



Welcome to Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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A Note from our Pastor

Dear Friend,

Welcome to Saint Joseph Catholic Parish in Taneytown, Maryland, the second oldest parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Our parish was established in 1797. The greatest treasure we possess is our faith in Jesus Christ, a treasure we wish to share with all people. We are pleased to have you visit our website and hope that it will give you some insight into our community of faith.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John

Archdiocese of
Baltimore



Mission Statement

As a community of faith, rich in history, we identify as our challenges a need for continuing education, evangelization, and participation in a community life. Our mission includes seeking ways to meet these challenges, which reflect our beliefs, lead our community to stronger faith, and renew our willingness to live the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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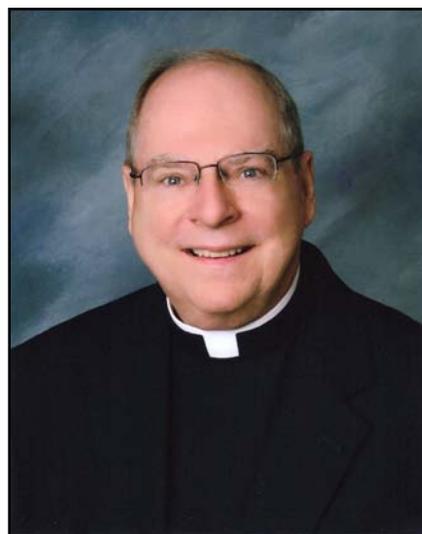
Parish Administration

Father John F. Lesnick

Fr. John was born and raised in East Baltimore. He attended Saint Elizabeth grade school, Patterson High School, the University of Maryland and Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.

Father was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William D. Borders on May 20, 1978. Fr. John did parish work for the first 20 years of his priesthood and then worked in the Health Care Ministry at Saint Elizabeth Nursing Home, the Little Sisters of the Poor, Frederick Memorial Hospital and Carroll Hospital Center.

On July 1, 2015, Archbishop William E. Lori named him pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Taneytown, Maryland.



Rev. Mr. Darrell Smith, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Smith is a lifelong resident of Taneytown. He and his wife Ruth, were married at Saint Joseph Church in 1973. He converted to Catholicism and became a member of the Saint Joseph community in 1976. He has three children and six grandchildren. He has been serving our parish since becoming a deacon in 1989.

Rev. Mr. Stanley Wise, Permanent Deacon

Deacon Stan is a native of Dundalk, Maryland. He is a WWII veteran having served in the United States Navy for 4 years and was commissioned to Utah Beach in Normandy, France. He has 13 years of college and has 4 degrees: General Education, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Gerontology. He has three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He became a deacon in 1980 and served at Saint Phillip/Saint James Church in Baltimore as well as Saint Matthew Church in Loch Raven. He has been serving our parish since 1996.



Mrs. Barbara Keilholtz, Office Secretary

Mrs. Terry Smith, Religious Education

Mr. John Smith, Maintenance

Mr. John Smith 111, Maintenance

Mrs. Deborah Frazier, School Bus Driver

Mr. Richard Frazier, Substitute Bus Driver/Bus Maintenance

Dr. Myron Bradley, Substitute Bus Driver

Music Ministries

We welcome you to join us!



Saturday 4:30 p.m. Traditional Mass

Photo on left:

Members back row from L-R,
Jerry Geary, Helen France,
Leo Krajewski.

Front row, L-R Fran Krajewski,
Elise Geary, Helen Gorman
(organist), Meg Herring.



Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Our Music Ministry reflects a variety of music styles and composers from traditional to contemporary. We strive to enhance the liturgical celebration with music selections that inspire and praise. Our current instrumentation is guitar, flute, and light percussion accompanying cantered, unison, and two part harmony vocal selections. Rehearsals follow the 8 a.m. Mass.

Photo top right: L-R, Jackie Dieterich, Helen France and Vince Perticone

Photo on right: L-R, Martha Oldman, Jackie Dieterich, Helen France,
Mary Lou Reynolds. Not pictured Jane McKenzie.



Sunday 10:00 a.m. Folk Group

In addition to the Sunday Masses, the Folk Group also leads the music on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day and the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve mass. It draws from a variety of music, including traditional, contemporary, and rousing spirituals. The accompaniment includes guitar, viola, violin, clarinet, drums and other acoustic instruments.

