

FROM THE RECTOR...

WAKE UP...STRETCH THOSE NERVES!



When I was a growing up Labor Day was the end of a carefree summer of sleeping in late, special treats for breakfast and hanging out with friends. School would start again in the next day or two...time to get ready for classes, pop quizzes and homework...time to "wake up...stretch those nerves!"

Hymn #577 (Hymnal 1940) *Awake, my soul, stretch ev'ry nerve*, is based on Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians:

"I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course, my brothers, I really do not think I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above." (Philippians 3.12-14)

Times have changed...schools no longer wait until after Labor Day to begin classes...but we can learn from what our friend Paul teaches us. Whether it's school, our jobs, or sports...we have to work hard if we want to be good at what we do. If we miss the mark...we don't give up. We keep going! This is especially true of our work as the Church...God's people! Daily prayer is a starting point!

Saint Paul compares our lives in Christ to running a race...with a major difference. The athletes of Paul's time won a crown of laurel leaves...but even with their hours of practice...there was no guarantee they would win the top prize...or any prize at all. Even the crown of laurel leaves would eventually dry up and become a faded memory.

The grand prize for us is a "crown of life" in heaven...it's not a prize we can earn through our own efforts...it's a prize Jesus won for us on the cross...we already have the grand prize...we will get to claim it in heaven.

But this is no time to be lazy. There is no such thing as a day off from being God's people or doing the work he wants us to do. So let's...**WAKE UP...STRETCH THOSE NERVES!** Let's get busy. Our work has only just begun!

Father Craig Looney+

SPEAKING OF CHURCH...



Now that summer is over and many of us will be doing less traveling...here are some very good reasons for the WHY of Church...

...Joy...Love...Christ...Peace...Worship...God...Prayer... Faith...Music...Socialize...Savior...Community...Togetherness...Direction...Family...Scriptures...Truth...Strength... Learn...Prosper...Hope...Grow...LIVE...

...Why Church? Because the Church is the people...and without the people...the Church isn't!

VESTRY MEETING...



The Vestry will meet on Sunday 16 September following coffee and fellowship time. The goal is to commence the meeting at 10:30 AM.

We will meet in the classroom across from the Rector's Office. On the Sundays Vestry meetings are held...the Discussion Group will not meet. Regular Vestry meetings are open to all interested parishioners.

ALTAR GUILD...

We have three dedicated ladies who take care of the linens and priests' vestments and prepare the Altar for Mass. New members are always welcome. Why not consider serving God as a member of the Altar Guild...perhaps once per month. No experience is necessary...just the desire to serve God in this important task. Training is provided.



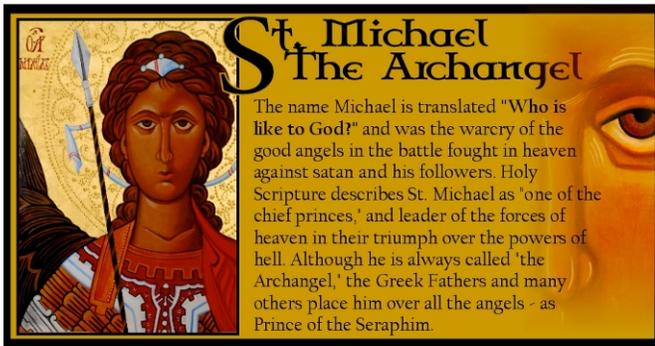
CALL PRIMROSE...



September is "Medicine Cabinet" month for CALL Primrose: toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant and soap, regular or travel sizes are needed. October is "Canned Chili" month for CALL. Low-sodium varieties of canned

chili, stews or hearty soups are preferred. Please bring any of the items for September and October to Sunday Mass and we will deliver them to CALL.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS...



Saturday 29 September is the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 251-252*). Its institution goes back to 5th Century Rome.

Michael and Gabriel are the only archangels mentioned by name in the canonical books of Scripture. Archangels Rafael and Uriel are referred to in the Old Testament Apocrypha. The word 'angel' literally means 'messenger'.

