

WHAT THE CATHOLIC CELEBRATE IN AUGUST

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce Satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His property. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize — for we recall that Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it." Our very consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary calls upon us to make reparation for the offenses that we and others have committed against her. The Church, in inviting us to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, implicitly calls upon us for this reparation. There is, an even more basic reason why each one of us owes reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: every sin of ours caused grief and suffering to her in union with her divine Son. For sin was the cause of that terrible day on Calvary when she, as the New Eve, shared in the torment of the great sacrifice, and, amidst indescribable pain, brought forth spiritually all the members of the Mystical Body of her divine Son. God willed that Mary should be intimately associated with His Son in bearing the burden of all sin; surely then, her Immaculate Heart, in union with His divine Heart, should receive reparation from us who have caused them such pain. If anyone causes hurt to even a very ordinary human being, he does not overlook the need to make amends. How much more do we owe to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. Most notably, during August, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15). Prayer of the Month: *Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: "O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ... (special intention)."*

ONGOING EVENTS

STUDY THE BIBLE

Sunday morning after 10:30 Mass until 1:00 pm Probe the Scripture Readings of the day. Question; share insights; consider applications for living in today's world. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!

EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH

Food Lion gift cards in various amounts are available every Sunday after Mass and in the church office during the week. The cards can be used when you do your regular shopping or given as gifts. They are as easy to use as a debit card- just swipe, go, and St. Joseph gets money! **Go to Smile.amazon.com** and designate St. Joseph as your charity and shop through Amazon as usual!

If you shop at Kroger – register your rewards card online at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter St. Joseph #82116 and the number on your card. The church gets money back based on how much you spend.

There is no cost to you for any of these programs! Kroger rewards need to be renewed after a year. You should receive an email with instructions. See Steve Ogilbee for more information about gift cards or call the church office about Amazon.

HELP THE COMMUNITY

Community Storehouse is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.

The Women's Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office. **DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables.** Items need to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Mas información llamar a la oficina de la iglesia al numero (276) 638-4779.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miercoles a la 12:30 pm y Miercoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar a la oficina y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesday –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Religion Education: Adults (RCIA). More information contact Stephanie Bailey at ssiddle13@gmail.com or call church office at 276-638-4779



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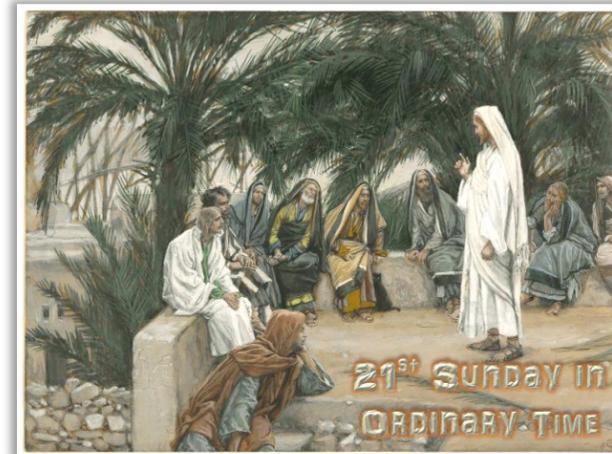
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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY- FRIDAY 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la Misión Parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

AUGUST 21ST, 2022 ~ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~



[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

LUKE 13:24

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

Tuesday at 12:00 pm

Wednesday at 12:00 pm

First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

Confessions/Adoration

Tuesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm and 6 pm

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

St. Joseph, Martinsville

Phone/ Teléfono: (276) 638-4779 Fax: (276) 638-2218.

Office Hours / Horario de Oficina:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount:

15 Glennwood Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. Phone: (540) 483-9591.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1st Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2nd vice Chair, Jesus Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, Thea Gutierrez, (Sandra Ruiz staff).

Finance Council Members:

Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris, (Pat Prillaman staff).

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, teaching as he goes. A question comes from the crowd; will only a few be saved, using typical Christian language about salvation. This is a concern for the Pharisees.

As usual, Jesus answers the question indirectly, and with a challenge. They must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow gate, because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about a door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them.

People from the north, south, east, and west will take a place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will be at the table in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the door, however, will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. This is all very sobering for the Pharisees. Do they accept or reject it?

The image of the door is the answer to the question whether only a few will be saved. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be. The parable is a prophetic warning, that repentance is needed in order to enter the kingdom.

