

From Fr. Totton's Desk

The recent announcement of my selection as a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve has occasioned much encouragement, support and not a few questions as well. Much of the encouragement has come from veterans or families of veterans (active duty, reserves or National Guard) who have personally benefitted from the service of a military chaplain. Those who have served in uniform understand firsthand the value of ministry by chaplains within the ranks who share the unique perspective that a civilian priest (or minister) may not have. Many of you still have important questions about how this will work. I would like to answer a few of them today:

How will your service to the Navy Reserve impact your ministry in our parishes?

My commitment to the Navy Reserve consists of: 1) Training (including initial training as a naval officer and chaplain as well as ongoing two week annual training for the duration of my commission); and 2) Monthly drills. Monthly drills usually involve a weekend commitment once a month. On those drill weekends when I will be away, I will find a priest to cover confessions and Masses in the parishes. Once I am fully trained, I will also be subject to mobilization or deployment, in which case it may be necessary to find parish coverage for longer periods of time.

What will you do as a Navy Reserve Chaplain? Celebrate Mass for the Catholics?

Navy Chaplains hold a unique role inasmuch as they represent *both* their religious organization (in my case, the Catholic Church - personified by the Archbishop for Military Services, USA) as well as the United States Navy - personified by the Navy Chaplain Corps. This perplexes people who misunderstand the role of religion in public institutions. Contrary to what some believe, I am not asked to "check my Catholic credentials at the gang plank", in fact, my role as chaplain requires that I **Provide** those services and ministries that only a Catholic priest can provide for Catholic sailors (and Marines). Additionally, however, I am a chaplain for all sailors which means I must **facilitate** the religious needs of non-Catholic sailors and provide **care** for all regardless of their creed. Finally, the chaplain is asked to **advise** the command regarding the accommodation of religious needs of sailors and marines. As a chaplain, I will be an integral part of the Navy - a staff officer with a responsibility to the chain of command - but I do not cease to be a Catholic priest answerable to Church authorities and ultimately to God. All Navy chaplains, regardless of their religious background, are expected to provide a ministry of presence, that is, to live and work among the sailors to whom they minister thus creating a sense of community for all Navy personnel and their families.

Where will you serve as a Navy Reserve Chaplain?

Though I am still awaiting my official orders, I believe I will be attached to the Dallas-based Navy Reserve Expeditionary Medical Facility One. Though that is my official attachment for annual training and mobilization purposes, local drills will be coordinated out of the Navy Operational Service Center (NOSC) in Kansas City.

Will you be required to go to Boot Camp?

This is probably the most amusing question as the questioner imagines this 41-year-old priest trying to keep pace with recruits less than half his age! As a chaplain in the Navy Reserve, I am required to attend an intense two-week course for direct commissioned officers. I will also be required to attend two modules of chaplain's school. These programs consist of academic instruction, military training and physical conditioning and are geared to bring new chaplains up to speed with the customs and culture of the Navy. I have every expectation that these courses will be physically, mentally and spiritually challenging. I look forward to the opportunities they will provide in helping me to develop into an even better leader not only for naval service, but for my pastoral ministry in the civilian world as well. Dates for training have not been set. This will be coordinated with my unit once I receive my official orders. I hope to complete the first part of the training this summer.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



Father Totton will be commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserve, immediately following the 10am Mass at St. Ann's, Plattsburg on Sunday, April 30. All parishioners are welcome to attend this brief ceremony.

