

## WHAT THE CATHOLIC CELEBRATE IN SEPTEMBER

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The month September is part of the harvest season, and as Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest. The Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. Neither the Immaculate Conception nor the Assumption will give us a higher idea of Mary's exaltation than the title of co-redemptress. Her sorrows were not necessary for the redemption of the world, but in the counsels of God they were inseparable from it. They belong to the integrity of the divine plan. Are not Mary's mysteries Jesus' mysteries, and His mysteries hers? The truth appears to be that all the mysteries of Jesus and Mary were in God's design as one mystery. Jesus Himself was Mary's sorrow, seven times repeated, aggravated sevenfold. During the hours of the Passion, the offering of Jesus and the offering of Mary were tied in one. They kept pace together; they were made of the same materials; they were perfumed with kindred fragrance; they were lighted with the same fire; they were offered with kindred dispositions. The two things were one simultaneous oblation, interwoven each moment through the thickly crowded mysteries of that dread time, unto the eternal Father, out of two sinless hearts, that were the hearts of Son and Mother, for the sins of a guilty world which fell on them contrary to their merits, but according to their own free will.

The September Ember Days were particularly focused on the end of the harvest season and thanksgiving to God for the season. Ember Days were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year. The ember days fell after December 13, the feast of St. Lucy (winter), after the First Sunday of Lent (spring), after Pentecost Sunday (summer), and after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, after the Third Sunday of September (autumn). These weeks were known as the *quattor tempora*, the "four seasons."

Prayer of the Month: **Prayer of St. Bonaventure:** "Lady, who by thy sweetness dost ravish the hearts of men, hast thou not ravished mine? O ravisher of hearts, when wilt thou restore me mine? Rule and govern it like thine own; preserve it in the Blood of the Lamb, and place it in thy Son's side. Then shall I obtain what I desire, and possess what I hope for; for thou art our hope."

Or visit Catholic culture at: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=12519>

### 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](http://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](mailto:ssiddle13@gmail.com) or call church office at 276-638-4779



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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.

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

### SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 ~ 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~



[Jesus said,] "... There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7

## 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:

Irma Harrison – Chair; Maria Ruiz – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Stephanie Bailey – 2<sup>nd</sup> vice Chair; Daniel Van Nostrand – Secretary; Jesus Sanchez; Thea Gutierrez; Suzanne Steele; Anselmo Diaz; Diane Aguirre; (Sandra Ruiz staff).

#### Finance Council Members:

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

**Pastor:** Carlos H. Lerma

[Caliche4123@yahoo.com](mailto:Caliche4123@yahoo.com)

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[Ssddle13@gmail.com](mailto:Ssddle13@gmail.com)

**Minister of Music (Spanish):** Isabel Edwards

[Edwardsmaria05@gmail.com](mailto:Edwardsmaria05@gmail.com)

## FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the ninety nine sheep to search for the one lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over one sinner who repents like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus than over the ninety nine righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Having found the coin, she also rejoices with her friends and neighbors. Why then are the Pharisees complaining? Shouldn't they too rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story, is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. We might even call this parable of The Prodigal Father. He is so extravagant with his mercy. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. Nor does he wait for a sign of our repentance. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice? The parables that we hear from Luke are an invitation to recognize that we are sinners and we can find joy and happiness in our lives when we return to God with an open heart, because He is compassionate and merciful to those who love and trust in him.

As the Gospel relates the Pharisees and scribes begin to complain because Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Jesus delights not in sins, but in the sinner turning back to him. He came to save us and bring us to the Father. Let's pray together for healing and conversion.

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Father C. Lerma

### 9/11 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings 999

Processional 712 **There is a Wideness  
in God's Mercy**

Psalm R&A 134  
Gospel R&A 133  
Offertory 529 **Hosea**  
Communion 533 **Remember Your  
Love**  
Recessional 848 **This is My Song**

### Liturgical Minister Schedule September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Lectors:

Irma Harriston – 1  
Gerry Lawicki – 2  
Betty Smith – Int

#### Minister:

Marilyn Cartier

## Daily Mass Readings

### Readings for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>:

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32;

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27

**Friday:** 1 COR 15:12-20; PS 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15; LK 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49; PS 56:10C-12, 13-14; LK 8:4-15

Or visit daily readings at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## MASS Intentions

**Sunday, September 11: Binh Van Doan +**

**Tue, September 13: Erin Silvis +**

**Wed, September 14: Maria Hoang – Thi – Tham +**

+ 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, Randy Grandinetti, Dick Croxell, and Lynn Croxell.

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

**NEW ★** : (All underlined names will be removed next month. Call or email to keep the name on the prayer list). To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. 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 Comunión** 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 08/28/2022

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto \$ 4,615.00

Collection/ Colecta: 2,918.29

Surplus/Deficit - 1,696.71

### Grocery Card Income 4th quarter:

FOOD LION : \$256.50

Kroger : \$ 102.61

amazon smile : \$ 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 September 18<sup>th</sup> will be for **Retired Religious**

La segunda colecta para el 18 de Septiembre sera para **Religiosos Jubilados**

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!

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Help aging religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously **September 18<sup>th</sup>** on second collection. [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)



## Men's Retreat October 7-9

Practical Holiness. Learn the practical lessons of Saint Francis De Sales on how to grow spiritually even amidst life's many demands. And in his words, "Be who you are... and be that well." It's October 7-9 at the beautiful Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC. Enjoy the Fall colors and the company of other men in a setting ideal for both group discussion and private reflection, with plenty of areas of interest indoors and outside. Along with several thought-provoking talks, they'll be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, confession, and spiritual direction. Plus great a dining area and well-appointed lodging rooms. For more information.

Visit [www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat](http://www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat),

Email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), or call 828.327.7441



IMPORTANT!!!



The **Usher/Greeter 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. There is **sign-up sheet on the round table** for anyone interested. You can also look for us or contact Steve Ogilbee at (276)224-808 [ogilbeeva@gmail.com](mailto:ogilbeeva@gmail.com)

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Bulletin and table.



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Danville, VA 24541



Time is nearing for the  
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry  
Celebration Banquet and we have much  
to celebrate this year. Mark your

calendar for October 11, 6:30 pm, and plan for  
you and your friends to join us at the New College Institute to see  
what God is doing in Henry County and Martinsville jails. For details

Contact Chaplain Collins 276-618-7179 or  
[Joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:Joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org)



### The Pumpkins Are Coming!!!

The Grace Network Pumpkin Patch fundraiser will begin soon.

Lots of volunteers are needed to help unload pumpkins on **Sept 24 at 9:00 am**

The Pumpkin Patch is open Sept 24 - Oct 31

Sundays 1:00 - 5:00pm

Monday thru Friday 1:00 - 7:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

Volunteers are needed to help sell the pumpkins. The times are divided up in shifts. This is a great way to help the community!!!!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call  
Sandi Teague 276-340-6288

### Grace Network food Partner assignment July- Sept, 2022, we have

committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need.

Our item for this quarter is:

**Assorted canned VEGGIES**  
(Spinach, potatoes, Veg-all).  
Thanks!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL # 6538

### COATS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

Bring in coats for The Knights of Columbus. The Fundraiser will begin Sunday September 4th and will end October 3rd. Coats must be new and have tags on them. A box will be located in the commons for Coat donations. Thank you for your help!



### Long-Term Care Planning Seminar

We will discuss challenges and solutions you should consider for you family with. We will go through what long-term care is and how the Knights of Columbus can help you prepare.

Date: September 21, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Webinar

RSVP: <https://sept21.abbatekofc.com>