

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021



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## Modified Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am

Monday 8:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

1st Saturday 8:00 am

Advent Penance Service, Mon Dec 20, 7:00pm

Christmas Eve, Fri, Dec 24:

Children's Pageant 4:00pm, Mass 5:00p,

Contemporary Choir Concert 8:40pm, Mass 9:00pm

Christmas Day, Sat, Dec 25, Mass 10:00am only.

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Friday after 8:00 am Mass (Virtual/In-Person)

## Sacraments

Confession, Saturday 8:30-10:00 am

Baptisms, by appointment.

Marriages, contact Pastor at least  
6 months in advance.

## Welcome New Parishioners!

Registration forms are on our parish website

## Bulletin articles

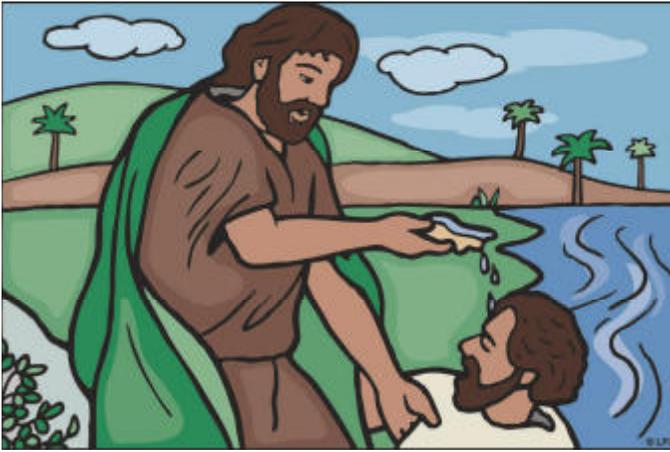
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date.

Sun Dec 19 submissions due by Wed Dec 8 (early)

Sun Dec 26 submissions due by Mon Dec 13 (early)

Sun Jan 2 submissions due by Mon Dec 20 (early)

Denise Young: bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16

Image from the Library for the Mass (SPL), 1918, 1978 ©20

### Prayers for healing,

Please pray for the special needs of our Parish Community, for those listed here, and for requests listed in the Parish Book of Prayer.

- Karen Allen
- Barbara Alderman
- Sue Young
- Tom Schilke
- Ellie Sines
- Carolyn Lank
- Eileen Sullivan
- Gary Gebauer
- Beverly Gebauer
- Robert Nordling  
(son of Bob Nordling)

To have someone included in this list, please email the bulletin editor at [bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org).

Names are listed for four weeks, unless otherwise informed.

### Prayers for our beloved dead,

- Fr John A Carroll
- Marc Barron
- Alice Gould



Give them light, O Lord,  
that they may go safely into Eternal Life.



### Mary's Room

is open for prayer  
1/2 hour before/after Mass.  
Maximum capacity is 6 persons at a time.



- Saturday (12/11) 5:00pm Vigil** [Fr Rob];  
+Hazel Lewis (Charlotte Kutya)
- Sunday (12/12) 8:30am 3rd Sunday of Advent** [Fr Binoj];  
+Kevin Tarbrake (The Tarbrake Family)
- Sunday (12/12) 11:00am** [Fr Johnson];  
Pro Populo
- Monday (12/13) 8:00am** [Fr Johnson];  
Rebecca Hunter (living) (Frank & Susan Hunter)
- Wednesday (12/15) 8:00am** [Fr Rob];  
+Mary Johnson (Pete Johnson)
- Wednesday (12/15) 2:15pm School Students Only** [Fr Walter];  
Rebecca Hunter (living) (Frank & Susan Hunter)
- Thursday (12/16) 8:00am** [Fr Johnson];  
+Edward Lynch (Dolores Lynch)
- Friday (12/17) 8:00am** [Fr Rob];  
Rebecca Hunter (living) (Frank & Susan Hunter)
- Saturday (12/18) 5:00pm Vigil** [Fr Binoj];  
Pro Populo
- Sunday (12/19) 8:30am 4th Sunday of Advent** [Fr Johnson];  
+Kevin Tarbrake (Ann Marie Tarbrake)
- Sunday (12/19) 11:00am** [Fr Rob];  
+Gary Bauchan (The Kloc Family)

To request a Mass for your friends and family please come by the parish office during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm) or send us your request by mail.

