



# St Joseph Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**From the Bishop's Pen...**

*"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted."*

*We see the devil's temptations at work in today's Gospel. We see the Lord Jesus tempted by Satan. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, a hostile and dangerous wilderness for 40 days. There, in the desert, Jesus would spiritually prepare Himself for His public ministry, and ultimately His passion, death, and resurrection, for our eternal salvation, by facing the same temptations that we face.*

*The devil knew that something was going on with Jesus, but he wasn't quite sure what it was. He wasn't sure if this was the Messiah that the Scriptures had promised would come. So, he decided to tempt Jesus, just as he tempted Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden., just as he tempted the Israelites in the desert where they wandered for 40 years, just as he tempts you and me!*

*Jesus turned to His heavenly Father for the strength He needed to resist Satan's temptations. He did not lose sight of His reason for being in the desert, His preparation for His ministry. Jesus' ministry was one of truth, love, and forgiveness, that led to His passion, death, and resurrection, and to eternal salvation for each of us.*

*Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Lent is our 40 days of penance and preparation for Easter, when our Lord rose in the glory of God the Father, after overcoming sin and death. We must confront our temptations from the devil, just as Jesus did in the desert. Jesus relied on His love and relationship with His Father to give Him the strength to resist Satan's temptations. We must rely on our love and relationship with Jesus to strengthen us to resist the temptations of the devil. Jesus, our strength, comes to us in the Eucharist that we receive at Mass. We are members of Jesus' Body, the Church, and He will not abandon us to the desert of temptation and sin.*

**– Bishop Roy Campbell**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends

Federal Gov't Closings

Holidays and Holy Days

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## MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Every Tuesday  
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm  
Benediction 6:45 pm  
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent  
After 8:30 am Mass  
& 7:00 pm

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**Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering**

\$ 18,054.00 March 2, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for  
February, 2025 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was N/A %  
of expenses

Faith Direct: February - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 817



***To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community***

*Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.*

**LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE  
SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!**

**PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgment for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: <https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving> to sign-up for **Faith Direct**, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

**MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are made in the Parish Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses.

**Mass intentions must be received in the office by  
Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office NLT 12:00 noon on Monday. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

**Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.**

**COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS**

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**MASSES / OBSERVANCES**

Sunday March 9, 2025

**Masses:**  
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Monday March 10, 2025

Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday March 11, 2025

Mass - 8:30 am  
Exposition/Adoration 6:00 pm  
Benediction 6:45 pm  
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday March 12, 2025

Mass - 8:30 am  
Confession / Reconciliation - 6:30 pm  
**"The Light is on for You"**

Thursday March 13, 2025

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday March 14, 2025

Daily Mass - 8:30 am



Stations of the Cross  
(AFTER MORNING MASS)

Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm  
Lenten Reflections  
7:45 pm

Saturday March 15

Confession / Reconciliation  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT;**

**Prayer of Identity**

**Dear God,  
Claim me as Your own.  
When I lose my way, remind me  
that I am Yours.  
When I'm plagued with doubt,  
fill me with Your love.**

**CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday March 9

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 10:00 am
- **St Joseph Ladies Auxiliary No. 141 Knights of St John Intl** (CLR 2) 11:30 am
- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (CLR1) 12:00 pm

Monday March 10

- **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (Virtual) 7:00 pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>

Tuesday March 11

- **Streaming of Installation Mass for Cardinal McElroy** (CH) 1:00 pm
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday March 12

- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Friday March 14

- **KoC - Fish Fry** (RR) 12:00 pm

Thursday March 13

- **Funeral - Earline Moore** (CH) 10:00 am
- **St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Rosary** - Virtual 5:00 pm  
Call in number: 848.220.3100  
Access code: 06241954#
- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Cantor Rehearsal - Denese Clay** (CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (Virtual)

Saturday March 15

- **Dr. Clarke Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR2) 11:30 am
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** - (CH) 2:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm

**Daily Readings for the Week of March 9, 2025**

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13  
/Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/

Phil 3:17-:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



**Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...**

*Cathrine Abrams, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Theresa Agorel, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, atherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Ebony Marble, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy & William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Loraine Moses, Madga Nelson, Nolan McWilliams, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Clifton Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Marie Savoy, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger*

**And the Recently Deceased:**

**Mary E. Proctor**

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY**

8:30 AM ROSEMARY SIMON †

**Tuesday**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

7:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM EVELYN M. COOKE †

**THURSDAY**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**FRIDAY**

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

**Sunday**

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

10:00 AM JAMES EZEIGWE SR.

12:00 PM TRAVELING MERCIES FOR THE MATTHEWS FAMILY

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Lent**

**Question**

Do you want to make this Lent worthwhile? What can you do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

**Answer:**

It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

**Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection**

**Gospel Question:**

We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil as he was preparing to begin his public ministry. **What temptation can you confront this Lent?**

**1st Reading Question:**

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering the story of their release from Egyptian slavery. This event defined them as a people loved by God. **What is a story from your family that has helped define you?**

**2nd Reading Question:**

Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to have a genuine faith in Jesus in both heart and mind. **As the season of Lent begins, how might you show others the sincerity of your faith?**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Question: What is the name of the first book of the New Testament?

Answer: (a) Matthew (b) Luke (c) John (d) Acts

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### Lenten Reflections For Our Young Parishioners

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

#### Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

#### Something to Draw

Draw Jesus praying to God in the desert.

#### Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS / SAVE THE DATE!

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Every Friday  
March 7th - April 4th  
7:30 pm  
Rosemont Room

#### The James C Fletcher Jr Council Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 14th, March 28th and April 11th  
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
or while supplies last.  
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ON THE DAY OF THE FISH FRY**

#### ST JOSEPH MEN'S RETREAT

Join the men of St Joseph's parish for a day of reflection, prayer, fellowship and renewal.

Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Holy Family Catholic Church  
Mitchellville, MD

The cost is \$40.00 per person  
Contact Deacon Kyle Simon

or see the flyer in the foyer for more information.

#### SJYM

#### St Joseph Youth Ministry

Stay tuned for our next fundraiser  
Honey Baked Ham  
in time for your Easter celebration  
Dates and Price will be announced

FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Why did the athlete give up running for Lent?"



"She wanted to walk with Jesus."



Lent is a time when we strive to bring our hearts back to better union with Christ. To really walk with Him and be with Him in all that we do. Whether in our fasting or praying, it's important to spend the season of Lent journeying with Christ to the cross and our salvation!



The SJYM  
extends appreciation for the  
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#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA -

You are correct if you answered (a) Matthew



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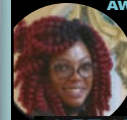
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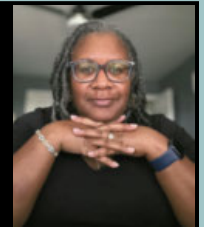
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