Front row: L-R, Isabella Garcia, Vinnie Caprarola,
Chance Caprarola and Elise Geary.

Back row: Linda Webster, Rosemarie O'Connell, Tom Nichols,
Joe Miller, Jerry Geary and Larry Webster.



Youth Choir

They perform at the Christmas and Easter celebrations and are directed by Mary Lou Reynolds.

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Saint Joseph Church, Taneytown, MD

Early History 1797-1899

by

Helen Arnold Gorman

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic church has served the spiritual needs of Catholics in Taneytown, Maryland and the surrounding countryside for over 200 years.

St. Joseph's had its beginning as a parish near the end of the year 1797, when Bishop John Carroll, first Bishop of Baltimore, appointed Prince Demetrius A. Gallitzin to become the pastor. A brick church had already been built by a Mr. Brooke at his own expense in 1776, and was being operated by trustees.

However, the history of Catholicism in this area begins much earlier. The colony of Maryland was founded in 1634 for religious freedom. When the Calvert administration was replaced by Royal government in 1692, the Anglican Church became the official church. As a result, laws were passed forbidding Catholics to attend public celebration of mass, teach or perform any religious rites, educate their youth or send their children abroad for that purpose. This ban was not removed until after the Revolutionary War.

In the early 1700's Catholics, chiefly of Irish and English descent, began to migrate away from southern Maryland, north and west. They were in this area by the 1720's. At the same time, German Catholics began migrating here from Philadelphia, Pa., where Catholic worship was suppressed in that colony in 1734.

Over the course of time, Catholics built or attached a room on their houses for the celebration of mass. These were known as "priest houses" or "Mass Houses". In this area "Mass Houses" existed at Elder Station near Mt. St. Mary's, at Conewago, Pa., called "Bear Garden" or "Garden Farms" and at Carrollton Manor near Buckeystown, Md.

When a priest came to the area, Catholics would gather at the "Mass House" for worship, baptisms and marriages. As far back as 1790, there are records of mass being celebrated in private residences in the Taneytown area by priests from the Conewago mission, Fathers Frambaugh, Brosius, Pellentz and Cefremont, S.J. Prominent among the early Catholic settlers hereabouts were the Brookes, Coskerys, Taney, Hughes, Spalding's, Arnolds, Boyles, Adlespergers, Diffendals, Gougers, Toppers and Riffles.

When John Carroll was made the first Bishop of Baltimore in 1789, the entire United States at that time was his diocese, a million square miles from Florida to Canada to the Mississippi River. There were about 16,000 scattered Catholics in Maryland. Baltimore, the largest city, had fewer Catholics than elsewhere. There was no organization. Many scarcely knew they were Catholics as they had never seen a church or a priest. Priests were very few. The Society of Jesus had been suppressed in 1773 (ended in 1806) but they continued their work without the Jesuit name. Bishop Carroll had about 12 Jesuits and a few priests from Europe. He resided at a cottage -- like St. Peter's Church in Baltimore which he called his "pro-cathedral". He did secure the Sulpicians from France to establish a seminary in Baltimore in 1791.

St. Joseph's, Taneytown, is the second oldest parish in the Baltimore diocese. The first pastor Father Dimitri Gallitzin (Prince Demetrius Gallitzin) was the son of Prince Dimitri Alexeivitch Gallitzin, envoy of Catherine the Great of Russia at the Hague (Netherlands), and his German wife Amelia, the daughter of Field Marshall von Schmetlau, who served under Frederick the Great of Russia. Prince Gallitzin came on a visit to America in 1792. He assumed the name "Mr. Schmidt" or "Mr. Smith". His father wanted him to travel incognito. Prince Dimitri decided to stay and study for the priesthood at the newly established Sulpician Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained March 18, 1795, the second priest to be ordained by Bishop Carroll. He was sent to Conewago, Pa., (the most Catholic place in the entire United States at that time) to assist the missionaries there. He attended Catholics in Harper's Ferry, the Winchester, Va., area, Cumberland, Hagerstown, Chambersburg, Path Valley and Huntington, Pa., traveling a 250 mile radius on horseback. After his appointment as pastor at Taneytown, he continued to serve these areas. He also preached to German Catholics in Baltimore.

