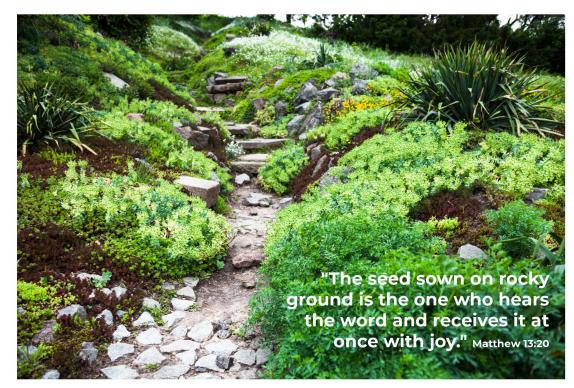
Saint Joseph Catholic Community *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* July 15-16, 2023



Clergy Father John Worgul Pastor *Temporary Parish Office Hours* Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Father Patrick McCain Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph Slattery

Entire staff listing at SaintJoseph.cc/Staff *Mass Times* Weekends Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm

> **Daily** Monday - Saturday 8:30 am

Reconciliation Wednesdays 5:00 -6:15 pm Historic Sykesville Church

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm Eldersburg Church

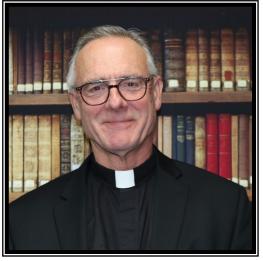
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From the Desk of Our Pastor

Gardening

Well friends, it is that time again when our Gospel takes us to that parable of parables, the parable of the Sower, just when our gardens are in full swing. We have said before that God is the first to plant a garden, and that gardening was the original occupation of our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. Can we imagine what it would be like to garden before the Fall and the curse on the ground that resulted in sweet and weeds?

Alas! The other day I was bending over pulling weeds with sweat running down my face, and I was thinking of this parable. Jesus is telling us that we have an interior



garden that He likes to visit, like He did with Adam and Eve, "in the cool of the day." What does your garden look like? Jesus, the Sower, generously disperses His seed everywhere. We, the soil, can be a trodden down path where the birds swoop down and peck away on our seeds (Birds symbolize demons). Perhaps we have a stony heart with little soil (willful and disobedient), where the seed cannot take root.

Who wants to hang out in a garden full of weeds? Jesus identifies as the weeds with anxieties and the lure of riches. Numerous things can give a gardener anxiety, like no rain, bugs, bunnies, and deer. But when a gardener sees weeds, he/she becomes immediately anxious – the weeds must go! Our anxieties are noxious weeds growing in our garden, some with thistles, other s poisonous, but always destructive to true plants.

As there are various kinds of weeds, there are various kinds of anxieties. They just appear! Some anxiety weed types are financial, relational, social, performance, political chaos, health, death and dying. Over time, if we are not committed to weeding them through prayer, Scripture meditation, and a strong sacramental life, our gardens will eventually be overrun.

What does God see when He enters a garden overrun by weeds? First, it is insulting because it tells Him that He is not trusted in here. God is a guest in our Garden; if it looks unkept and inhospitable, it shows that He is not really wanted. Second, God expects fruit and flowers, just as we do in our backyard gardens. After all, why have a garden?

Just as we must weed our backyard gardens by the sweat of our brows and digging out weeds, so we must work our interior gardens. What a joy it is to see a beautiful garden!

Yours in Christ,

Father John Worgul Pastor



This Week

Sunday 16th *Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time* Mass Intentions: +John M. Pauley, Jr, +Donna Marie Krupnick, * Kristy Keiser's 8 Godchildren

6:00 p LifeTeen

Monday 17th

Mass Intention: +Mary Murray 9:00 a Vacation Bible School 7:00 p Catechism of the Year 7:00 p Rosary for Life

Tuesday 18th

Mass Intention: + Peter Thong 9:00 a Vacation Bible School 7:30 p Rosary for World Peace

Wednesday 19th

Mass Intention: + Joseph Patanella 9:00 a Vacation Bible School 7:00 p WINGS

Thursday 20th

Mass Intention: + Pat Nolan 9:00 a Vacation Bible School

Friday 21st

Mass Intentions: * Kathy Lawrence

9:00 a Vacation Bible School 7:00 p Together in Prayer

Saturday 22nd

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Mass Intentions: + Julia Jones

11:00 a Family Rosary across the Parish Mass Intentions: + Theresa Avner

> * In honor of + In memory of ^ Incense planned

Complete Details available at SaintJoseph.cc/Calendar-of-Events

This Week. This Month. **This Year.** at Saint Josep Catholic Community

This Month

- July 23 Knights Social
- July 31 August 4th Summer Madness

This Year

(Mark Your Calendar, Details to Come)

- August 23 25th CDA Rummage Sale ٠
- October 7th SJCC Block Party
- October 7th Rosary Congress Begins ٠
- October 14th Oktoberfest 2023
- December 2nd Breakfast with Saint Nick
- December 9th & 10th Glyndon Area Players "Still The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time



So that there are no strangers among us... New Parishioners

We have a two-step process to join our Community.

