



St Joseph Catholic Church

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SUNDAY JULY 27, 2025 ~ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Ask and you shall receive."

Jesus was in prayer when His disciples approached Him. Throughout the Gospels we hear that Jesus prayed. He prayed constantly. Jesus, the Son of God, always prayed! In fact, He spent the night before His Passion and Death in prayer. The disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." They wanted to pray like He did but did not know how.

Prayer is our conversation with God. It expresses our intimate relationship with God. Jesus taught His disciples how they should pray. "He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.'"

This is also how we are to pray! To thank God for who He is, our heavenly Father, and for what He has given us. We ask Him to always give us what we need, the grace to show each other the mercy that He shows us and to keep us safe from the evil of the devil.

We must be persistent in our prayer. God never tires of hearing us talk to Him in prayer. He never tires of our asking Him for what we need. He never tires of us coming to Him, our Father, as His children.

In our reading from the Book of Genesis, Abraham was persistent in his prayer. He asked God to spare Sodom, first for 50 innocent people, then all the way down to only 10 innocent people. God was patient with Abraham. He never tired of Abraham's requests. Nor will He tire of hearing from us and listening to our requests. God always listens and God always responds.

Abraham's prayer is a model of prayer for us. Abraham did not pray only for his needs, but also for the needs of others. The needs of others, as well as our own needs, are at the heart of the Lord's Prayer. When we receive what we need in prayer, then we can pray for each other and to love and serve each other, in the example that Jesus gave us. "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

After receiving our Lord in the Eucharist at Mass, let us make all that we do a prayer to the God who lives within us. Let all that we do glorify His name by the way we love God and each other, by the way we live as Christians.

– 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

Tuesday Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday

Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm

Benediction 6:45 pm

Every Friday

Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass

Benediction 10:00 am

First Friday Benediction 6:00 pm

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A July 20, 2025

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

Our offertory last week was N/A %
of expenses

Faith Direct: June - \$N/A
Last Week's Attendance: 793

N/A - DUE TO COMPUTER ISSUE



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ PAGE 3

MASSSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday July 27, 2025
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday July 28, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Tuesday July 29, 2025
STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm

Wednesday July 30, 2025
**ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday July 31, 2025
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday August 1, 2025
FIRST FRIDAY
**ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH**
Mass: 8:30 am
Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction: 6:00 pm

Saturday August 2, 2025
FIRST SATURDAY
**ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP;
ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST**
Saturday Mass - 8:00 am
Confessions / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday July 27

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Tuesday July 29

- **Beginning Line Dance Class** (RR) 11:00 am

Wednesday July 30

- **Advance Line Dance Class** (RR) 10:30 am

Thursday July 31

- **Beginning Line Dance Class** (RR) 12:30 pm
- **St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Rosary** - Virtual 5:00 pm
Call in number: 848.220.3100
Access code: 06241954#
- **Denese Clay - Cantor Rehearsal** (CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Saturday August 2

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR1) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR 2) 3:30 pm
- **Landings - Session 2** (CLR1) 1:00 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5,
9-11/Lk 12:13-21

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

Daily Examen

Mini Explanation:

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

PRAYER FOR HOPE

Lord,
Restore my hope! Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew. Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.

Amen.

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

Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Anthony Akpan, 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, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, 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, William Musee, 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, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Percy Swain, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Eileen Thomas, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

And the Recently Deceased:

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM HELEN BUTLER
10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)
12:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

MONDAY

8:30 AM BYRON KIRKLAND
(BIRTHDAY BLESSING)

Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
7:00 PM THANKSGIVING FOR THE
NWANKWO FAMILY

Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Weddings

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Abraham questions God about how He passes judgment on people. **What questions do you have for the Lord?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul teaches the believers in Colossae that through his cross and resurrection from the dead, Jesus united Jews and Gentiles by their shared faith in him. **How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?**

Gospel Question:

Jesus encourages his disciples to be persistent and bold in praying to God. **Can you think of a time when God answered a bold prayer from you?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: What word did Jesus call God the Father when he was praying?

Answer: (a) My God (b) Abba (c) Father

Jubilee Year of Hope

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2025 College Bound Class consists of the remarkable graduates who have dedicated consistent service to various St. Joseph ministries. As a self-supported initiative, your contributions are the sole support of the College Bound Scholarship. Parishioners wishing to support the College Bound Fund may mail your contribution to the church, use Faith Direct or place your contribution in the collection basket or in the College Bound Box in the foyer

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO THESE STUDENTS...**

JAMES C FLETCHER JR COUNCIL CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The James C Fletcher Jr Council Charities are now accepting applications for their College Scholarship program. High School graduates who will be attending college in the fall of 2025 are eligible to submit an application.

**Applications are available in the foyer and may be
returned to the church office by July 31st, 2025.**

Contact Michael Akpan for information at 240 476 3100.

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make time to pray every day this week.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

SUMMER YOUTH CHOIR

The Summer Youth & Children's Choir
will sing at the 10:00 am Mass
on Sunday, August 10, 2025
All children and youth ages 10-18
are invited to participate.
Please meet in CLR 2 at 8:30 AM for rehearsal.

SENIOR PLAY DATE

Join the KC Ladies for a Seniors Play Date
on Tuesday August 12th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.
Bring your own lunch!
The KC Ladies will supply chips, sodas and water.

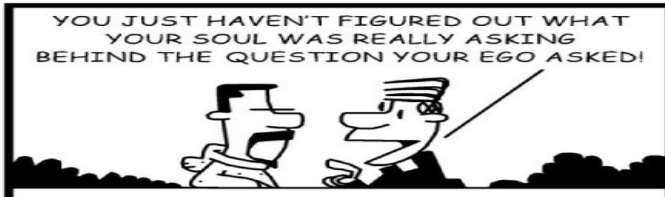
Contact Alicia Sanders or
see the flyer for more information.

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY RETREAT

Theme: Teach Us to Pray with Reverence
Fr. Albert Nzeh
Pastor Blessed Sacrament
St. Charles Borromeo Newark, NJ
August 22, 2025 - August 24, 2025
Cost: \$75 (due August 1st, 2025)
For more information contact:
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JUST A THOUGHT...

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Mini Explanation **CATHOLIC TRIVIA**
You are correct if you answered: (b) Abba

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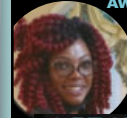
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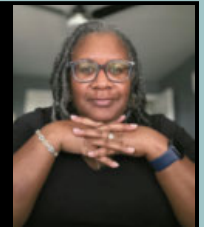
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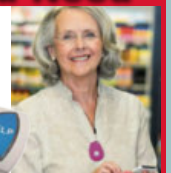
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