A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton

Administrator

Mass Times
Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
Office 816-473-2011

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Mission Statement

**We the members of
Saint Joseph
Catholic parish,
will strive to be the
reflection of Jesus in
this particular time
and place.**

Cemetery Board

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White



3rd Sunday of Easter

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011

chastain@diocesekcsj.org

April 30, 2017



Ministry Schedule

April 30 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Scott Antle & Jim Barber
Ministers: Hubert Gregory & Jim Barber
 Jan & Paul Pottier
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 29 + Mont Buehler & Charles Grier

By: Joan Dixon & Family

Sunday, April 30 + Catherine Waitkoss

By: Roxy Musser

Saturday, May 6 + Bob Sanders

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, May 7 + Ron Neely

By: Pottier Family



BIRTHDAY

Mike Roth April 20th

Wilma Corkins May 5th

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

DIACONATE OFFICE

This May the Diaconate office will begin the process of Inquiry and Application for the next group of men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A number of Information and Discernment Sessions will be scheduled in June. If you know of a man who may be interested in serving the church and would like to learn more about becoming a Deacon have him contact Deacon Paul Muller at muller@diocesekcsj.org or call 816-714-2302 at the Catholic Center.

All inquiries should be directed to the Diaconate office.

May 7 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle
 Jan & Paul Pottier
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: May 9 - 6 pm - Rectory Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: March/April: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: May 7 - John McPhee & Wayne Weipert

Knights of Columbus: 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

Larry Tatro, Grand Knight

Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month
20 minutes before Mass



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.



Basket Raffle

The Altar Society and St. Joseph Cemetery are sponsoring a Basket Raffle.

Purina Cat and Dog Basket - Nestle Products Basket

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 Pick up your tickets on either table in the back of church.

The winning tickets will be drawn on May 7th at Donut Sunday

Proceeds will be 50/50 Altar Society and Cemetery.

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church

Weekend Collection April 22 & 23, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,111 Plate: \$120 Raffle: \$40

Total Parish: \$1,271

2nd Collection: May 27 & 28 - St Joseph Cemetery COLLECTIONS:

April To Date: \$ 9,956.49

April Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$94,288.11

Year Budget: \$96,298.36

Thank You for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES' YEARLY REFLECTIONS OF HOPE SIMPLE LUNCHEON

Place: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Summers Hall

Date: May 4th

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Cost: \$25 per person ~ sponsor a table of 8 \$200 (or \$20 per person with a donation of tissues, diapers, baby wipes)

RSVP to Elaine Ingle (816) 390-4040 or jjingle@stjoelive.com

During the luncheon there will be a brief presentation followed by recognition of the Saint Teresa Award recipients.

*You can nominate someone for the St. Teresa Award

Pick up flyer on the table in the back of church.

More information is included.

Thanking you in advance for supporting Catholic Charities!



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We are looking for graduates of kindergarten, middle school, high school, college (Bachelors, Masters and Doctorates).

Please email Marge at stjosephchurch@centurytel.net so your name will be listed in our bulletin.

(If you know which college you will be attending please list it.)

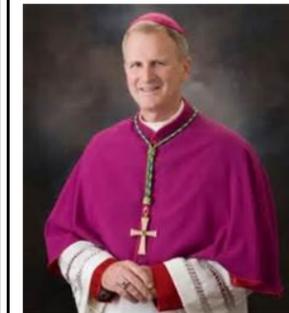


Prayer Corner

"To everything there is a season and a time...for every purpose under Heaven." Ecc. 3-11

"...a time to heal..."

Jon Clark, Barb Miller, Felicia Bober, Mildred Ottinger, Jane Everett and Flo McLarney



Bishop's Visit

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Please plan to join us as we welcome His Excellency, **Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.** on his first pastoral visit to St. Ann Parish.

- Bishop Johnston will celebrate the 4pm Mass
- He will bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on students from St. Ann and St. Joseph Parishes.
- Following the Mass, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a reception and potluck dinner.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY BOARD

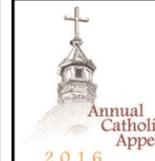
Second Collection - May 27th and 28th

As we get ready to celebrate Memorial Day let us not forget to honor our loved ones buried in the cemetery. We should also direct our attention to our outstanding property. It is through the tireless work of the board members that it is maintained so beautifully.

To be assured of improving and maintaining it we will be having a second collection.

Also, keep in mind that donations can be given at any time of year.

Let us be generous in supporting St. Joseph's Cemetery,



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish \$5,440 from 35 families.

Thank you for generous donations.