Mission Statement
To be a family of Faith, proclaiming and witnessing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, word, and worship, and through a commitment to respond in faith, hope, love and service to our own parish family, as well as to the larger community and world in which we live.

Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Contemporary Music
Sunday – 7:00, 8:30, 10:30 (Adult Choir), 12:30 p.m.
Regional Sunday Mass - 5:30 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues
9215 Old Harford Road • Carney, MD 21234
Daily – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 a.m.
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. & Saturday 8:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Baptism: Reservations are required. Check with the Parish Office for availability. One sponsor must be Catholic, both Christian.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on our high school youth. Please call the Religious Ed office for information.

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Eucharist or the Sacrament of Anointing at home.

Marriage Arrangements: Couples are asked to contact a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the marriage date. Marriage preparation classes are required. Call the Parish Office for information.

Confessions: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Religious Education:
Kindergarten thru 8th Grade
(2nd Grade is the typical year for 1st Reconciliation & Eucharist)
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Please call Religious Ed. Office for info.
We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. It is not just another day off; it is a day that our country sets aside for all of us to realize what God has given us. Yes, there are turkeys, football games, and shopping, but Thanksgiving is more. It is God, family, and friends. It is a time to give thanks. Take the time this Thanksgiving Day to do just that. Maybe, start with going to Mass. This weekend, take a Thanksgiving prayer card and use it as a way of celebrating our thankfulness. Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us on Thursday at 8:15 a.m. for a special Thanksgiving Mass.

God Bless,

Rev. Joseph Kranz

Readings This Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37


November 22, 2015

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

November 22  John 18:33b-37
24  Luke 21:5-11
26  Luke 17:11-19
27  Luke 21:29-33
28  Luke 212:34-36

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

November 15, 2015

| Attendance | 2,595 | 2,898 |
| Envelopes Used | 805 | 856 |
| Envelope Offerings | $16,940 | $18,315 |
| Loose | $4,022 | $3,920 |
| Diocesan Envelopes | $3,074 | $2,924 |
| Diocesan Loose | $755 | $768 |
| Poor Box | $1,618 | $1,216 |

SEWING GUILD/PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RAFFLE

THIS weekend!! Before and after all Masses

Wait until you see what our Sewing Guild/Prayer Shawl ministry is up to now and just in time for Christmas! We are raffling an exquisite handmade tapestry depicting a nativity scene and a beautiful afghan that was made and donated by one of our parishioners. Look for both creations in the back of our Church on November 21 & 22.

Thank you for your support!

Once you have looked after your loved ones, please remember St. Joseph Church in your will and ensure that your values live forever.
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY ON AN ADVENT PLATTER

Celebrating the “Holy” in the Holiday Rush

It is fitting that the Christmas season begins with the holiday we call Thanksgiving. We give thanks to our Father for all His gifts and then, toward the afternoon, when Santa arrives at Macy’s in New York, the Thanksgiving focus shifts to Christmas. We turn away from Thanksgiving for His gifts to THE GIFT of Jesus. Thanksgiving is like Grandma serving the turkey on an Advent platter; when the turkey’s gone, we’re left with Advent. All of a sudden Thanksgiving is Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ to grow in our lives. “When is Christmas?” “How many days left, Mom?” Slowly passing days and joyful expectations trigger this endless question in children. Gifts are carefully hidden from those who too eagerly search for what Christmas holds. Some cannot eat or sleep, impatient to know its promises. As God’s older children we also wait and wonder what Christmas holds for us. Too often we find ourselves eagerly awaiting only those pre-Christmas sales, holiday bonuses, and little more.

Advent reminds us that, as a people of faith, we are an expectant, waiting people. Long ago, others waited and wondered what the Messiah would be like. Today, we wait and wonder: What is Jesus in my life? Who is God for me? God waits too. He eagerly, impatiently waits for each of us to invite him into our lives in a deeper way.

This Christmas, what are we waiting for? Does Advent mean anything to us? How did we prepare for Christ coming this past week? What can we do while we wait this week?

“Do not open until Christmas” is another way of saying, “Wait.” For what, for whom? Take time this Thanksgiving holiday to be silent and alone, to pray to God who is also waiting for us.
Do you have 15 minutes to help make our parish stronger?

*We want to hear from you!*

We will be taking a survey that will help us better understand how together we can grow closer to Christ and bring His message of salvation to all we encounter!

