

October 25, 2020 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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A Covenant Community

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community Covenant Prayer

Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service.

We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

Congregational Refrain



Greeting

Glory to God (Recited):

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18



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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

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This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Instrumental

The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop baskets.

To maintain the brevity of the Mass and protection of all during this pandemic, the Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited.

Preface Dialogue

Preface Acclamation

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

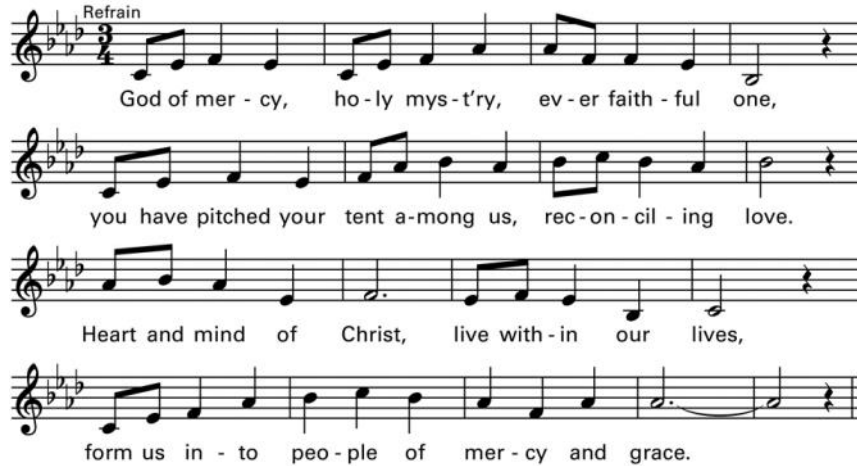
Communion Rite

Congregational Refrain



GOD OF MERCY

Ricky Manalo, CSP and Bob Hurd



During Communion: The direction for communion is the opposite of what we used to do. We will be using the side aisles to receive and return on the opposite aisle.

The outside sections go first and then the center sections. Center sections, please remain kneeling until it is your turn.

Please use the markings on the floor to maintain 6ft from other families in the communion aisle out of care for our community.



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth

Instrumental

Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

This worship aid is yours to keep. Take it home with you to continue reading the bulletin which contains lots of information about continuing your faith and ways you can participate at JGS.

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Bulletin for October 25, 2020 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church or in your car *live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube*

Weekday Mass

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)
Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)
live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Click here to [Sign up for Mass](#)

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Dear Community Members,



Between on-going health protocols due to the pandemic and our upcoming November 3rd elections, we certainly have a lot to pray about! We have scheduled an evening *Candlelight Prayer Service of Quiet Reflection* with the Patriotic Rosary next Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. It will take place at our beautifully, re-landscaped outdoor Grotto or the pavilion if its raining. I hope you will bring a chair and spend some time in prayer with our community. We come together as a family to pray for one another during the pandemic and to pray for our nation as it prepares for elections.

Please remember to vote on November 3rd, if you have not already done so. Making your voice heard is very important. Knowing our candidates and being familiar with their positions on a variety of issues is so important. Our votes as Catholics really matter. The teachings of our Catholic faith inform us on a variety of subjects. Enclosed in our bulletin today is a guide which I hope you will find helpful towards this end.

“Prayer, in and of itself, is the way of salvation and the beginning of salvation”, Pope Francis recently stated in his weekly general audience on October 14. In the Old Testament *Book of Psalms*, he continued, is where Christians can “hear the voice of men and women of prayer in flesh and blood, whose life, like all of us, is fraught with problems, hardships and uncertainties.”

In the uncertain times in which we live, it is indeed comforting to know that “the Lord listens.” And listens, God does! If we are listened to by God, everything becomes bearable. When God’s people come together such as we hope next Wednesday, everything becomes even more bearable to realize we are never alone but we travel this journey of life, this journey of faith -- together.

