

### From Father Totton's Desk

First off, this week, I would like to express, once again, my gratitude to **Marge Kinney** for her years of dedicated service to our parish. As she begins her retirement this week, and as she and Bill prepare in earnest to embark upon their next adventure, we wish them both many blessings, and, of course, they will remain in our prayers as they begin this new phase in their lives. That said, whenever there is transition, there will always be questions and maybe a small degree of uncertainty. I hope my words this week can answer a few of those questions and alleviate that uncertainty.

Each and every one of us has a different set of skills and gifts. Some of these are highly technical skills that are taught in formal educational settings, others are intuitive aspects of one's personality, and still other gifts come from the unique experiences which have formed and shaped a person over the course of his or her life. In fact, each of these gifts comes from God, and helps to shape the unique person that He has called us to be. I recall beginning my first pastorate many years ago. I followed a priest who had left a significant positive impact upon that parish and as a result, I often found myself trying to imitate him in his style, in his approach. After a while, I have to admit, I felt like I was wearing someone else's clothes – it didn't fit! Frankly, this made it impossible for me to provide the best pastoral care that I could provide and hindered my mission to the people of that parish. It was only when I admitted – to myself, and to the parish – that I was an entirely different person, a different priest, that I was finally able to serve the people of that parish in an effective manner. As we welcome **Penny Harrison**, please bear this in mind. She is not "replacing" Marge as if the two of them were interchangeable parts of an automobile. She comes to us with gifts by which God will bless our parish, if we are open to that Blessing. Thank you, in advance, for your warm welcome for Penny.

That said, this change of staff has also afforded me the opportunity to re-approach the pastoral and administrative needs of our two parishes in a way which will be both more efficient and more effective. While Marge functioned partly in the role of a business manager and partly in the role of a pastoral associate, Penny will operate primarily in a secretarial role, handling such things as scheduling (Mass duties, Mass intentions, Hall Rental, etc.), bulletin preparation, basic bookkeeping and other office-based tasks. Penny will keep office hours at Plattsburg on Wednesdays and at Easton on Thursdays. For many years, **Julie Moran** has been accountant for both parishes, and she will continue to provide expertise and excellent service in that role.

As parochial "administrator" I will handle the higher administrative tasks at both parishes, but my primary function is to be your pastor – *your shepherd*. This encompasses not only the regular celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments – especially Reconciliation – but also includes visiting hospitals, nursing homes and homebound parishioners; meeting with couples to prepare them for marriage and for their childrens' baptisms; meeting with grieving families as they plan and prepare for the funerals of deceased parishioners and other tasks, some of which Marge covered during her time with us. As you know, my direct phone number and my e-mail address are published on the cover of the bulletin. Please *do not hesitate* to contact me for any of the above pastoral matters. In an effort to provide more of a presence at St. Joseph Parish, I intend to begin regular office hours in Easton on Tuesdays. I also hope to begin celebrating a weekday Mass on Tuesdays at St. Joseph – but that will not begin until Mid-January. I will let you know of the details as soon as I am able to set the time.

Times of transition are bound to bring stress, and while everyone is working to make this as seamless as possible, please be patient with all involved. If you feel something has "fallen through the cracks" please don't hesitate to present this, with charity, so that we may address it.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator**

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Sunday: 8 am  
Confessions: Sunday at 7:30am  
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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*



### **Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **Parish & Finance Councils**

*Jim Adams  
Jim Ingle  
Rosalie Ingle  
Tony Kauzlarich  
Julie Moran  
Jordan Roth  
Mike Roth  
Wayne Weipert*

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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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

Dec 9, 2018



## Ministry Schedule

### Dec 9- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette  
**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jordan Roth  
**Ministers:** Jan & Paul Pottier & Jim Ingle  
**Counters:** Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

### Dec 16- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Jim Ingle & Wayne Weipert  
**Counters:** Jordan & Amanda Roth

### Mass Intentions



#### Sunday, Dec 9 + Jack West

By: West Girls

#### Sunday, Dec 16 + Chad Klein

By: Klein Family



#### BIRTHDAY

Nicholas Klein Dec 9th  
 Charles Curran Dec 11th  
 Lauren Adams Dec 16th

#### ANNIVERSARY

Jay and Jennifer Pflugrad Dec 14th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register: introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass, come to the Parish Office, or go to our Parish Website at: [stjosepheaston.org](http://stjosepheaston.org) and register.

## Mass Book open for 2019



#### 2019 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2019.

Please sign up!



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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S



#### Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm  
 (Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)  
 St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight

#### Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dec. 31st

6:00 PM Vigil St. Joseph- Easton

Jan. 1st, 2019

10:00 AM - St. Ann's- Plattsburg



#### Free On-Line Resources to make this your

#### "Best Advent Ever!"

Dynamic Catholic is offering once again a **free** Advent subscription program to provide you with daily reflections delivered to your email inbox to help you keep a spiritual focus during this Advent Season.

Just type [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com) into your internet browser and follow the instructions to sign up.

### Weekend Collection - Dec. 2, 2018

Envelopes: \$1715 Plate: \$133 Hall Rental: \$130 Mass Stipends: \$110

**Total Parish: \$2,088**

#### 2nd Collection: Dec 9 - Religious Retirement

Budget is from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Dec. To Date: \$2,088.00

Dec Budget: \$ 7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$51,965.92

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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



#### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council: Feb- 6 pm Rectory**  
**Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday**

**Hand Linens: Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier**

**Donut Sunday: Jan. 6: Nannette Wolford**

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

**Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm**

**Jay Pflugrad, Grand Knight**

**Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain**

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

#### 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own.

Our theme, **"The community of believers was of one heart and mind" Acts 4:32**, Appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all.

Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small.

Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Joseph's parish is \$5,775

Our total so far is \$2,980

Thank you for all your help and support of the



#### "GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

**NEW UPDATE**

**\$14,287!!**



#### Prayer Corner

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

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

**Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Dobrowansky, Bob Everett**

#### "Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry."

*Journey of Hope*, a simple, effective solution to bringing hope and healing to separated and divorced members of our parish communities.

The program has a 17-year proven track record of having helped hundreds of men & women across the country understand the issues they face from a truly Catholic perspective.

The men's group begins Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> and the women's group begins Wed., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, both 6:30-8:00 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4503 Frederick.

For registration and/or more information, please contact Kathy Powers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 232-2847



#### March for Life

Washington D.C.

#### 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include

Mass each day,

Rally on the National Mall,

and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th. The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st.

Registration forms available on-line at:

[www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

- Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form.
- All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone.
- A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime.

Total payment must be received by