

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021



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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 26 submissions due by Mon Dec 13 (early)

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

Denise Young: bulletin@stjosephbeltsville.org



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." — Lk 1:41-45

Illustration by Rosemary J. Hill, 1997

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.

Names are listed for four weeks, unless otherwise informed.

Prayers for our beloved dead,

- John Condon, Jr.
- 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 (12/18) 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)
- Monday (12/20) 8:00am** [Fr Rob];
Rebecca Hunter (living) (Frank & Susan Hunter)
- Wednesday (12/22) 8:00am** [Fr Johnson];
+George Spencer (Mary Spencer)
- Thursday (12/23) 8:00am** [Fr Rob];
+Raymond Knoch (R & S Bodmer)
- Friday (12/24) 5:00pm Christmas Eve** [Fr Johnson];
+Jim & Marie Sheehan (Joan Sheehan)
- Friday (12/24) 9:00pm Christmas Eve** [Fr Rob];
+Ercole, Marie & Lisa Mossi (Teresa Mossi)
- Saturday (12/25) 10:00am Christmas Day** [Fr Rob];
+Josephine Marsanapoli (Marsanapoli Family)
- Sunday (12/26) 8:30am Feast of the Holy Family** [Fr Johnson];
Pro Populo
- Sunday (12/26) 11:00am** [Fr Macfarlane];
+Diane Loy (Bill & Susan Zell)

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.

Fourth Week of Advent

Fourth Week of Advent: Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the anticipation is building for the fast-approaching celebration of Christmas. We have been looking at Advent through the lens of Joseph—he too faced fears and troubles before our Lord was born. God chose Joseph to protect Mary and the Savior of the world. God may be calling us to take a leap of faith as we face the challenges/fears/uncertainties of our life this week. We have a choice - face them on our own or call out to the Lord for assistance.

We are invited to experience the love of Mary and Joseph, their love, courage, and relationship that brings Jesus into our world. Like them, let us cast our needs to God in prayer. Find time in the classroom of silence each day this week to speak to God, to speak to the Lord and share your heart with Him as Joseph did. Do not be afraid to ask.

Walking with Joseph has shown us that God will always meet you where you are.

The daily meditations for the Fourth Week of Advent are found on pages 105-135.

The guided video meditation can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn7tU3aVCwc

May you have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.



With a Father's Heart



Dear Parish Family,

First, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and holy Christmas. May the Christ child shower you with every blessing and may Our Lady wrap her mantle over you and keep you ever close to her Immaculate Heart. Please know of my prayers for you, especially at the altar at each of the Christmas Masses.

I want to thank Ludy Schneider & Cora Landicho and everyone who will help to make our church look so beautiful for Christmas. We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to help decorate, please come to the church on Friday, December 23 at 10 am. Your decorating helps us to ponder the mystery of Christ's birth in an environment that is warm, prayerful and uplifting for the soul, for which we are all deeply grateful.

My sincere gratitude also goes to our Christmas Youth choir and to all the children who have been preparing for the Christmas Pageant (both led by Sarah Garcia) and special thanks to Regina Halper who put together the costumes for the pageant. I also want to thank our adult choir and instrumentalists who have been preparing for our Christmas Masses. The choirs have spent many long hours to prepare such a beautiful arrangement of music for us. Thank you for lifting our minds and hearts to God so prayerfully and in the spirit of great joy.

During the week of December 26 I'll be taking some time away to visit my family in New York. I'll leave after the 10:00 am Mass on Christmas Day and will return on New Year's Day. Fr. Johnson will be covering most of the Masses in my absence with the exception of Fr. Macfarlane, who will be taking the 11:00 am Mass next Sunday.

A Prayer for Christmas

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Rob



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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

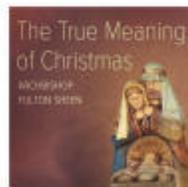


THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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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

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; 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

Visit from St. Nicholas!

The Religious Education Program Students were filled with joy with a visit from St. Nicholas to celebrate his feast day! St. Nick gave the children Blessed St. Nicholas Holy Cards.