Let us pray. Into your great love, O God, you have gathered your people and bestowed on them the fullness of salvation. May the love that you have entrusted to us through your Son, Jesus Christ, shape the witness of our lives and make us worthy servants of him, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father Mike

Weekend Mass Intentions for October 24-25, 2020

4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of AnnaMaria Radosevic, wife of William, mother of Teresa and Frank, at the request to Harper family
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Bill Phalen at the request of the JGS Men's Club
10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Daniel Jarboe, son of Judy Granados, at the request of Lorraine Boccabella

Mass Intentions for October 26—31, 2020

Mon	10/26	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	10/27	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jim Simmons, son of Lottie
Wed	10/28	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	10/29	8 AM	For blessings and healing for Russ Hardesty, husband of Sue, at the request of the JGS Walking With Purpose Ministry
Fri	10/30	8 AM	For a special intention
Sat	10/31	8 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Ministry Schedule for Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020

Mass	Eucharistic Support	Lector	Greeter	Sanitizing Volunteer
4:30 PM Vigil	Buck	Rock	LaRosa/Petricko	Holaus/Holaus
8:00 a.m.	O'Keefe	Stubbs	Leslie/Thorne	Horabik/Horabik/O'Keefe
10:45 a.m.	Corcoran/James	Talbot	Tereshinski/Zamary	Please Volunteer

To volunteer please email Sheryl Fischer at receptionist@ccjgs.org or call 410-257-3810 ext 1001

New to JGS?

NEW MEMBERS—Are you new to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community? WELCOME! The registration form for JGS is available on the JGS website at ccjgs.org. We would like to welcome you in person. You and your family are invited to our next New Member meeting on **November 8, 2020** at the pavilion or Centre following the 10:45 Mass. Masks required.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, Oct 31st.



Upcoming Events



OCTOBER SHARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 9-10:30AM.

We will have a no-contact drive thru set up by the pavilion. Picking up your groceries is as easy as pulling up and popping the trunk. Contact Lynn Robinson, Lynn@rwmvinc.com or 301-467-8550.



SHARE THE HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION

In keeping with the pledge we made on Covenant Sunday to *Love Our Neighbor*, we are having a SHARE THE HARVEST food collection for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. The most needed items are: cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, vegetables and beans, soup, canned meat and tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, meals in a can. Donations may be left on the cart at the church entrance, until October 31st. Thanks for your continuing generosity to our neighbors in need at this difficult time.



CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER, INCLUDING PATRIOTIC ROSARY, AND QUIET REFLECTION — Wed, October 28 from 7—8 p.m. at the newly restored outdoor Grotto.

All are invited to join in prayer for the November 3 elections. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your Rosary and favorite lawn chair. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Pavilion. Hot apple cider and hot chocolate plus a snack will be served in the Pavilion following the prayer service

SUN, NOV 1 WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY—JGS will have its normal weekend Mass schedule: Vigil, Saturday, Oct 31 at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov 1 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

MON, NOV 2 IS ALL SOULS' DAY—Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. in the church.



Social Distancing Space in the Music Ministry!

The music ministry has had many additions over the past decade to Jesus the Good Shepherd Church. In 2013, we welcomed our new Music Director, Katie Evans. In 2018, we welcomed the new organ console and pipe chest, after gracious support from a benefactor and several music ministry supporters. Now, in 2020 and the COVID-19 Pandemic, the liturgy misses its different choirs and guest musicians we have had in the past!

As a result of the pandemic, the music ministry has had to re-evaluate the music ministry space for the future. It is our plan to remove the current pews that dwell behind the organ and piano, to provide unique configurations for music members and their instruments. The shape of a chamber group or choir is optimally a semi-circle, where the end participants can turn their bodies towards the conductor. With the removal of the pews, we can more physically distance from music participants or musicians, as well as have a liturgical divide between the participants and the assembly. What will we do with the old pews? The Music Ministry would like to explore any interests in purchasing of the pews, and the proceeds would go towards the repairs of the floor and fixtures or seating within the music space. More information on the pews and inquiries, please email music@ccjgs.org



RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2020

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Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades, and in some cases, more than a half century.

Our priests have been there for each of us and our families in providing spiritual support – year in and year out – for our entire lives.

Please join the tens of thousands of the faithful in being there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service through support of the annual Retired Priests Collection. This year's retired priest collection takes place during the weekend of November 7-8.



Children's Faith Formation Children's Faith Formation classes (Pre-K4 through 8th) are currently meeting online. Upcoming class dates are Oct. 25th and Nov. 1st.

THE NEXT CFF PARENT MEETING will be on Saturday, November 7th at 9:00am via GoToMeeting video chat. The meeting link will be sent in advance via Flocknote.

Interested in volunteering, now or later? The VIRTUS Child Protection workshop is currently being offered via Zoom. The steps for becoming a volunteer have never been easier. Attend the workshop once and it never expires. To sign up, contact Casey Esser (religioused@ccjgs.org), Tammy Genelin (religiouaide@ccjgs.org) or Pam Huseman (accounting@ccjgs.org).



