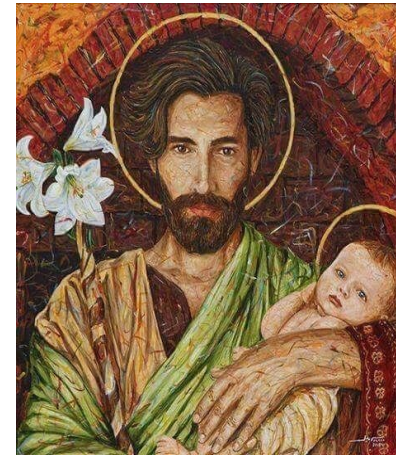


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Office Admin: Maryann Clancy

## Parish Information

### Mass Times

#### Weekday

Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 6:30PM  
(Rosary Recited before these masses)

#### Weekend

Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

### Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00AM to 4:00PM

### Parish & Community Groups

C.W.L. / Annette Dunford  
K. of C. / Ray Johnston

### Music Ministry /

Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson

### Cemetery Board /

Bob Condon 705-772-6071

### Hall Rental / Contact Parish Office

**St. Joseph's School / 705-652-3961,**  
Principal, Mark Collins

### Reception of Sacraments

Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior  
Baptism / call parish office  
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM  
Home Communion upon request.

## The Kingdom of God is like ...

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The one central message for Jesus was the Kingdom of God/Heaven, appearing no less than 53 times, most often in the form of a parable. The parable is a **short fictional story** that speaks on a religious attitude or moral belief. These stories are succinct, using few characters, and are generally focused on one specific lesson they want to teach or moral they want to promote. Parables use literary devices such as similes, metaphors, and symbolism in order to convey their meaning. They do not hand you the meaning, but are meant to draw you in, inviting one to ponder what is being asked of them to now consider from a different perspective.

Perhaps the reason he chooses to use parables when attempting to teach about the kingdom of God, was because the people already had in mind what the kingdom of God looked like and how it ought to function. They understood this kingdom to be like any other kingdom on earth, with one difference: they would now hold all the power, never oppressed by another ever again, and their enemies would answer to them. They would of course have a mighty and powerful ruler, that none of their enemies could withstand. It was their time, that would never come to an end, to rule over all others. Jesus, however, had a very different view on this.

Not once, through his use of parables about the kingdom of God, does he speak about subjecting others to a military power and regime. In fact, he does not speak about ruling over others in any form. He does not demand peoples unwavering loyalty and support to him through conformity or uniformity. On the contrary, he will through the parables, invite people to become critical thinkers. To investigate the deeper meaning of his parables, and then consider the implications of what he is suggesting. Basically, Jesus was giving us a glimpse of the nature and being of God, and how we could potentially allow this awareness to inform our thoughts, words and actions. Often when the people grasped what Jesus was suggesting, most of them walked away from him and never looked back. While the few who wrestled with this new wisdom and vision, were changed beyond imagination and description. It is about reading the parables through the lens of the soul.



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**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
June 15th/16th



"There exists only the present instant... a Now which always and without end is itself new"

*Meister Eckhart*

**"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."** Psalm 122.1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on the **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time!** To our visitors, you may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again. Peace and Good Will.

**Mass Intentions Week of June 17th - 23rd**

**Tuesday, June 18th, 8:30am**

Intentions of Fr. Randy Foster by CWL

**Wednesday, June 19th, 8:30am**

+Dan Sheehan & Deceased Family by Helen Sheehan & Family

**Thursday, June 20th, 9:15am**

School Mass

**Friday, June 21st, 8:30am**

+Mary Ann Heffernan by the Barry Family

**Saturday, June 22nd, 5:00pm**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 23rd, 10:00am**

+Jessica Fitzgerald by Bob & Maureen Sullivan

+Elinor Fitzgerald by Fred Fitzgerald & Family

**Parish Stewardship Collection - June 8th/9th**

You generously gave **\$2,436.00** which includes **\$858.00** from the Pre-Authorized Giving.