The Conclusion the Year of St. Joseph on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8, began with the 8:00 am Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession through St. Joseph Regional School. The newly refurbished outdoor statue of St. Joseph & the Christ Child was re-dedicated at 1:30. All-day Adoration was held until 6:30 pm, then Mass at 7:00pm, followed by a light reception in the Parish Hall.



For Single Catholics

22nd Annual Epiphany Party at
St Raphael Church, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854;
Saturday January 8 starting at 7pm.

Includes Ledo's lasagna dinner, salsa dance lessons,
complementary wine and beer, DJ, and more!

Send \$21 check donation by Dec 28 to SCS Epiphany Party,
St Raphael, 1590 Kimblewick Rd., Rockville, MD 20854,
or \$23 by credit card at

<http://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=AJLD5F4VY43NE>;

\$27 cash, card or check at the door.

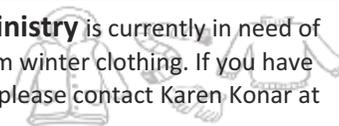
For more info, call 240-426-5589

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 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.



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

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.

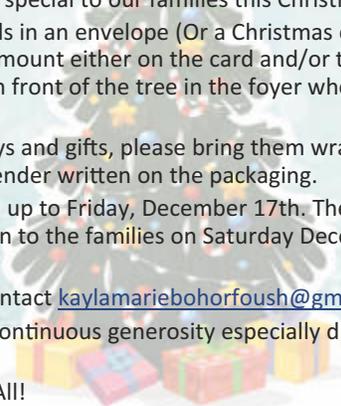
For the children's toys and gifts, please bring them wrapped with the age range and gender written on the packaging.

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

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

Merry Christmas to All!





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 encourage kids from the 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: Mikael, 3rd Grade:

What do you eat for dinner at Christmas?

Answer From Fr Rob: Growing up in an Italian family, we always had Lasagna for Christmas and it quickly became my favorite meal - so much so that I always had it on my birthday, too!

Papal Prayer for Catechists: Pope Francis has designated his monthly prayer intention for December 2021 for catechists. You can find a short video message [HERE](#) (online bulletin). I encourage you to join the Church around the world in praying for catechists. Be assured that we are offering the Holy Father's daily intention on behalf of each of the catechists at St. Joseph Parish: 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.

We are taking donations to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of your loved ones. Names will posted on the church bulletin board on December 23rd. 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



† 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 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 Practice: Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm

St. Joseph's Church, December 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: 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 Practice

at St Joseph Church

Sunday Dec 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

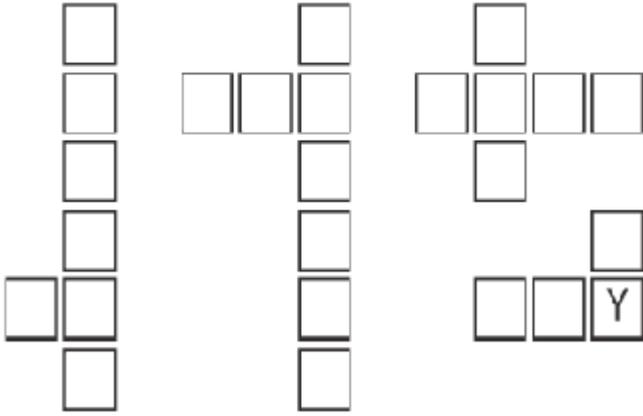
For more information or to register, contact:

Sarah Garcia: music@stjosephbeltsville.org, 301-219-8142

PUZZLE

Fit the following words from today's Gospel into the empty squares below.

The infant in my womb leaped for joy.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:39-45



GOSPEL

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

MISSION

You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"

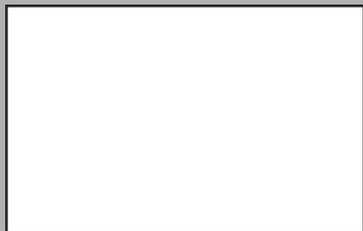
DRAW

Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.

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