In preparation for this, please continue to read and reflect on Archbishop Lori’s pastoral letter, “A Light Brightly Visible.” What do you think being a “missionary disciple” is calling you and our parish to do?

Visit the St. Joseph website [www.stjoefullerton.org](http://www.stjoefullerton.org) to take a short survey or take the survey that is in the bulletin at home.

(Please return the hard copy survey to church or the rectory by December 20th)

> *Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries,” but rather that we are always “missionary disciples.”*
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> *Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel), §120*
Please remember in your prayers the brave men and women serving in our Armed Services. Pray for them, their families, and for their safe return.

**Happy Thanksgiving!** Our school family wishes our entire parish a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving! We give thanks to our Lord each and every day for our many blessings, including this wonderful parish!

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- **IF** Baltimore County Schools are LATE - DAILY MASS (and Monday Adoration, if a Monday) ARE CANCELLED.

- **IF** Baltimore County Schools are CLOSED - DAILY MASS (and Monday Adoration, if a Monday) AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.

- **IF** the Baltimore County Schools CLOSE EARLY – ALL AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED.

- For Saturday 8:15am Mass, if there is SNOW OR ICE, in all likelihood, the parking lot will not be cleared yet; so we ask that, for safety reasons, folks stay home. Mass WILL NOT be celebrated that morning.

- **SATURDAYS** – Call main number 410-256-1630 X151. **IF** Religious Education is CANCELLED, basketball and other parish activities are CANCELLED.

**Christmas Flower Memorial Note!**

If you have a loved one who has passed away whom you would like to remember with a Christmas flower memorial, please pick up a white flower memorial envelope located in the back of church (if you are not an envelope user). Your intentions must be received no later than **Sunday, December 13th**. Please return your intentions in the collection or to the Rectory Office.

Are you or someone you know expecting a baby? We invite all pregnant women and their families to the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Unborn. During Mass Father Kevin will offer the Church’s “Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb.” This beautiful blessing imparts grace and comfort to the parent(s), unites our parish in prayer for unborn children, and fosters respect for all human life.

On **Wednesday, December 2**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, St. Joseph Church will offer a Memorial Prayer Service and talk by Dr. Pat Fosarelli: “Finding Joy When Your Heart Is Breaking—Holidays, Grieving, and Hope.” Light refreshments will be provided, so please RSVP to Becky Drigs by November 27 at 410-256-1630 or bdrinks@stjoefullerton.org. Also, please bring with you a symbol of the person who has died, such as a picture, or a small favorite possession. We will use the symbols in the service, and you will take them home at the end of the evening.

**School News**

**www.stjoeschool.org**

Thinking of a Catholic Education for your child? Join us on Sunday, January 31, for our Open House, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Let us show you our wonderful school! Check us out at www.stjoeschool.org, or call 410-256-8026.

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Don’t forget to set your scales back ten pounds this week!
SJAA Bull Roast & Shrimp Feast!
- **When:** Feb. 13th, 2016
- **Where:** UAW Hall on Oldham St.
- **Cost:** Tickets are $40.00 each

Save the date & buy your tickets in advance! Call Tim Coffman to purchase tickets - 410-665-9023

Boy Scout Troop 746 CITRUS SALE!
- **Navel Oranges** - CTN= $43  1/2 CTN= $22
- **Pink Grapefruit** - CTN= $39  1/2 CTN= $20

Order by **Dec. 13th**

To Order Call:
410-256-5508 or 410-882-0163

Pick-Up Saturday Dec. 19th
St. Joseph School Gym 7:30am-Noon

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP REMAINING 2015 SCHEDULE:

- **Sunday, November 29th:** No Youth Group. Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Sunday, December 6th:** Christmas celebration:
  - **EDGE** 5:00-6:30pm - Please bring a dish to share
  - **LIFETEEN** 7:00-8:30pm - Annual White Elephant Exchange
  Bring a wrapped gift to exchange ($5.00 Max)
  Please remember your donation for our Christmas Family!!!

Please note the Remembering Trees in the back of the Church! Join us in supporting local ministries this holiday season!

**Confirmation Candidates:** Your next Session is Sunday, Dec. 13th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Center! Your Confirmation Assignments are due at this time. Please remember to review and include the Assignment Checklist!