The Gospel's message warns his disciples and us that salvation requires an effort. The narrow gate tells us that attaining salvation is not easy. The question will be raised; who can be saved? Ask yourself. The response will be different according to your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, our master and savior. Lately, we have seen many signs around us and so many things to distract us. Jesus reminds us that those who are his disciples and work for his Kingdom will experience eternal happiness and joy. For those who are not, there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Let's pray for our families, community and country that we carry out the mission of the Lord. "O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Father C. Lerma

8/21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Liturgical Minister
Readings 990	Schedule August 28
Processional ...	Lectors:
Psalm R&A ...	Barbara Helmick- 1
Gospel R&A ...	Dan Van Nostrand -2
Offertory ...	Thea Gutierrez - Int
Communion ...	Minister:
Recessional ...	Jim Grandinetti



Readings for the week of August 21:

- Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
 - Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22
 - Tuesday:** 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; PS 96:10, 11-12, 13; MT 23:23-26
 - Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
 - Thursday:** 1 COR 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; MT 24:42-51
 - Friday:** 1 COR 1:17-25; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; MT 25:1-13
 - Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30
- Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

- Sunday, August 21: Binh Van Doan+**
 - Tue, August 16: Joe & Ruth Stillwell +**
 - Wed, August 17: Dorothy Crum & Family**
- + Indicates the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey, Tia Jessup, Larry Wylie, Nancy Edelen, David Hall, John Engel, and Randy Grandinetti.

If you want to send a get well card please do it, they are going to appreciate it.

Nancy Edelen The Moravian Hall Square Apt. 2210 175 W North St. Nazareth, PA 18064	Marie-Bernice Downey Mulberry Creek Rehab Room #220 300 Blue Ridge Street Martinsville, VA 24112
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(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una petición, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia) Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? If you, or someone you know, would like to receive **Communion or anointing of the sick**, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906
¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado? Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el **Sacramento de la Communion** tendremos a Rosa Aguirre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

INTENCIONES PARA MISA

Si usted quiere ofrecer una misa a un ser querido por favor lléne el sobre correspondiente para la intención y deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta. **Haga el cheque a nombre St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Quizas algunas fechas no esten disponibles incluya su número de teléfono para ofrecerle opciones.

Collections/ Colectas	08/07/2022	08/14/2022
Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,615.00	\$ 4,615.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>3,669.07</u>	<u>2,837.78</u>
Surplus/ <u>Deficit</u>	- 945.93	1,777.22

Grocery Card Income 4th quarter:

- : \$256.50
- : \$ 102.61
- : \$ 11.38

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

The second collection for August 28th will be for **building maintenance**

La segunda colecta para el 28 de Agosto sera para el **mantenimineto de este edeficio**

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**

La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

DCC Dental Hygiene is looking for patients!
They offer **FREE** tooth cleanings, x-rays, and examinations.

Interested?
Call (434) 797-8424
Or see flyer on Bulletin and table.
 Foundation Hall
1008 S Main St.
Danville, VA 24541

Religious Education

Registration is open for First Communions and Confirmations classes which will begin on Wednesday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation 2 will take classes on Sunday at 11:30 starting on August 28, this to leave room for the other groups.
Registration forms are on the round table.

PLEASE JOIN ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR A

FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 11 2 PM - 4PM

FOOD | INFLATABLES | PETTING ZOO | FREE

The Fall Festival is coming soon!

There will be fun for the whole parish. Please plan to attend.

It will start at 2pm on Sunday.

IMPORTANT!!!

The Usher Ministry is in need of more volunteers for each of our weekend masses. The primary responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. Please look for us or contact Steve Ogilbee at (276) 224-8089/ogilbee@gmail.com

Announcement:

Please let the office know if you are moving so we can update your information. Try to alert us before you move so we can arrange for your envelopes to be sent to the new address or to be cancelled, this is so we can avoid fees from the post office for returned envelopes.

Thank you,

St. Joseph Catholic Church



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL # 6538

Sunday's Fundraiser for religious education raised around \$3,900 for our classrooms. The Knight of Columbus and religious education would like to thank everyone who came out to support.



A Knight of Columbus donated so we could paint the church. On behalf of everyone we thank you and appreciate your donation.

ATTENTION!!

The Knights of Columbus donated a new wheel chair for the church. We have two wheelchairs and two canes available to donate as well, if you or anyone need it, please see Steve Ogilbee or let the office know.



KOVAR FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to bring all your empty cans in bags to the church drop off. This is a Knights of Columbus fundraiser for KOVAR who help people with intellectual disabilities in the State of Virginia. There will be a location behind the dumpster. **CANS ONLY PLEASE!**