri's life was marked by hardship and suffering, yet she remained steadfast in her love for Christ and her commitment to living a life of holiness. Born in 1656 in what is now New York State, Kateri was orphaned at a young age and later baptized.

In the same week, we also honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Brown Scapular on July 16. The Brown Scapular is a sacramental associated with the Carmelite Order, and it signifies a special devotion to Mary and a commitment to living a life of prayer and service. According to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a Carmelite friar, in 1251 and gave him the scapular as a sign of her protection. The scapular is a symbol of Mary's maternal care and a reminder of our call to follow her Son.

These two celebrations highlight the importance of devotion to Mary in the life of the Church. Through her intercession, we can grow in our relationship with Jesus and deepen our commitment to living as His disciples. The Brown Scapular is a tangible sign of this devotion, encouraging us to live lives of holiness and service.

As we honor Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, let us ask for their intercession and strive to imitate their virtues. May we grow in our love for Christ and His Mother, and may we be inspired to live lives of faith, hope, and charity.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH AND COMMUNITY

We're hiring! Be part of our mission and team at St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic School. Join our faith-filled community and help make a difference in young lives. Available positions for the 2024-25 school year include:

- **primary grade teacher**
- **aftercare staff**
- **primary classroom assistant**

Please submit a resume highlighting your qualifications and interest to the school principal at silverstone@bryantown.org. For more information on employment opportunities and our school visit www.bryantown.org.

Archbishop Neale School is currently:

- accepting applications for teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- accepting applications or substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- For more info contact: office@archbishopnealeschool.org or Mrs. Gavin at pgavin@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-9595.
- enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact the admissions director, Mrs. Elaine Cadrette at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org for more information and to schedule a tour.
- currently accepting applications for Aides and Group Leaders for the 2024-2025 school year to work 3.5 hours daily in the afternoon. If you or someone you know is over 18 and loves working with children between 7 and 14, please contact Mrs. Margaret Morris-mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-7005 for more information.

ANS social media pages:



<https://www.facebook.com/archbishopnealecatholicschool>

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS Starts Soon! - Register your kids for a week of fun and faith at St. Joseph's VBS, July 22-26. Visit tinyurl.com/stjoeVBS2024 today!

MASS INTENTIONS AND PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>St. Bonaventure</i>	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>		<i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>		<i>St. Apollinaris,</i>
8:15am Rosary	8:30am Rosary	8:30am Rosary	8:30am Rosary	8:30am Rosary		
9:00am Mass Paul A. Mackert †	9:00am Mass Robert Hildreth 90th Birthday!	9:00am Mass Nancy Sherer †	9:00am Mass Lance Rich †	9:00am Mass Juanito Augustin	9:00am CH Rosary	
11:00am Mass Patricia Mary Manchester Feith †						
						4:00pm Mass Joan Fraser †
7:45pm AC NA	7:30 pm AC RCIA	8:00pm AC(BH) AA/Al-Anon				Sunday, July 21 9:00am Mass Henry Fedrigo † 11:00am Mass Joseph Dixon †

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

Mass Color Key: Purple = Advent/Lent; Red = Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, Apostles and Martyrs; Gold = White = Easter and Christmas Seasons, Blessed Mother, Saints; Rose/Pink = 3rd Sunday Advent, 4th Sunday Lent ; Green = Ordinary Time

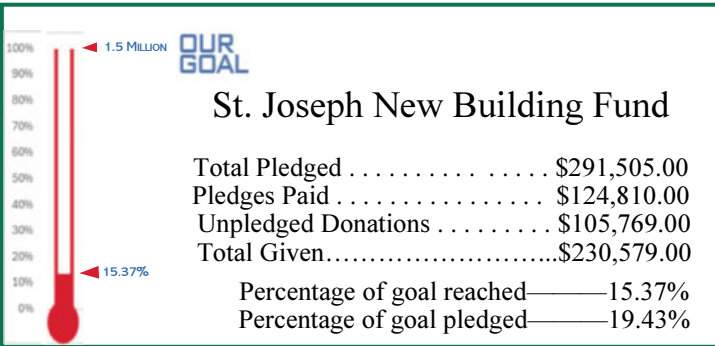
COLLECTION REPORT

The Archdiocese assesses our offertory collections (unmarked donations from the collection basket and offertory envelopes) by 20%. This rule does not apply to donations marked “gift”, “donation”, or “parish only”.