 Please complete the SJCC Parish Registration form at <u>SaintJoseph.cc/Welcome</u> or at Welcome Desk

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all of the sick... Ann Clark, Rosa isel Jasso, John Washington, Jonathan Newgent, Maria Rios, Daniel Muffoletto, Michael Bye, Gertrude Frazier, Ellen Guyker, Lois Shipley and Family, Father Pat Tonry, John Bradley, Kevin Zynn, Jayden and Jordan Ferreyra, Valerie Kovacks, Emma DiMaio, Benjamin Hirth, James Cramer, Ed and Patricia Mehl, Carmella Campbell, Chris Comes, Angela Carol Ellis, Gabriel Jump, Martin Mee, Madlyn J Graham, Patsy Harris, Karin Crane, Raymond Layman, Dave Strohmenger, Lisa Sheredy, Henry Payne, Andrew Moan, Cindy Compton, Jackie McLoughlin, Robert Moan, David Swinston, Thelma Alemnji, Linda Briles, Gail Daniello, Beverly Brinkley, Dawn Downing, Deacon Karl Bayhi, Abby Cafiero, Lucille Perron, Doris Wagner, Michael Kirchner ... Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died... Alice Guggliotta, John Koenigsmark, Rosann B. McDairmant, Stephen Greenwalt ... Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

Look online for the most up to date list of prayer requests.

Please contact our Parish Office to add your loved one to our prayer list. All names will remain on this list for one month. If a longer period of time is needed, please let us know.

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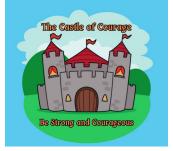
After all Masses the weekend of August 5th and 6th August 8th or August 17th | 7:00 pm Classroom 11

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WEEKLY GIVING

July 1 & 2, 2023			July 8 & 9, 2023		
	Actual FY24	Actual FY23		Actual FY24	Actual FY23
Envelopes (168)	\$ 10,113	\$ 15,288	Envelopes (153)	\$ 11,428	\$ 14,352
EFT– Faith Direct ()	\$9,226	\$ 9,100	EFT- Faith Direct ()	\$9,256	\$ 9,190
Loose	\$ 2,569	\$ 2,027	Loose	\$ 2,419	\$ 1,973
Total for the week	\$ 21,908	\$26,415	Total for the week	\$ 23.103	\$ 25,515
Poor Box	\$ 1,344		Poor Box	\$ 1,772	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,249		Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,229	
Second Collection: Peters Pence	\$2,190				
	+Faith Direct not available			+Faith Direct not available	
Mass Attendance	1,003		Mass Attendance	1,150	



Please keep the participants and leaders of Vacation Bible School in your prayers this week. Pray for a successful and fulfilling week that brings our children closer to Christ.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a consultative body that serves the Pastor. The PPC conducts research and investigates matters that are of importance to the Pastor. It reviews and updates the Parish Pastoral Plan as needed. <u>SaintJoseph.cc/About-Us/PPC</u> Meetings are held bi-monthly, and minutes are available on the website.

Father John Worgul | Pastor Terry Morse | Chairman Rachel Wandishin | Vice Chair Ernest Tucker | Secretary Minta Davis | At Large Member Jane Miller | At Large Member Margaret Patrick | At Large Member Kathy Reid | At Large Member Joselle Ruddle | At Large Member Mark Steinbrunner | At Large Member

Mission Council

The Mission Council are members assigned to implement the Parish Plan and act as a liaison between the ministry staff and the SJCC ministries. SaintJoseph.cc/About-Us/Mission-Council

Tony Gioio | Chairman Kim Fleming | Evangelization Chair Steve Cox | Liturgy Director Lucy Lyles | Liturgy Chair Lauren Glass | Mission Support Co- Director Thomas Schwartz | Mission Support Co-Director Elena Hodgkiss | Mission Support Chair Cathy Nusbaum | Secretary

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission is responsible for forecasting, keeping track of, and reporting the parish's financial status. The Finance Commission helps the pastor in all major expenditure decisions. SaintJoseph.cc/About-Us/Finance-Commission

Nick Nutting | Chairman Rachael Rau | Vice Chair Dave Dolinsky | Secretary Matt Anthony

Corporators

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