Active Catholic Teens ACT youth group meets from 6:20 to 7:30pm in the Youth Room and Gym. Upcoming sessions are Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st, and Nov. 15th. All high school teens are invited to join us to play games, make friends, and grow in faith. Registration is helpful but not required and is available at ccjgs.org/youthministry. Questions? Contact Casey Esser at youth@ccjgs.org.



Confirmation Preparation Confirmation prep is over two years, typically 8th grade and 9th grade. Our 9th grade Confirmation Preparation this year includes an online group and an in person group. Upcoming sessions are Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st, and Nov. 15th.

Virtue of Spirituality

Prayer For The Unborn

Oh God, who has given us the great gift of life, we ask You today to bless all unborn babies. Watch over them as they grow and develop in their mother's womb, that they might be born healthy and happy and be welcomed with tender love and deep joy. In a special way, we ask You to bless those babies who are unwanted

ed and may never be born. Welcome them into Your loving embrace that they might find their home in You. Bless and guide all pregnant women that they might respect and cherish the great gift of life growing within them. May they accept their child as an Irreplaceable gift from You. Amen

JGS Pro-Life Ministry 2014 Owings, Maryland



THE JOURNEY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Are you ready to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Discover the love Jesus has for you and the critical role Catholicism plays in this incredible faith journey! RCIA begins in just a couple weeks! For more information, contact Liz Parker at

adultfaith@ccjgs.org.

JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRIST

Bring it on.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

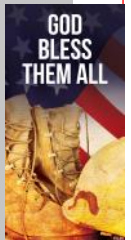


Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well. ©LPI

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

<i>Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lan-son Weeks; Captain Robert Pat-terson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer;</i>	<i>Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Chris-topher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell</i>
<i>Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael</i>	

Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



The sick: Steve Collins; Verna Jurewicz; Greg Bodenhorn; Sandi Bressi; Bev Ganley; Christopher Crandall; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Ray Wenderlich; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill

For the repose of the soul of Maryann LaRosa, mother of Dave LaRosa Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.



Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

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CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION for your child? Our regional school, Cardinal Hickey Academy, offers diverse course offerings and high standards to children in grades pre-k through 8th grade. Even during this 2020-2021 school year, CHA offers in-person classes. Call: 301-812-0404 or cardinalhickeyacademy.org.

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL: Jesus the Good Shepherd Community is approximately at 83% of its goal. This is wonderful news! I wish to thank our parishioners who have donated to the 2020 Annual Appeal. If you have not yet given, please visit., appeal.adw to make your gift today. God is not outdone in generosity. When we are generous, God is generous even more back to us! Thank you!



In their statement on **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: “protecting the unborn, refugees and immigrant families; fighting racism and religious intolerance; aiding those impacted by poverty and conflict; preserving the family; and caring for our common home.” Learn more about the issues and watch brief videos at FaithfulCitizenship.org.

During this election season, our parish will be utilizing materials from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship and Civilize It*. These materials are non-partisan and seek to help Catholics engage in the political process with an informed conscience, as our faith calls us to do. Distribution of other election-related materials on church property will not be permitted. Among other activities, posting flyers or signs, passing out campaign literature, and leaving unauthorized materials anywhere in the building or on car windshields, are prohibited. We appreciate your compliance with this policy.

Voting Guidelines and Dates There has been a lot of confusion as the State adjusts voting guidelines in light of the pandemic. An abbreviated version of this is on our election page (mdcatholic.org/elections).

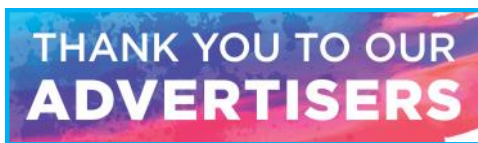
Oct. 26-Nov. 2: In-person early voting
Nov. 3: Election Day

This [webpage has very helpful information](#) on mail-in voting. As with any election, it is very important that voters carefully follow all instructions in completing their ballots.

The completed mail-in ballot may be returned by mail or by dropping it off at the local election board office, early voting center or election day voting center.

