



# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish information & calendar: <http://www.sjnorris.org>

## Church Contacts

### Pastor:

Fr. Richard Armstrong [rarmstrong@dioknox.org](mailto:rarmstrong@dioknox.org)

Sacramental Emergencies: 865-621-8499

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Secretary: Louann Lawrence [bulletin@sjnorris.org](mailto:bulletin@sjnorris.org)

Office Hours: Tue–Wed–Thurs–8:30-12:30

### Parish Council

Bill Ross– Chairperson (Spiritual Life)

Elizabeth Hamby– Vice Chair (Parish & Family Life)

Lynnette Currie– Secretary (Social Action)

Dennis Curtin– (Administration)

Mike Ferkany (Faith Formation)

Al Lesar (Communication)

### Committee Chairperson

Altar Servers Patti Ferkany - 426-2627

CCW Kathy Morin - 230-1390

Columbarium Eric Rauch - 223-9788

Finance Eric Rauch - 223-9788

Liturgy Margaret Donaldson - 603-1487

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Rel. Ed Cheryl Ridenour - 320-7942

Youth Heidi Poore - 680-6151

Spiritual Life Beverly Froning - 607-3627

Cursillo Dick Shriver-384-2133

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am

Tues & Thurs 9:00 am

Adoration

### Mass Intentions

April 6th Mary Stolte

April 8th Evelyn Gressel

### Sacraments

**Baptism** - By appointment at least 8 weeks prior.

Contact Karen Meiring at 406-9973

**Reconciliation**—Before Mass Sundays, and by appointment

**Marriage** - 6 month preparation period as required by the diocese. See Fr. Armstrong

April 4, 2021



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**The St. Joseph Garden Ministry is woefully short staffed** for the 2021 gardening season. Before the Parish begins a search for a landscape vendor and commits to spending the money for what was previously handled by volunteer parishioners, we want to be sure that there is no one willing and able to take on one of several Parish gardens.

Basically, we are looking for up to three people who will take "ownership" of the following three gardens on the grounds: 1) A person to take the corner garden on the northeast corner of the Church; 2) two people to take one each of two gardens surrounding the Religious Education Building. These persons will tend their assigned garden year round from spring planting to fall clean up. The church reimburses for plants. If you wish to donate that expense, you can work out the tax credit process with Eric Rauch.



For more information, contact George Miceli at 865-494-7933.



A giant thank you to all those you have contributed in decorating the Parish for this Easter season. It is truly a blessing to have such wonderful volunteers.



**~ STEWARDSHIP ~**

Last Week 03/28/2021	\$1,556.00
Last Year 03/29/2020	\$1,734.00

**St Joseph Small Faith Community Scripture Studies**

Resume at future date **Catholicism the Pivotal Players** For questions, Sally Jackson 494-7340

**Tuesday 10:30am weekly- Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life** Contact Charley McDonald at 457-3818

Coming in 2021 **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible** For questions, Bob Kapolka 865-414-6343

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month **Hebrews: the New and Eternal Covenant** 7:00 pm, Contact Beverly Froning 865-607-3627.

**If any parishioner is interested in joining an ongoing Scripture Study, please contact the group facilitator for details.**

**St. Joseph Ministries**

April 11, 2021

<b>Readers</b>	Judy Curtin
<b>Ushers</b>	Johnny Watts, Dennis Curtin, Bob Kapolka
<b>Servers</b>	
<b>EMHC</b>	
<b>Rosary</b>	

**Birthdays**

Patti Curchy	4/4
Joseph Sprouls	4/5
Jonathan Watts	4/8



**Anniversaries**

Ken & Celeste Barry	4/8
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**Please pray for our parishioners**

Mary Lou Waruszewski, Penny Hosford, Denise Dziura, for all that have received Prayer Shawls-Comfort Blankets and those in our Book of Petitions

**Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Catholic Community strives to strengthen the Kingdom of God thru our worship, service to others, spiritual growth and evangelization. We are a family-oriented, welcoming community, with Christ as our focus. We participate with and support the greater community in works that encourage strong families and community development. Our growing family includes all age groups, caring for each other's needs.



**HAPPY EASTER!** We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the East-er season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let us do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection basket by April 15th or donate online at [crsrice-bowl.org/give](http://crsrice-bowl.org/give).

## Chancery closed for Easter celebration

The Chancery of the Diocese of Knoxville will be closed for the Easter celebration beginning Good Friday, April 2, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 5. Bishop Richard F. Stika and the staff of the Chancery wish you all a blessed Easter Triduum and a joyous Easter Sunday.



Please join us every Sunday in Praying the Rosary. We will begin at 8:35am and end as Mass begins at 9:00am.

**DEATH IN THE FAMILY:** If you would like St. Joseph to share in your grief in the event of a family member's death, please officially notify the parish office. A Mass will be offered for the deceased at a date convenient to the family.



The next Prayer Shawl/Comfort Blanket gathering will be TBA. All are welcome. The Ministry offers Prayer Squares. Prayer Shawls and Comfort Blankets for babies, youth and adults. Items are available for all those wanting to experience the Lord's healing, love, peace, comfort and guidance.