One of the regions he served in western Pennsylvania was a place called "McGuire's Settlement" (50 miles east of Huntington, Pa.). Luke McGuire's father, Michael, was a partner of Adam Good, Taneytown tavern owner. Adam Good owned land on this Allegheny Ridge, which Michael exchanged for his interest in the tavern. Father Gallitzin was drawn to these people and asked Bishop Carroll to send him there so he could establish a larger Catholic colony, using his own funds and build a church. Bishop Carroll transferred him there in August of 1799. He served that area for 41 years and became known as "the Apostle of the Alleghenies". His coat of arms is found at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Conewago Chapel). The church in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., also bears a memorial tablet in his name.

From 1799 to 1804, Taneytown Catholics were attended by priest from Conewago.

In 1804, Rev. Nicholas Zocchi, born in Rome and ordained in Milan in 1797, became the second pastor. The parish records begin with his administration. He was noted for his great learning and remarkable executive ability. He spoke several languages and taught himself German so that he could preach some of his sermons to his predominately German-speaking congregation in Taneytown. Father Zocchi continued to travel on horseback to rural areas, sometimes traveling one hundred miles to make a sick call. He built the second church, "Christ's Church", at Westminster (then called Winchester). There were also missions at this time at Chambersburg, Hagerstown, Cumberland and Martinsburg, W. Va. Father Zocchi served Taneytown for 41 years. His funeral mass on December 20, 1845, was attended by Catholics and Protestants from all over the county -- the largest funeral at the church up to this time. In his will he asked to be buried in the front of the church (the first church faced toward the cemetery). There is a memorial tablet to him in the vestibule of St. Joseph's.

From 1846 to 1851, the Taneytown parish was served by Diocesan and Redemptorist priests.

In 1851, Father Thomas O'Neill was appointed pastor. He was born in Ireland in 1805, came to America as a young man and attended the seminary at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained in Baltimore in 1844. He served in several locations before coming to Taneytown.

In 1853, Archbishop Kendrick officially raised Westminster to the full status of a parish. However, Fr. O'Neill resided in Taneytown and built the rectory here. In 1861, he built St. Thomas Church, New Windsor. His schedule was rigorous as he attended all stations in Carroll County. He left here in 1862. He died at Mt. St. Mary's, November 21, 1894, and is buried in the cemetery there.

Father John Gloyd came to Taneytown as pastor in 1862. He resided at Taneytown. At the request of Archbishop Spaulding, he moved to Westminster as it had been designated the county seat. He built the third church building in Westminster named "St. John's". It was dedicated November 22, 1866. He remained at Westminster for 27 years. Taneytown remained a mission of Westminster during the years 1869 to 1879.

In May of 1871, Rev. R. W. Hazeland, a native of England, was appointed assistant to Father Gloyd and they attended Taneytown, Deer Park Chapel and St. Mary's, Union Mills. Father Hazeland was succeeded by Rev. Casper Schmitt in 1872. Then in November of 1873, Rev. John T. Delaney was made assistant to Father Gloyd. In 1876, St. Bartholomew's, Manchester, was added to their missions. In 1879, Father Gloyd retained charge of St. John's and St. Bartholomew's while Father Delaney took charge of St. Joseph's and St. Thomas, New Windsor.

In 1876, Father Gloyd began the building of the present brick church in Taneytown. The old church was torn down and a 44 x 72 foot church was erected. The monies for the new church were raised before the building began (\$4965 total cost). The building of the church began in June, the cornerstone was laid July 25th and the church was dedicated December 16, 1876. Clergy from Mt. St. Mary's assisted at the dedication. Dr. Henry Dielman, Professor of Music at Mt. St. Mary's College, presided at the G.P. England organ, now one of the oldest in Maryland. One of McShane's best bells rang for the first time.

From 1879 to 1890, Father Delaney served at St. Joseph's. He wrote an early history of the church and founded St. Joseph's School.

Father Theodore Mead served as pastor from 1891 to 1899. During his pastorate the church sanctuary was enlarged and the present sacristy added.

St. Joseph's has been a complement of the Primal See of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. It is a part of the marvelous panoramic history which in 1797 encompassed the original boundaries of the United States.

Covered wagons lumbered eastward bringing settlers and new Catholics to this region. These pioneers endured great hardships and made many sacrifices in order to practice their Catholic religion. Their faith was nurtured by missionary priests from Conewago who traveled hundreds of miles to tend their flocks. St. Joseph's has witnessed the passing footsteps of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the first parochial school in America, and Father John Dubois, founder of Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., whose priests have been ever present and served at various celebrations in this parish. It has seen the passing of the armies to Gettysburg in 1863 and heard the cannons of the terrible battles they fought. Our parishioners have served their country in all conflicts from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. This parish has sent forth sons and daughters to serve as priests and religious. The loyal and hardworking parishioners over the years have made St. Joseph's what it is today. "Truly an area where history marched and saints walked".

