

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

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March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



Mission Statement of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish

We seek to provide opportunities for personal and communal worship and prayer; encourage spiritual growth and faith development; build our Catholic faith community through evangelization; reach out to the materially and spiritually poor and needy in our parish and community.

A Welcoming Faith Community

We are led in our faith by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

Pastor: Rev. Rafael A. Leon-Valencia JCL(c-910-228-1858)
St. James Parish: 252-438-3124
Web Site: www.st-joseph-church.com

Organist: Sallye Duncan
Cantor: Bridget Marlin
"Mass of Renewal" #93-101

MASS INTENTION

03/15/2020: Larry Marlin

Fr. Rafael has cancelled all activities of St. Joseph the Worker until further notice due to the coronavirus. This includes: Stations of the Cross, the Friday night meal, the Ecumenical Group, Adult Formation, Youth Faith Formation and coffee hour in the Narthex.

The Morningstar Ministry will be having a meeting on March, 28th at 10:00AM at the Parish House. The Ministry is asking the ladies of the parish to consider joining this ministry. We would like to schedule upcoming events that will be happening at St. Joseph the Worker. It would be nice to have different views on events.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to sign-up to clean the Church, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Ron and Holly are in the Narthex following Mass most Sundays with Scrip cards available. Many parishioners use these cards on a regular basis. If you haven't used them before, please give them a try. This is a fundraiser for St. Joseph the Worker as we receive a small rebate on each card sold.

BARN SALE

It is never too early to plan for the next sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020. If you have some items to donate, please contact one of the Barn Sale Co-chairs: Maria Kline 252-257-0720, Mary Loyd 252-257-4531 or Shirley Moffett 252-257-5386.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

03/18 - Alicia Whiting
03/19 - Zoey Riggan
03/21 - Bridget Marlin

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

HOSPITALITY

03/15 D. VANDEGRIFT, P REYES
03/22 M. ENSOR, J. RIGGAN
03.29 J. & P. SABO
04/05 W. ALLEN, R. WHITT

LECTOR

03/15 H. HOGAN
03/22 G. SHAFFER
03/29 J. HOGAN
04/05 B. MCWHINNEY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

03/15 J. RIGGAN
03/22 R. WHITT
03/29 A. WHITING
04/05 H. HOGAN, M. KLINE,
P. MCHINNEY

COLLECTION

03/15 J. & P. SABO
03/22 R. HOPKINS
03/29 N. RIGGAN
04/05 J. & P. SABO

ALTAR SERVERS

03/15 ALEXIS LOPEZ GONZALES
03/22 GABRIELLA VELA-LEOS
03/29 KRISTEN LABRA-FRANCO
04/05 ALEXIS LOPEZ-GOMEZ,
JUDITH REYES-GOMEZ

MARCH LINENS: P. MCWHINNEY

MARCH CLEANING: A. & D. VANDEGRIFT

MARCH SACRISTAN: B. MASON

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OFFERTORY 03/08/20	\$ 1,147	BUILDING FUND PHASE 2 03/01820:	\$ 200
OFFERTORY YTD:	\$ 42,134	PHASE 2 COLLECTION YTD:	\$ 10,944
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 1,833	GOAL:	\$100,000
SHARE YTD:	\$ 1,172		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 28 Morningstar Ministry Meeting 10:00AM
at the Parish House
- 31 Adult Faith Formation 6:00PM

APRIL

- 3 Stations of the Cross 5:30PM
- 5 Brunch Sunday
Youth Faith Formation
- 7 Work at the Barn 9:30AM
- 9 Holy Thursday Mass 5:00PM
- 10 Stations of the Cross 12:00Noon
Church will be open 1:00PM to 4:00PM
Passion of our Lord 5:00PM
- 12 Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
- 14 Work at the Barn 9:30AM
- 15 Adult Faith Formation 6:00 PM
- 19 Youth Faith Formation

PEOPLE TO KNOW

- Pastor: Rev. Rafael Leon 910-228-1858
- Deacon Rev. Deacon Felix Saez, Jr.
- Pastoral Council Chair: Mark Ensor 919-673-4361
- Finance Council Chair: Jim Sabo 757-218-5795
- Liturgy Committee Chair: Bridget Marlin 252-879-0029
- Morning Star Ministry Co-Chair: Maria Kline 252-257-0720
Co-Chair: Mary Loyd 252-257-4531
- Grounds & Maintenance: Rob Love 252-2574446
- Faith Development: Heidi Hogan 252-586-6828
- Parish Office: 252-257-5605