Senior Moments gatherings have been canceled until further notice any questions please contact Charley McDonald at 457-3818

## Spiritual Life Inspiration

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

### Alleluia!!!

"Jesus, we give thanks for the renewal You bring to our lives. In Your sacrifice and Resurrection, You showed us that God's love is the source of all life. Help us to see the hand of Providence at work in all of creation. As the world springs back to life after winter, awaken our souls to the joy of the Resurrection. In the warmth of sunshine, the song of birds, and the flowering of foliage, guide us to see the hope of renewal in our own lives. May we always embrace the life-giving power of Your love and mold ourselves after Your merciful ways. Amen" The Christophers

**Mass Intentions** - For Mass intentions, contact Sally Jackson or Louann Lawrence in the office. 865-494-7746

**Parishioner Registration** - New to the Parish? Welcome! Please register. Ask an usher for a registration form.

**Eucharistic Ministry Visits** - contact Lynnette Currie - 865-494-2260 or the office to schedule eucharistic visits to home or hospital.

**Sacristan (Altar Care)** - Contact Margaret Donaldson 603-1487 to help with altar care.

**Second Collections** April 25, 2021- Catholic Home Mission Appeal

## HOW TO CONTACT US

**St. Joseph Website** You can read each week's bulletin online, <http://www.sjnorris.org>

**Calendar Events** please fill out the form that is on the Parish Office door. You can slip it under the door of the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Complete form on office door or email [bulletin@sjnorris.org](mailto:bulletin@sjnorris.org) by Wednesday at 12:00 pm

You can view an updated calendar by going to [sjnorris.org](http://sjnorris.org) and clicking on Calendar

If you are on Facebook, check out the St Joseph



## St Joseph's Corner



**BLESSED** Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the

Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

# Diocese and Community Happenings



**RACE FOR Kids**  
VIRTUAL 5K & FAMILY WALK

SUPPORTING CCETN'S CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER AND C.H.A.P. PROGRAM

Sunday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 28, 2021

SPONSORS  
Kimberly-Clark *Cares*  
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**Virtual Event Details**

**DATE:** Sunday, April 18 – Wednesday, April 28, 2021

**LOCATION:** Anywhere

**DETAILS:** For the Virtual 5K & Family Walk, runners and walkers can run where they want, when they want (treadmill, nature trail, etc.).

[www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids](http://www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids)



**Covecrest Summer Camp**

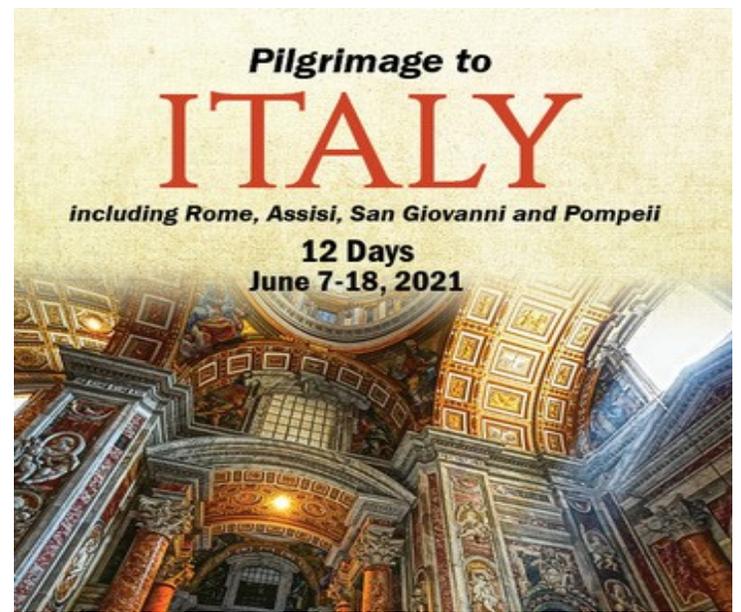
LIFE TEEN CAMP  
COVECREST  
TIGER, GA

**MAY 31- JUNE 5, 2021**

May 31, 2021 - June 5, 2021

Location: [Covecrest Life Teen Camp](#)

The Diocese of Knoxville Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all high school youth (rising freshmen - graduating seniors) to join us for an unforgettable week-long summer camp experience designed specifically for Catholic youth. May 31- June 5.



**Pilgrimage to ITALY**  
including Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni and Pompeii

**12 Days**  
June 7-18, 2021

for a more detailed itinerary and registration information contact Lisa Morris 865-567-1245 or [lisam@select-intl.com](mailto:lisam@select-intl.com)

## SMLC seeks medical, general volunteers

St. Mary's Legacy Clinic is seeking volunteers for patient education at its clinic sites. Volunteers can have a medical background such as nurses, social workers, those who have experience in public health, retired professors whose field of study was in the sciences, etc. The clinic is also seeking general volunteers. If you are interested, go to <https://stmaryclinic.org/volunteer> or call 865-212-5570.



a women's retreat for those healing from betrayal trauma

*Always Blooming*, a **virtual** retreat for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us at Divine Mercy Church on April 9 and 10, as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and our betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience: talks, meditations, sacred movements, small group healing prayer, Mass, and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa of the Diocese of Allentown, PA, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West, and Marian West Veilleux. [Find the full schedule and register here](#) or email [De Yarrison](mailto:De Yarrison).