Oct 26—Nov 2: Early, in person, voting will take place at the Calvert County Community Resources Building 30 Duke Street – Lower Level Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Nov 2: Election day, in person voting, will take place at the following locations: Calvert High, Prince Frederick; Calvert Community Resources, Prince Frederick; Huntingtown High, Huntingtown; Northern High School, Owings; Patuxent High, Lusby. Please click the link above for more information.



Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR BIRTHRIGHT!

Birthright of Prince Frederick is a pro-life pregnancy crisis center dedicated to help mothers-to-be and their unborn child. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, we are seeing more unplanned pregnancies and mothers losing their jobs. Therefore, mothers and their children need our help more than ever right now. Checks may be made payable to Birthright of Prince Frederick, or by clicking here. Please write JGS Community in the memo line so Birthright knows which church you are from.



THE ANGEL TREE IS ALMOST HERE! Believe it or not, Christmas is less than seven weeks away. After all we have been through in 2020, it feels good to look forward to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ and important to remember those less fortunate. Following our pledge, “Love thy neighbor,” our Angel Tree will be coming soon and when it is up, please consider taking a tag (or two) to help bring a smile to a child’s face this coming Christmas!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of October 18, 2020:

Weekly Offertory \$ 7,144
We need \$7,000 weekly in the offertory to stay afloat
September Faith Direct offertory \$ 34,768
We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat

*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.
Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



ARE YOU ON FAITH DIRECT? Offertory is essential to your JGS church operations! JGS relies heavily on Sunday offertory to maintain operational budgets, staff, and resources for our community. It is essential that, during this isolation time, we continue to give an offering to our church for it to be sustained in the future. Questions? Contact Pam Huseman accounting@ccjgs.org

OFFERTORY WILL BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Via FaithDirect • go to ccjgs.org/partners
Online Banking • You can send us your offertory through your personal online banking, just like you pay your bills. Please use the mailing address below.

BY MAIL • You can mail your offertory envelope to the church:

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m

please wear a mask and follow the signs as
you enter the building.

To sign up for Adoration, please click the
button below or copy and paste this link to
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<https://www.ccjgs.org/digital-resources>

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CONFESSIONS ARE IN THE CHAPEL : Sat—3:00—4:00 p.m.

- please wear a mask • follow the signs as you enter the building

OCTOBER

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays—10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays— 10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thursdays—10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to get involved right away. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:** Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>

We are having periodic virtual new members meetings, which are announced via flocknote.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 x1000, 1001 or 1003.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS - We are working on holding virtual baptism classes. To get your name on the list for the next class, please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 or email receptionist@ccjgs.org.

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• “[P]roud to be the party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women” and “strongly oppose[s] infanticide,” including specific support for: the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; a human life constitutional amendment; a ban on abortion at 20 weeks, when unborn babies can feel pain; a ban on abortion based on sex or disability; a ban on dismemberment abortion “in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb”; abortion clinic safety regulations; a ban on human cloning, and creating or experimenting upon human embryos, including three-parent embryos; a ban on any sale of body parts; and a ban on the “use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood.”

Sanctity of Human Life

• Supports “repealing the Hyde Amendment” to allow the government to fund abortion.
 • Supports “codifying” the right to abortion.
 • “Democrats believe every woman should be able to access... reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortions.”
 • “[O]ppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights.
 • Opposes current FDA safety restrictions on chemical abortion pills.
 • Supports repealing President Trump’s changes to the Title X program that separate abortion from federal family planning grants.

• “The American family... is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman.”
 • Condemns the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and “urge[s] its reversal.”

Redefining Marriage

• Silent on marriage and family being the foundation of society.

• We “embrace the principle that all Americans should be treated with dignity and respect.”
 • “We support measures” barring “government discrimination because of [one’s] on marriage and family.”
 • Supports “the right of parents to determine the proper medical treatment and therapy for their minor children.”
 • Opposes Title IX being used “to impose a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination to include sexual orientation or other categories.”
 • Opposes “reshap[ing] our schools — and our entire society — to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America’s history and traditions.”
 • Opposes President Obama’s Title IX transgender bathroom edict. It is “illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues.”

LGBT Agenda, Transgender Bathrooms, and Women’s Sports in Schools

• “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would alter our entire federal civil rights framework, gut religious liberty, and advance abortion.
 • Supports insurance coverage of “gender transition,” including “surgery and hormone therapy.”
 • “We will ensure that all transgender and non-binary people can procure official government identification documents that accurately reflect their gender identity.”
 • Supports banning practices aimed at assisting patients with unwanted same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria.
 • We will work to “guarantee transgender students’ access to facilities based on their gender identity.”
 • “We will protect the rights of transgender students.”
 • “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would allow biological men to play in women’s sports if they identify as transgender women.