July 6/7

Offertory & gifts (in-pew)	\$8,106.75
Online offertory & gifts.	\$4,074.80
Total	\$12,181.55
Amount Needed to cover parish weekly budget. . . .	\$10,400.00
Poor Box.	\$159.14

Thank you for your generosity.



For information about the Maurice J. McDonough Council 12128 of the Knights of Columbus, please call or text Ric Navarro, FS, at 301-643-6626.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
Ministries at St. Joseph’s -- July 20/21

Celebrant(s)	Communion Ministers	Lector	Altar Servers
4:00pm Father Stokes	Ron Marshall Joe Jaworski	Jay Broglie	N/A
9:00am Father Stokes	Carolyn Mitchell Tammy Hilburn	Karen Kleyle	TBD
11:00am Father Stokes	Deacon Jim Steve Winkler	Josh Naymst	TBD

Church Cleaners - July 19

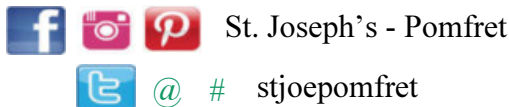
Team 1: Annie Brewer, Angela Iaquinta

Altar Guild - July 20

Team 1: Peggy Christner, Mary Beth Gawthrop

Do you have a broken rosary?
Parishioner Diane Kenney has graciously offered to repair our broken rosaries free of charge! Simply put your rosary in a plastic bag along with your name and phone number, and place it in the basket in the vestibule. Diane will call you when your rosary has been repaired.

OUR PARISH



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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 via 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 (Chair), Betsy Chalifoux,
Kimberly Floehr, Jojo Manato, Maggie Murgia,
Joshua Namyst, Seth Rak

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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 Monday at 7:45pm in person or via Zoom. 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.

VOCATION CORNER



SHORT-TERM: Debbie Mason, Janice Simpson, Albert (Louis) Jenkins, Vernon Benson, Yvette Countryman, Veronica Pattan, Chris Dries, Sandy Tolson, Donna Briscoe, Amy Coombs, John Winborne, Elaine (Overgaard) Smith, Fr. Rory Conley, Steve Winkler

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, Richard Batson, Steve Bautista, Linda Blesy, William Briggs, Joyce Clements, James Russell Cooper, Therese Curry, Margaret Dillon, Diane Dries, Anita Elder, Margaret Ferguson, Shoko Ferguson, Rich Gentilo, Theresa & Walter Glovan, James Green, Zynae Green, Peggy Gregory, Joe Hebb, Marcia Hildreth, Brenda J. Jenkins, Joan Johnson, Lorraine Kozloski-Celijewski, Katie Lakie, Ellen Lariscy, Christopher Lee, Sam Lombardi, Colleen Long, Meegan Lyles, Alice McGriff, Jill Morris, Chris Moorhouse, Joey Moughan, Martin Muschette, Sr., Vera O'Boyle, Kim Owens, Richard Patton, William Patton, Jr., Tammy Payne, Evalyn Phelps, Richard Pickeral, Theresa Pickeral, Derrick Proctor, Eulo Regala, April Sheffield, Angela Smith, Dolores Steinhilber, John Sutay, Vicki Thompson, Billy Vogelsson III, Kimberly J. Walker, Regina Weist, Thomas Wellons, Wilhelmenia Winston

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:

Air Force: SSgt Kamryn A. Dyson, TSgt Sam Martinez, Jr., E5 Justin Phelps, SSgt Marco D. Proctor, MSgt Ronald Panciera, III, SSgt Danielle Panciera, Maj Jimmy Tittinger USAF, Capt Shane Tittinger USAF

Army: Staff Sgt Brandon Robey Wilson, Sgt Ryan King, Sgt John Williams, CPT Kevin Burns, MAJ Jonathan Swan

Coast Guard: E4 Ryan M. Lloyd

Navy: PO2 Zachary D. Proctor, Patrick Ryan, Mark Cahill, LT David M. Phelps

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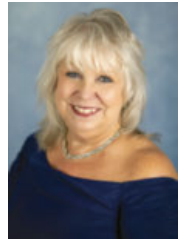
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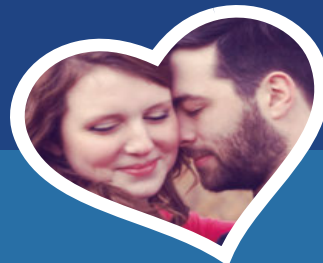
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