Liturgy

The **Liturgy Committee** meets on a quarterly basis to prepare and plan for upcoming liturgical seasons. It desires to instill in the community of believers a sense of adult responsibility for every aspect of the Church's work. The committee engages the community through helping develop a meaningful worship experience and to encourage spiritual growth. All are welcome to participate in the Liturgy Committee's meetings and to offer ways of improving our liturgical (public) worship. We encourage your participation. By participating in the Liturgy Committee you will help our parish find its unique way of making the prayer of the church its own. Contact Jim McCarron for more information.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic assist and distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during weekday, weekend and special occasion masses. They also visit homebound individuals and nursing homes. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry contact Tom Baran.

Lectors: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says the liturgy is “a participation in Christ’s own prayer addressed to the Father and Holy Spirit. In the liturgy, all Christian prayer finds its source and goal”.

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. Because the ministry of lector or proclaimer of the Word helps facilitate the public prayer of the Church, it is a tremendous responsibility to carry out. In imparting the Word of the Lord to the assembly, a lector feeds the assembly with the Bread of Life, provides nourishment to continue a life of prayer and to further develop a relationship with the Lord. The lector needs to be mindful that the Liturgy of the Word is a dialogue between God and his people.

Lectors must be able to proclaim the readings in a clear, distinct, expressive voice and be willing to devote time to prayer and preparation to effectively bring the Word to the congregation, Those interested in joining this ministry should contact Linda Webster, coordinator of lectors.

Children’s Christmas Liturgy is an annual event celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Christmas Eve beginning with a 4 p.m. concert. The celebration of the mass follows with parish youths ages three through high school participating as singers, lectors and with Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and kings in the procession. This 35 year old tradition is coordinated by Linda Webster, and those wishing to participate should contact her by November 1st of each year.

Folk Group celebrated their 30 year anniversary in 2012. The group was first organized in 1982 by Nini Hansbrough and has had many members over the years, including charter members Larry Webster, Linda Webster and Tom Nicholls. Occasionally the group does caroling and provides music for funerals or weddings based on group member availability. Contact group leader Linda Webster for more information.

Ushers and Greeters welcome people to worship, seat the parishioners when needed and receive the monetary offerings during collections at Mass. They help orchestrate the gifts brought up for communion and distribute bulletins after Mass. Contact Richard Koontz for more information.

Sacristans are chosen by the Pastor. The role of Sacristan is to prepare for the Liturgical needs for the Mass (pre and post Mass). There is a Sacristan assigned to each Mass. The Sacristans have two main roles, Mass set-up and Mass clean-up. A Sacristan also assists the priest with whatever details/duties he needs done. Contact the parish office for more information.

Altar Servers is a ministry for boys and girls grades four or higher. They serve the Lord by assisting the Priest at masses. Training is required. Contact Fr. John or Deacon Darrell Smith if you are interested.

Education

Religious Education classes for preschool thru 8th grade are taught from September through April. Confirmation classes are held for 9th grade and above. All instructions are held on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the parish school rooms. For information contact Terry Smith.

Youth Group is for grades 6-9. Contact Candace Houck for more information.

Mother Seton School: Saint Joseph Church offers free bus service and tuition assistance to Mother Seton School. Contact the parish office for more information. Mother Seton School information call 301-447-3161.

RCIA Process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) At St. Joseph Church we have had an active RCIA team for nearly thirty years. The RCIA is a process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith, the local faith community and way of life. The RCIA is a period of reflection, prayer instruction, discernment and formation. There is no set timetable and those who join the process are encouraged to go at their own pace and take as much time as they need. On average, the process takes between eight and twelve months. Those who enter the process are expected to begin by attending Mass each weekend, a weekly RCIA session, and becoming increasingly involved in parish activities. Please contact Jim McCarron for further information.

RCIC Process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). This program is similar to the RCIA program with the exception that it is structured for children grades 4 thru high school. Instructions start in September and end with the receiving of sacraments on Holy Saturday. At least four children are needed to start a class. Contact Terry Smith for more information.