• Opposes the federal government funding abortion overseas and supports restoring the Mexico City Policy, to prevent federal money from going to NGOs which “provide or promote abortion,” or are complicit in China’s one-child policy.
 • Condemns the Obama administration for “impos[ing] on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups.”

Abortion and the LGBT Agenda Internationally

• “We believe...access to reproductive care and abortion services, are vital to the empowerment of women and girls.”
 • Supports for repealing President Trump’s expanded Mexico City Policy and the Helms Amendment which bar American funding for abortion abroad.
 • “We will restore the United States’ position of leadership on LGBTQ+ issues” and appoint “senior leaders directly responsible for driving...LGBTQ+ issues within the federal government.”

• “America’s healthcare professionals should not be forced to choose between following their faith and practicing their profession. We respect the rights of conscience of healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and organizations, especially the faith-based groups which provide a major portion of care for the nation and the needy.”

Conscience Rights in Healthcare

• Supports the coercive HHS contraception mandate against faith-based groups like Little Sisters of the Poor.
 • Condemns the Trump administration’s regulation clarifying the definition of sex discrimination in the Affordable Care Act. This regulation allows doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies to practice medicine and operate in accordance with their conscience.

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- “[W]e strongly support the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives.”
- “Ongoing attempts to compel individuals, businesses, and institutions of faith to transgress their beliefs are part of a misguided effort to undermine religion and drive it from the public square.”
- “We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith.” The government “is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs.”

Religious Liberty

- Celebrates, “[...] the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state [...].”
- Rejects “broad religious exemptions” for “businesses, medical providers, social service agencies, and others[...].”
- “We will fight to enact the Equality Act” – a bill that would remove religious liberty protections and even force churches to violate the tenets of their faith.
- “Religious freedom is a core American value and a core value of the Democratic Party. Democrats will protect the rights of each American for the free exercise of his or her own religion.”

- Affirms the importance of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.
- Promises “A Republican administration will return the advocacy of religious liberty to a central place in its diplomacy, will quickly designate the systematic killing of religious and ethnic minorities a genocide, and will work with the leaders of other nations to condemn and combat genocidal acts.”

International Religious Liberty

- “It will be the policy of the Democratic Administration to advocate for religious freedom throughout the world.”
- Implies religious freedom is a “cover for discrimination.”
- Asserts that there is “politicization” of religious freedom within U.S. foreign policy.

- “If God-given, natural, inalienable rights come in conflict with government, court, or human-granted rights, God-given, natural, inalienable rights always prevail.”
- “We support the public display of the Ten Commandments as a reflection of our history and our country’s Judeo-Christian heritage.”
- Entire platform mentions God 15 times.

God in Government

- Silent on the role of God in government.
- Silent on the source of human rights.
- Celebrates, “[...] the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution.”
- Entire platform mentions God one time.

- “We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life.”
- Seeks to “enable courts to begin to reverse the long line of activist decisions—including *Roe*, *Obergefell*, and the Obamacare cases.”

The Courts

- “We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who [...] will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including [...] *Roe v. Wade*.”
- “Applaud[s]” the decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, which redefined the word sex in Title VII to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

- Supports “sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.”

Sex Education

- Supports “LGBTQ+ inclusive” sex education with a full range of “family planning services.”

- Will “fight for school choice” and “local control.”
- Recognizes that “[P]arents,” not the government, “are a child’s first and foremost educators.”
- Supports homeschooling, private schools, vouchers, and tuition tax credits.
- Encourages teaching the Bible as an elective in public schools.

Education Choice

- “Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public-school system, including the program at issue in the recent *Espinoza* decision.”
- No mention of homeschooling.

- “We reject the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation and will not accept...attempts to undermine military priorities and mission readiness.”
- Supports “the religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains, and will not tolerate attempts to ban Bibles or religious symbols from military facilities.”
- Opposes the “Selective Service registration of women for a possible future draft.”

Social Experimentation in the Military

- “We will reverse the Trump Administration’s...ban [DOD policy on Gender Dysphoric individuals serving in the military].”
- Silent on service members’ religious liberty rights.
- Calls for VA medical benefits to include abortion and gender “transition” services.

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