When sending in a request, please mail to St. Joseph Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705 and include:

- Your Name, Phone Number, and e-mail
- The name of the person you would like the Mass offered for (please notate if they are **living** or **deceased**)
- If you'd like the first available Mass, or Mass offered on a particular date (*the Mass intention book fills up quickly*)
- Mass stipend (suggested donation is \$10)
- The address where you would like the Mass card mailed

We will contact you to confirm your request. Thank you!

*All Masses listed take place in the church, and all are livestreamed on Zoom except for First Saturdays at 8:00am. Presider listed for each Mass subject to change with notice.*

### Holy Father's Intentions for December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
We will have four priests available for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be available until the line runs out. Please save the date.



Examinations of Conscience for adults (Detailed Examination of Conscience), teens and children as well as a guide to help you review the steps on how to go to confession (along with the Act of Contrition) can be found in the Flocknotes. You are welcome to bring the guide and the examination of conscience with you into the confessional if it's helpful.

### Third Week of Advent

This week in the journal Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph we will walk with St Joseph on his journey with Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a walk of faith that required strength of character, responsibility for those entrusted to him, the burden of provision as head of the household, and staying awake to the spiritual reality of what was unfolding in his life. Saying yes to faith required Joseph to make brave choices in response to the revelations of God's will for his life.



Joseph's story also reveals that the walk of faith will require something of us, and probably more than we think we are capable of. It tells us that as we say yes to walking in the light of God's purposes, we too can find our place in the greatest story ever told—God's story lived in and through our simple existence. We, too, can experience the coming of the Divine into our hearts and lives—God with us—and call his name Jesus. As daylight shortens in this Advent season, don't let your prayer life follow suit. Ask yourself if there are obstacles that need to be removed and clutter that needs to be cleared out of your heart as you journey to Bethlehem to encounter Jesus. Have you found the 'time' to prayerfully respond to God whispers in your life? Remember, "If the Devil can't make you bad, he will make you busy". Take time to prepare this Advent for a person, Jesus Christ, rather than a day, December 25th.

The daily meditations for the Third Week of Advent are found on pages 69 - 101. The guided video meditation can be found at

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=kummVigDs5M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kummVigDs5M)

Join us here at St. Joseph Church for the Blessing of the Bambinelli, a touching tradition given to us by Pope St. John Paul II, each year on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Bambinelli is Italian, the plural of bambinello, which means little baby.



Please bring the Infant Jesus from your home Christmas crèche for a blessing at all our weekend Masses, including the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 11.

Our parish is using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. You will have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, just follow these steps: Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>, enter our parish's zip code - 20705

PICK OF THE WEEK  
December 12, 2021

**WATCH**

**GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE**  
As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

### Stewardship

|                             | November 28 | October      |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Offertory                   | \$ 8,290.00 | \$ 38,541.00 |
| Budget                      |             | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Difference                  |             | \$ 3,541.00  |
| Debt Reduction              | \$ 916.00   | \$ 7,755.00  |
| Mortgage (payment 14 of 60) |             | \$ 11,225.00 |
| Difference                  |             | \$ -3,470.00 |

We depend on your generosity each week to pay our bills and keep our parish alive and thriving. You can also give to the parish through our online giving portal (one time or recurring payments accepted), which is found on the parish webpage under the 'Give' tab: [stjosephbeltsville.org/give](http://stjosephbeltsville.org/give)

### With a Father's Heart



Dear Parish Family,

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The Latin term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the entrance antiphon for today's Mass, which is "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, which is why we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

As we make our journey around the Advent wreath, I wanted to share one of my favorite poems for Advent with you. A friend gave it to me a couple of years ago and it reminds me of the hope that we find in the Christ child and why we must keep that hope alive in us no matter what our circumstances. See what you think and may we all grow in peace, faith, love and hope this Christmas.