Angels are often depicted in art having wings and a halo and of extreme beauty. Human beings are startled by their appearance and must first be told not to be afraid.

Angels serve God and protect human beings. Michael's name is invoked when a house or other building is blessed.

We will observe the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels on Sunday 30 September at the 9:00 AM Parish Mass.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS...

Always a fun and instructive event in the life of Saint Joseph Parish is our Annual Blessing of Animals for Saint Francis' Day (transferred to Sunday 7 October this year). Parishioners are invited to bring their animal friends to the 9:00 AM Parish Mass. The Blessing of Animals will take in the Saint Francis Garden at 10:30 AM. Photos, stuffed toy animals and statues of animals will also be blessed.



FOR ALL THE SAINTS...



All Saints' Day (1 November) falls on the first Thursday in November this year. We will transfer the observance of All Saints' Day to the previous Sunday 28 October.

All Saints' Day celebrates and honors **all** Saints...known and unknown...living and dead. Within Catholic Christianity we celebrate the powerful spiritual bond that exists between those in heaven (the "Church Triumphant") and the living (the "Church Militant").

The Collect for All Saints' Day sums up beautifully why we can rightly consider All Saints' Day "our day". It reminds us God has bound us together in one communion and fellowship that includes **all** Saints living and dead. We ask God to help us follow their examples, so like them we may experience the "unspeakable joys" that await us in heaven.

2018 PARISH DIRECTORY...

The 2018 Saint Joseph Parish Directory will be distributed after the 9:00 AM Parish Mass on Sunday 7 October. Parishioners who are not able to attend Mass will receive their copy by mail.



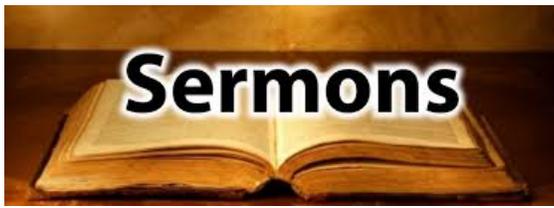
Your help is needed in keeping the Parish Directory up-to-date. Corrections, additions or deletions to the Directory must be received in the Parish Office not later than 30 September. Every effort is made to be accurate...inevitably mistakes can and will occur...for which the Editor apologizes in advance.

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?



Do you have a news article or a perhaps a recipe for a tasty casserole you would like to appear in *The Parish Times*? Such contributions are welcome, subject to available space and approval by the Rector. All news articles submitted for publication in *The Parish Times* must conform to the Parish's strict policy of avoiding partisan politics...whether Church or secular.

MISS A SERMON?



All sermons are posted on the Saint Joseph Parish website. We post sermons as soon as possible...normally within a day or two...after each Sunday and Holy Day.

You may access sermons by going to the Saint Joseph Parish website www.saintjosephparish.net and clicking on the Sermon Archive button on the left side of the Front Page. Sermons are archived on the Sermon Page by year.

Click on the Year (for example 2018) and choose from the List of Sermons. You have the option of printing sermons if you wish.

Parishioners may also pick up a copy of the previous week's sermon on the table in the back of the church.

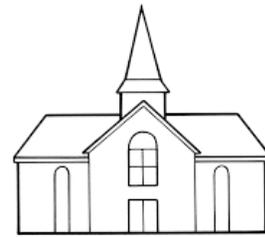
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...



Saint Joseph Parish has a Facebook page and it was recently updated with photos of Archbishop Mark Haverland's visit to the parish on Whitsunday and our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Father Looney reports recent activity includes 29 "likes" and no "dislikes". He requests our readers not use Facebook to communicate with him directly. He prefers you contact him by phone at the Parish Office or in an emergency on his cell phone.

**The Church is not a building.
It's the people.**

- Acts 8:3
- Acts 12:5
- 1 Cor. 3:9
- 1 Peter 2:5



A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH

O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS — 9:00 AM SUNG MASS & SERMON
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS/HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR

THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM: We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.



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