Adult Education and Bible Study classes are conducted two or three times a year from 7:00 –8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in one of the parish classrooms. Classes run for six to eight consecutive weeks depending on the study materials, which will be determined by the group. Participants are expected to come prepared for discussion. Starting dates for Bible Study sessions are posted three weeks prior in the church bulletin. For more information contact Jackie Dieterich.

Marriage Preparation

Sponsor Couples: Our *Parish Sponsor Couples Program* is conducted by trained married couples who will guide you through your preparation course using a pre-marriage discussion inventory to facilitate communication and understanding. You will meet with your married couple directly at their home. Contact Bea Maggio for more information.

Other Marriage Preparation Options:

Parish Pre-Cana Program is offered by other parishes, we do not offer this program. Information will be posted in the bulletin when they become available.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends is an approved marriage preparation option. Visit the website www.mdcee.org to view the schedule and register online.

Archdiocesan Pre-Cana Conferences are workshop-style programs open to any couple. You will complete a pre-marriage discussion inventory to facilitate communication and understanding. Priority is given to couples from the hosting parishes and programs fill up six to nine months in advance, so inquire promptly at the Archdiocese Marriage and Family Enrichment Office at 410-547-5420. For more information visit the website www.archbalt.org, go under the heading family life and then marriage and family.

On-line Marriage Preparation Programs are available. Obtain permission from our pastor.

Parish Remarriage Preparation is similar to the Sponsor Couple Program, with additional attention to step-families and other special issues of remarrying couples. Contact Bea Maggio for more information.

Civic and Outreach Committees

Grief Support Group: Refer to the Bulletin for days and times. The facilitator is Patricia Ourednik.

Caring and Sharing Ministries of NW Carroll County Inc.:

Caring & Sharing Ministries is a non-profit ecumenical organization committed to transforming communities in Northwest Carroll County through the love and ministry of Jesus Christ. Caring & Sharing Ministries of Northwest Carroll, Inc. is comprised of clergy and lay people of the greater Taneytown area. Affiliated churches supporting our ministry are Emmanuel (Baust) United Church, Grace United Church of Christ, Keymar Evangelical Wesleyan Church, Messiah United Methodist Church, Piney Creek Church of the Brethren, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Taneytown Baptist Church, Taneytown Presbyterian Church and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Our Mission is to provide Christian fellowship and a shared community ministry through opportunities for religious education and local community worship services. Caring & Sharing also fundraises and provides financial and volunteer support for ecumenical ministries for the key activities below.

Our Key Activities Include:

- * Carpenter's Table - weekly meal program
- * Support for Local Food Pantry
- * Community Needs Fund
- * Good Friday Service
- * Thanksgiving Service
- * Vacation Bible School

Carpenter's Table is held every Thursday in the Parish Hall. A free meal is served at 11:30 a.m. to those in need in our community. Other churches involved include Taneytown Baptist, Trinity Lutheran, United Church of Christ and Messiah United Methodist Church. Help is always needed from 12:00-12:30 p.m. for clean-up. If you are able to give of your time once every five weeks call Diane Plazio.

Mission of Mercy started in 1994. Mission of Mercy has been providing free healthcare, free dental care and free prescription medications to the uninsured, underinsured and those who "fall through the cracks" of our healthcare system. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts Mission of Mercy every 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8 a.m. to 3p.m. Appointments are encouraged. Contact Maryanne Turner at 443-340-1000 for more information.

Carroll County Food Sunday is an outreach program of Carroll County. Food is distributed at St. Joseph Church every Thursday from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Call Ed Kirby if you can help with this ministry.

Right to Life/Pro-Life/Culture of Life are all used synonymously and committed to the challenge our Holy Father has put before us, to "defend the moral truth necessary for a free and humane society, including the fundamental right to life of every human being. In a special way, it means respect for human life from the first moment of conception until its natural end. As such, a "culture of life" opposes practices destructive to human life, often including abortion, euthanasia, destruction of human embryonic stem cell, contraception, capital punishment, unjust war, sadistic humiliation, narcissism, doctor assisted suicides and excessive selfishness".

Ministry events are posted in our weekly bulletin. Contact Vincent and Carolyn Perticone, Knights of Columbus chair couple or chairman Daryl Bruner for more information.