#### The Four Candles by Aino Makoto

The four candles burned slowly. Their ambiance was so soft you could hear them speak... The first candle said, "I am Peace, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit." Then Peace's flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

The second candle said, "I am Faith, but these days, I am no longer indispensable." Then Faith's flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

Sadly the third candle Speaks, "I am Love and I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer. People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." Waiting no longer, Love goes out completely. Suddenly...A child enters the room and sees the three candles no longer burning. The child begins to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end!"

Then the fourth candle speaks gently to the little child, "Don't be afraid, for I am Hope, and while I still burn, we can re-light the other candles." With shining eyes the child took the candle of hope and lit the other three candles. Never let the flame of hope go out of your life. With hope, no matter how bad things look and are...peace, faith and love can shine brightly in our lives.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Fr. Rob



# Social Concerns

## Much Needed Items for our Pantry:

Pasta/pasta sauce      dry beans/canned beans  
Pancake mix/syrup      Cereal    Oatmeal  
Ketchup Mustard rice  
canned veggies    canned fruit      Tuna  
Snack items for kids      Juice (non drink boxes preferred)  
canned meats (chicken/spam/chili)

We appreciate and accept any donations of food that are both unopened and unexpired, as well as gift cards to Aldi, Costco, Giant and Dollar Tree, and online donations through our site [www.stjosephbeltsville.org/give](http://www.stjosephbeltsville.org/give); then click Monetary Donation; and choose Food Pantry as the fund.

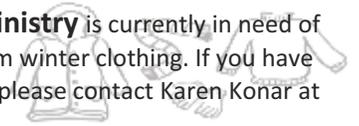
Thank you for your continuous generosity. If you have any questions please contact me at [kaylamariebohorfoush@gmail.com](mailto:kaylamariebohorfoush@gmail.com)

**Rosary Makers** has begun in-person monthly meetings every first Monday of the month after the 8am mass from 8:30am - 9:30am at the Cry Room. Everyone who is interested to participate and become a Rosary Maker is welcome.



**Religious goods cart** - Looking for someone who can run the religious goods cart. If interested email Johanna Stefanelli at [johannastefanelli@gmail.com](mailto:johannastefanelli@gmail.com) or call or text 301-448-6884.

Our **St. Joseph Clothing Ministry** is currently in need of women's size small and medium winter clothing. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Karen Konar at [konars@hotmail.com](mailto:konars@hotmail.com).



Synod is a greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up synod are syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey. The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the international Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join Fr. Rob for a parish listening session on January 15. More details to follow.

## Men's Prayer & Breakfasts with Father Rob

Next Gathering: Saturday, January 8, 7:00 am at St. Joseph Church

All men are invited to come to the School Multipurpose Room for breakfast after the Holy Half Hour.

Please RSVP to Fr. Rob: [pastor@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:pastor@stjosephbeltsville.org)

*Please see the flier on Flocknotes for details and all of our 2021-22 meeting dates.*

The **Christmas Giving Tree** has been a time honored tradition during the Christmas season here at St. Joseph's for as long as I can remember. Last year we weren't able to receive or give out gifts to our families at the Food Pantry due to the COVID Pandemic. This year, I am happy to announce it's return with a few twists. We are not asking for specific gifts this year, instead we are asking for gift cards, no more than \$25 each, from the following stores: Amazon, Target, Walmart, or a favorite store you love to shop at. However, we will accept toys or other gifts for kids between the ages of 5 and 12. We've found over the years that many of our families ask for gift cards and with the pandemic still very relevant in our lives this is still the safest option while still providing something special to our families this Christmas.

Please place gift cards in an envelope (Or a Christmas card of your choosing) with the amount either on the card and/or the envelope. There will be a box in front of the tree in the foyer where you can place the gift cards.

For the children's toys and gifts, please bring them wrapped with the age range and gender written on the packaging.

Gifts will be received up to Friday, December 17th. The gifts available will be given to the families on Saturday December 18th during pantry hours.

Questions, please contact [kaylamariebohorfoush@gmail.com](mailto:kaylamariebohorfoush@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continuous generosity especially during the holiday season.

Merry Christmas to All!



## COAT DRIVE

Each year Catholic Charities provide winter clothing to members of our local community. We will collect new and gently used coats that are clean and in good condition from November 2021 until December 2021.