Your love of this parish community is in keeping with your forefathers and foremothers hard work and service that built this parish. Today, you help to keep it alive and thriving through your time, talent, and donations. Thank you for choosing to keep this faith community thriving.

**Liturgical Ministry Sat. 5:00pm Mass Suu 10:00am Mass**

**Lector**

June 15th/16th	Bob Condon	Brian Moloney
June 22nd/23rd	Michelle Towns	Joanne Armstrong

**Eucharistic Minister**

June 15th/16th	Dcn Paul Dunford	Dcn Paul Dunford
June 22nd/23rd	Bob Condon	Rosemary Towns

**Ushers**

June 15th/16th	Murray Carlow	John Sullivan
June 22nd/23rd	Barry Condon	Jim Holland

**Cleaners**

Week of June 17th	Joyce Manser & Jill Scott
Week of June 24th	Marian Coughlin & Marian Leahy

**Counters**

June 18th	Mike Towns, Jim Holland & Marian Coughlin
June 25th	Pawel & Ingrid Zbieranowski, & Dorothy Perdue

*A community that is concerned for the least, can move mountains!*

**Fr. Randy Foster** will be returning Monday, June 17th, to resume his role as the Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. He is looking forward to returning to this community, and is grateful for all the prayerful support you gave him over the past few months. Together may we continue to build up and enliven our community through prayer and acts of kindness. Thank you.



The BLESSED MOTHER Candle burns the week of June 15th - 22nd, for a Special Intention of the Scott Family.

The ST. JOSEPH Candle burns the week of June 15th - 22nd, for Fr. Edmund Munroe Scott by Michael and Rosemary Towns

If you wish to have an intention offered for yourself, or a loved one, please contact the office to make arrangements to reserve a candle. Peace and Stillness.

**Priest Benefit Fund Collection**

**It is this weekend, June 15th/16th.** Your generous support may help ensure our retired priests, who have served in this Diocese, will be able to live a respectful and modest retirement with peace of mind.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

**Fund Raiser for SINGLE MOMS ~ LIFE HOUSE**

This event will take place, Saturday June 29th, beginning at 6:00PM, in the Parish Hall. This caring organization is concerned for the well-being of single moms. They work with them through a potential difficult and challenging time in their lives. What is raised, goes entirely to those who are in most need. Please come out and show your support. Peace and Good will.

**PRAYING FOR and WITH  
OUR LOVED ONES**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died, and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.

Let us keep in our prayers those in Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences or are shut-ins.

In a special way, let us pray for the health and well being of **Jack Holland, Joe Ross, David Rundle, & Patti Simmons.**

Dear God, I lift up my loved one to you today and ask for your healing touch. I ask that you would surround them with your love and healing power, bring them relief from their pain and comfort to their heart. I trust in your goodness and your faithfulness and know that you are able to do more than we can imagine. Amen



"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

*Matthew 18.3-4*

**Father's Day Prayer**

God our Father,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers,  
newly embracing their vocations;  
May they find the courage and  
perseverance to balance work, family,  
and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers  
who have supported and challenged us;  
May they continue to lead in strong and  
gentle ways.

We remember our fathers around the world  
whose children are lost or suffering;  
May they know that the God of compassion  
walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers  
but still mentor and guide us  
with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and  
great-grandfathers who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

"When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises. Peace is the product of justice and love" St. Oscar Romero

**Parish Meetings and Community Events**

- Tuesday, June 18th, K. of C. Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00PM
- Wednesday, June 19th, Wayside, Church & Hall 3:00PM - 10PM
- Thursday, June 20th, School Mass, Church, 9:15AM
- Thursday, June 20th, Grad Ceremony, Church, 6:30PM
- Saturday, June 29th, Fund Raiser for Single Moms – Life House, Parish Hall, 6PM