Church Affiliated Organizations

Holy Name Society (HNS) was formed by Blessed John of Vercelli to promote reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ. Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the church. The apostolate of the society is to assist the parish ministries by performing corporal as well as spiritual works of mercy.

The Holy Name Society of Saint Joseph Church, Taneytown is under the auspices of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Union which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012. The parish HNS strives to support its pastors, by raising funds at the

Fish Fry Fridays during Lent to help finance improvements within the parish, and to contribute to scholarships for seminarians and Catholic school students.

It has received numerous awards for parish Project of the Year over the past decade for its endeavors such as establishing the Trinity Gardens and renovations to the church, the church hall, and rectory.

Membership is open to both men and women who are believers in the teachings of the Catholic Church and who put these teachings into practice in their daily lives. For more information contact Larry Webster.

Sodality of Our Lady fosters in its members a devotion to Jesus through Our Blessed Lady that manifests itself in personal holiness and Catholic action. The Sodality meets the first Wednesday of the month, September thru December and March thru June. Sodality holds several parish-related events throughout the year. Some activities include leading the praying of the rosary, organizing a May procession which culminates in the crowning of the statue of Mary in the Trinity Garden, and sponsoring an autumn retreat. For more complete information contact Danielle DuVal.

Knights of Columbus Council 11631 was established in 1995. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age or older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community, and supporting your Parish, while enhancing your own faith. It is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Activities sponsored by the Knights are Sunday Breakfasts, an annual Spaghetti Dinner, Community Blood Drive, and Pro-Life charities, to name a few. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call the seated Grand Knight.

Parish Activities

Parish Social and Community Activities include Bingo, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Dinner. Contact Terry Smith if you are interested in assisting with any of these activities.

Funeral Luncheon Committee prepares and serves food in the parish hall after the church service. Donations of baked goods and help are always needed. Call Michele Kiser if interested.

Welcoming/Fellowship A Welcome Sunday for new parishioners is held at the 10:00 a.m. Mass once a year in September. New parishioners will be recognized at Mass and a reception will be held immediately following Mass in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Call Donna Dombrowsky for more information.

Inter-Parish Activity

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (Our Lady of Grace Conference) is an international Catholic voluntary organization dedicated to the sanctification of its members through serving the poor and disadvantaged. For more information call Allen Shatzer at 410-756-1214, or email: allen.shatzer@yahoo.com

Parish Corporators

The Parish Corporation is the legal vehicle for managing the affairs of the Parish and establishing specific legal accountability for those affairs. The Parish Corporators are the Board of Directors for our Parish. Two parishioners are nominated by the pastor and serve for a period of five years. Our Corporators are Angie Gerald and George Hemler III.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works closely with the pastor, who is accountable to the diocesan bishop for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. The Parish Finance Committee is a consultative body that assists the pastor in meeting these obligations. While the Parish Finance Committee does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process – sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus.

Building and Planning Committee

Appointed by the Pastoral Parish Council to provide evaluation of church needs and guidance on long-range planning, this standing committee is most active during special projects. The charge for this committee is to have a group of individuals comprised of, as broad as possible spectrum, of parishioners with respect to age, occupation, Mass attended, and related factors, to facilitate implementation, evaluate and develop a process of continual study, review and assess Parish functions and activities. The Strategic plan as adopted will act as the guiding document for St. Joseph's Church as it continues to grow and serve the parish community. Contact Terry Smith for more information.

Pastoral Council

The duties of the Pastoral Council are: assist in the pastoral duties of the church, act as an authentic representative voice of the individual members of the parish, act in an advisory capacity to the pastor by helping to identify the common interest of the parish, provide open meetings whereby parish issues may be discussed and acted upon, coordinate all activities, soliciting the advice and help of parishioners, collaborate with other religious and civic groups in working for the common good of the community.

Members

Thomas Anton, President	Joseph Miller, Vice President	Claudia King, Secretary
Thomas Baran	Richard French	Joe Gerald
Katt Grove	Devyn Houck	Gary Heimes
Donald King	Mary Nichols	Rosemarie O'Connell
Ken Rosanski	Alan Shatzer	Patsey Weishaar

We invite all parish members to attend our council meetings.

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from September to June.

Volunteering and "Shield the Vulnerable"

We encourage all parishioners to become involved in our parish by sharing their time and talents, thus receiving great satisfaction and personal rewards. Please come join one of our ministries.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires all volunteers in all parishes to complete the online course, "Shield the Vulnerable". It was established for the protection of all children and youth. For more information on volunteering contact one of the ministry co-coordinators or the parish office. For help with the "Shield the Vulnerable" process call the parish office, 410-756-2500 or Terry Smith, 410-756-6758.