*Here at St Joseph, drop off time is Fri, Dec 17 (1pm-3pm)*

### *Need a Coat?*

Our Coat Drive will be open to the public for distribution:

**St. Francis Xavier Church-Washington D.C.  
Multipurpose Room 2815 O Street, SE, Washington, DC**

Sat, Dec 18 (1:30pm-3:30pm)



## Faith Formation

Mrs. Helene H. Stever, Director of Faith Formation  
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### 2022 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

The 2022 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment was held with the Confirmation Candidates and their parents on December 4th at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Enrollment ceremony marks the beginning of a "journey of faith" for youth and their parents, who are in the sacramental formation process. It is a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. Likewise, it shows youth and their families that they are part of the larger faith community. The members of the parish community provide prayer and support which is needed for the children, their families, and their religion teachers and catechists throughout the formation period. Parishioners are invited to pick-up a 2022 Confirmation prayer card from the basket in the vestibule area of the church.



### Ask Fr. Rob

We are launching a new initiative encouraging kids from parish (School and Religious Education Program) in grades PreK-12, to submit a question for Fr. Rob to answer. Student questions should be sent to reled@stjosephbeltsville.org. Fr. Rob will answer one question each week.



**Question: From Andy, 7th Grade:**

Where did you grow-up? How many are in your family? Do you have a Christmas tradition?

**Answer from Fr Rob:** I grew up on Long Island and I am the oldest of four. Some of our Christmas traditions was waiting until Christmas Eve to put the baby Jesus in our family Nativity scene. Often times we would open one small gift on Christmas Eve.

A special Thank You to Dr. and Mrs. William Nordling for their generous donation to our Flower Fund in celebration of our conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph.



Envelopes for donations to the Flower Fund can be found in the back of the church.



walking with purpose

All women are invited to participate in a 9 week Bible Study group, starting Mon, Jan 3rd, 7:00pm on Zoom. We will be using a nine week workbook: **Beholding Your King**, studying Christ as revealed and prophesied in the Old Testament Click or type this link to order:

<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/collections/study-guides/products/beholding-your-king-study-guide>

For inquiries or to register contact Sarah Garcia  
[music@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:music@stjosephbeltsville.org)



## † School News

*Become part of the St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School community!*

St. Joseph's is growing! Announcing our new PreK-3 program! Full day program with low student to teacher ratio!

We are also accepting applications for grades K – 8. Come be a part of a diverse, Catholic centered community!

Please contact Joelle Taylor at [director@stjosrcs.org](mailto:director@stjosrcs.org) for more information or to apply!

We have positions available in our school

- ECP program (morning and aftercare) up to 10 hours/week
- Part-time middle school Religion Teacher.

### Christmas Mass Times



#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

No 8 am Mass

4 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant

5 pm - Christmas Eve Mass (Fr. Johnson)

8:30 pm - Choral Prelude

9 pm - Christmas Eve Mass (Fr. Rob & Fr. Binoj)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Mass at 10 am - Fr. Rob (There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass)

St. Joseph's 8th Annual

### Children's Christmas Pageant



All children ages Kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant at

4:00pm before the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Remaining Practices: Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm

St. Joseph's Church, December 15, 22

Must attend practices and especially the Dec 22, 2021 Dress Rehearsal

COVID Protocol: All Participants are to wear face masks.

Participation is limited to 15 actors plus two narrators.

For more information or to register, contact:

[Sarah Garcia](mailto:music@stjosephbeltsville.org): [music@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:music@stjosephbeltsville.org)

### Christmas Youth Choir

All Parish Youth ages 13-18 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Choir for the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Remaining Practices

at St Joseph Church

Sundays Dec 12, & 19, 7pm - 8pm

Must attend at least two of the three practices



COVID Protocol: All participants must wear singer style face masks. Participation is limited 10 vocalists

For more information or to register, contact:

Sarah Garcia: [music@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:music@stjosephbeltsville.org), 301-219-8142

## PUZZLE

Complete the picture.



# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • Luke 3:10-18



## GOSPEL

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.

## PRAYER

Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

## MISSION

The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.

## DRAW

Draw John washing someone in a river.

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