Spiritual Resources for Homilies

The following are excellent resources to preview each Sunday gospel. These Catholic websites often provide the homily on the Wednesday prior to coming to Church on Sunday. By previewing the gospel and different approaches to homilies, you can deepen your understanding of the Word of God. Saint Vincent Arch Abbey is a Benedictine Monastery in Pennsylvania - www.saintvincentarchabbey.org. Father Robert Barron is a seminary professor - www.wordonfire.org. Creighton University (also has daily reflections) Creighton University Daily Reflections - Online Ministries St. Louis University Center for Liturgy - to link for Sunday website

BAPTISM: Parents or guardians should contact Father Rafael at St. James 252.438-3124, at least one month in advance, to schedule preparation classes.

RECONCILIATION: Communal reconciliation is scheduled during Advent and Lent. For other times, please contact Father Rafael at St. James 252-438-3124.

MARRIAGE: Registered parishioners should make an appointment with the Pastor 6 months prior to the scheduled date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone seriously ill, anticipating surgery or weakened due to illness or age is encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please call St. James 252-438-3124. If this is a priest emergency, you may contact Fr. Rafael

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jordan Butler, Tim Cherney, Margie Farley, Lisa Fitchett, N. Joseph Foit, Jr., Paul Hefferine, Steve Maliszewski, Ashley Miller, Veronica Mullins, Brianna Moore, Shelia Paynter, Kim Peterson, Tom Peterson, Carol Prendergast, Harold Salmon, C. S. Scott IV, William Scott, Kathy Sheck, Erik Skow, Faye Snyder, Clayton Taylor, Mary Lib Taylor, Phillip Vandegrift, Kathy Vaughan, Judy Walters.

NOTE: If you have additions or deletions to this list, please contact the Parish House at 252-257-5605 or send an email to stjoseph@embarqmail.com.

Role of the Laity
PARISH COMMITTEES (continued)

March 15, 2020

Last week in this space I discussed the role of parish committees in general and two specific ones – the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. Today I want to briefly address the remaining parish committees here at St. Joseph's. I will briefly describe their respective purpose and roles.

Liturgy and Faith Formation Committee

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). These official words of the Church clearly demonstrate how important the Liturgy Committee is in any parish. A Liturgy Committee operates under the direction of the Pastor and is charged with preparing for all liturgical services to ensure they comply with the directives of the church and that they are celebrated in an appropriate manner. Specific responsibilities include preparing for the different liturgical seasons (e.g. Advent, Lent), preparing for Mass, selection of music, training of liturgical ministers and education of the parishioners. At St. Joseph's this committee also is charged with organizing adult faith formation whether it be via regular educational sessions, weekly scripture study or educational pieces in the bulletin. It has been stated by some authors, that adult faith formation is equally important if not more important than youth faith formation. Youth faith formation is led by several parishioners under the direction of the pastor and diocesan guidelines.

Morningstar Ministry, formerly called the St. Joseph Altar Society was changed to the Morningstar Altar Society and eventually to the Morningstar Ministry to reflect the broadening scope of this ministry beyond the traditional altar and sacristan responsibilities. This is a ministry lead by the women of the parish but is open to all parishioners. In addition to the altar / sacristan responsibilities, it also is responsible for the semiannual Barn Sale; serves as liaison with the Ecumenical Group in Warrenton; coordinates seasonal Church decorations (Advent / Christmas, Lent / Easter, etc.); and other charitable activities such as the Shoebox ministry.

Building, Grounds and Maintenance Committee is a committee that evolved from the New Church Building Committee after the new church building was complete. It has the responsibility of planning for and maintaining the facilities (e.g. roof replacement) and grounds (e.g. all landscaping) and planning for future changes (e.g. outdoor stations). In its role it works closely with the Finance Council, Pastoral Council and under the direction of the pastor.

As you see, there is much to do in our small parish. Once again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for all you contribute to St. Josephs and for your support. As you continue to consider how you can serve St. Josephs, please let me know of your interest.

Fr. Rafael