Stewardship

Weekly Offering Envelopes are issued upon request. You can pick them up at the parish office or in the back of the church by the holy water font. Contact Barbara Keilholtz in the parish office.

Remembering Saint Joseph Church in your Estate Planning. Your gift is a concrete way of expressing your gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings and establishing a lasting legacy for others by enabling our parish to continue the preservation of our Catholic Heritage.

The Gift of Time: Each of us is like a gift package from God. Our combination of gifts is unique and not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth. These gifts were given to us so that we might minister together as partners in God's work in the world. Giving your time will be personally rewarding and you will make many new lasting friendships.

We invite you to join one of our ministries, whether it be in liturgy, education, community outreach or one of our church affiliated organizations. Please call the person listed on the contact list for more information.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)

Contacts

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(In case of an emergency and your pastor is absent, please call Saint John's Rectory in Westminster, 410-848-4744)

Parish Corporators

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Pastoral Council

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Ushers/Greeters, Richard Koontz 410-756-6943

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Altar Servers, Deacon Darrell Smith 410-756-2694

Music

Helen Gorman 410-756-2228 (Saturday 4:30 p.m.)

Mary Lou Reynolds 443-804-7309 (Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 1st and 3rd)

Martha Oldman 410-756-2167 (Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 2nd and 4th)

Linda Webster 410-775-7500 (10:00 a.m. Mass)

Education

Terry Smith, Religious Education 410-756-6758

Youth Group, Candace Houck (Middle School) 443-398-4365

Mother Seton School Information, Barbara Keilholtz 410-756-2500 Mother Seton School 301-447-3161

R.C.I.A., Jim McCarron 410-756-4425 (jmccarronjr@verizon.net)

R.C.I.C., Terry Smith 410-756-6758

Sponsor Couple Program, Bea Maggio 443-789-1480

Adult Education and Bible Study, Jackie Dieterich 410-756-4145

Outreach Committees

Right to Life/Pro-Life, Vincent Perticone 410-756-4886 Daryl Bruner, 410-756-3189

Saint Vincent de Paul, Allen Shatzer 410-756-1214

Grief Support Group, Patricia Ourednik 240-397-3490

Caring and Sharing, President Rev. Steve Ostendorf-Snell of Grace United Church of Christ 410-756-2302 (www.NWCCCS.org)

Carpenter's Table, Diane Plazio 410-861-6100

Carroll County Food Sunday, Ed Kirby 410-756-2500

Clothing Outreach Ministry, Linda Evans 410-751-1284

Organizations

Holy Name Society, Larry Webster, President 410-775-7500

Sodality, Danielle DuVal, President 410-259-1222 (danielle_duval@yahoo.com)

Knights of Columbus, Richard Castillo, Grand Knight 410-756-1340 or 410-805-9417 (20darkknight14@gmail.com)

Parish Activities

Terry Smith 410-756-6758

Funeral Luncheons, Michele Kiser 443-536-4681

Welcoming Committee, Donna Dombrowsky 410-756-2521 or 410-428-7248 (donnadm@comcast.net)

Worship Schedule and News

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. **Weekday Masses:** Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation:

1. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God-January 1st
2. The Ascension of the Lord-Observed on the 7th Sunday of Easter
3. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-August 15th
4. All Saints Day-November 1st
5. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-December 8th
6. The Nativity of the Lord-December 25th

Mass Schedule for the Holy Days of Obligation: Please check weekly bulletin

Mass via Media: Parishioners who are not able to attend Mass can watch a Catholic Mass on channel EWTN.

Devotions: First Friday (Sacred Heart) Devotions at 9:00 a.m.

Praying of the Rosary: Is recited 30 minutes prior to the Saturday 4:30 p.m. and the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: See the bulletin for days and times.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Celebration with Mass and prayers the Sunday after Easter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:45-4:15 p.m.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriage: Arrangements must begin 6 months in advance of the date of the wedding.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital, a nursing home, or confined to home, and wishes to receive a visit or any of the sacraments.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish family. Please register by calling the Church Office weekdays.

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be received at the Parish Office by Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Have a Change of Address or Contact Number? Please call the Parish Office.