Rite of Christian Initiation

Life has many storms — distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. It is during these times that our faith gives us strength and understanding to weather such squalls.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

Initially, there is a period of Inquiry followed by the Catechumenate period, for those wishing to move forward in the Rites. The Purification and Enlightenment period concludes with Reconciliation.

The Easter Vigil is the culmination of the year of study and the Mistagogy is a period of follow up meetings, which finishes at Pentecost.

The Barque of Peter by Theophilia

If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for this same strength and understanding, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers.

Our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) involves weekly meetings, several Rites during Masses throughout the year and two retreats. At the Easter Vigil Mass in 2017, we received 20 adults and five children in the church through RCIA.

Our classes for Easter 2018 have just begun on September 5th, but it isn’t too late to join us. Please contact Tonia Landt James at 706-548-6332 or rcia@stjosephathens.com

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY/ Emergencia Sacramental

If you have a sudden illness, accident or imminent death and need the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (Last Rites) please call our Emergency Line: (706) 461-6331. You MUST leave a voicemail for the call to be returned.
WELCOME!
Fr. David McGuinness, Fr. Paul Moreau, along with our staff and our whole community, welcome you to St. Joseph Catholic Church.
To our visitors, it is a blessing to have you here and thank you for worshipping with us. We hope that you will come again.
For those interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, or are new to our parish and need to register, please contact our Parish Office for more information at 706-548-6332.

Stewardship News
In thanksgiving for all God has given us, we offer our time, talent and treasure.

Weekly Offertory

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For those who prefer online giving, go to our website at: www.stjosephathens.com and follow the links to “Donate Online.” You may securely pay to our weekly offering or to our Capital Campaign using a credit card or a Pay Pal account.

Capital Campaign III

Goal III $3,000,000.00

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Spanish Capital Campaign $815.00

PARISH NEWS

Altar Flowers
This week’s altar flowers from Pretty Flowers were given by Rosemary Risse in thanksgiving for her family.

Ride Needed
UGA student seeks ride to Mass. Please call 404-368-3903 for more info.

St. Joseph School Athletics
The SJS Athletic Department is currently seeking a middle school girls cheerleading coach. The cheer team practices one day a week after school beginning mid October and cheers for the SJS basketball teams which play through the end of January. Some cheerleading experience is preferred. Please contact Chris Moore at chris.moore@sjsathens.org if you are interested and would like more information. GO KNIGHTS!

New Directory
The new Parish Directory will be published soon and all Registered, Active Families will be listed. If you do not want your name and address listed, please advise the Parish Office at secretary@stjosephathens.com or 706-548-6332.

40th Anniversary—October 2
Join us in celebrating Fr. David’s 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Monday, October 2. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM, followed by a light reception in the Fellowship Hall.

EMOHC Needed
St. Mary’s Hospital is in need of additional volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for patients. If you are an EMOHC and can help, please call Marilyn Williams at 706-389-3429. If you are interested in serving as an EMOHC, please contact the Parish Office for info on training.

Birthday Bash—October 6
We are holding a parish-wide party to celebrate Fr. David McGuinness and Fr. Paul Moreau’s upcoming milestone birthdays; 75 and 50, respectively. There will be a catered dinner by George’s Lowcountry, drinks and dancing. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses. If you can’t attend, consider making a donation. All proceeds will go to the St. Joseph Capital Campaign.

Save the Date: October 8
The Tenth Annual Ladies Tea will be Sunday, October 8 at Thompson House and Gardens in Bogart. A limited number of tickets will go on sale September 23/24 after all Masses. Get your ticket early and make plans to join us for this afternoon of fellowship and fun hosted by our parish Columbiette Auxiliary.

In Memoriam—
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

María Esperanza Vasquez José Bonilla
FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese of Atlanta announces dates for several special Masses for those who serve our communities:

- **Green Mass** – For those who work and volunteer in environmental sustainability. Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

- **Red Mass** – For those who seek justice: Judges, Lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials. Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Reflection on Last Week’s Readings

Jeremiah had a difficult life as God’s prophet. There were times when he felt like packing it in. But he kept going because there was a fire burning in his heart, and imprisoned in his bones. It was this “inner fire” that enabled him to remain faithful to the task God had given him.

Lord, kindle in our hearts the fire of your love, so that we may follow you faithfully on earth and come to share your glory in heaven.

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL

At the start of the 2017-18 school year, the St. Joseph Catholic Parish School (SJ) community developed a new mission, vision and motto to guide us in all that we do.

- **Motto**: We are happy, holy and helpful!
- **Mission**: At St. Joseph Catholic Parish School, we are a family of learners who model Christ in all that we do. We are happy, holy and helpful!
- **Vision**: St. Joseph Catholic Parish School believes Jesus is the master teacher and commits to teaching as He did. Students are developing into current and future leaders who are thoughtful, compassionate, and problem-solvers. We strive to build self-confident students whose security is based on knowledge of God’s love for them and the value of service to others.

Students are challenged to inquire about the world around them in order to positively impact their environment, both locally and globally.

We are continuously striving to expand our Christ-like influence into the community thus attracting more families to our Catholic school.

Our teachers, parents, community partners and Our Church are unified in the belief that children are the central focus of our mission.

We still have a few open spots for the 2017-18 school year. Call 706-548-6332 to set up a tour!

Please take note:

Our official website is: www.stjosephathens.com

Our official Facebook page is: Saint Joseph Parish, Athens, Ga.

Any other sites are not authorized by St. Joseph Catholic Parish and should be reported to our office.

St. Joseph Catholic Parish School

Our Mission: To achieve excellence through implementing the highest academic standards rooted in the values and teachings of our Catholic Faith

Interested in Catholic Education for your child? Do you want a whole child approach through academics, spiritual and ethical development?

Contact St. Joseph Catholic Parish School for more information and to explore scholarship opportunities. Information packets are also available in the church office.

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BIENVENIDO!

El Padre David McGuinness, el Padre Paul Moreau, el personal de la oficina parroquial y toda nuestra comunidad, les damos la bienvenida a la Iglesia Católica de San José. A todos nuestros visitantes, es una bendición que compartan con nosotros y esperamos verlos nuevamente. Para aquellos interesados en saber más sobre la fe católica, o son nuevos en nuestra parroquia y necesitan registrarse, por favor comuníquese con nuestra Oficina Parroquial para más información al 706-548-6332.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Necesita hablar con el Padre Paul? Llame a la Oficina Parroquial para pedir cita.
Teléfono: 706-548-6332

Nuevo Directorio Parroquial
Dentro de los próximos meses, se publicará el Nuevo Directorio Parroquial, y todas las Familias Activas inscritas serán mencionadas. Si no desea que su nombre y dirección aparezcan en la lista, por favor avise a la Oficina Parroquial. Por favor notifiquenos por correo electrónico a secretary@stjosephathens.com llame al 706-548-6332.

Reflexión de la Semana Pasada
Jeremías tuvo una vida difícil como profeta de Dios. Hubo momentos en los que sentía que abandonaría todo. Pero él siguió adelante porque tenía un fuego ardiente en su corazón y encarcelado en sus huesos. Fue este “fuego interior” que le permitió permanecer fiel a la tarea que Dios le había dado. Señor, enciende en nuestros corazones el fuego de tu amor, para que podamos seguirte en la tierra y venir y compartir tu gloria en el cielo.

Escuela de la Parroquia Católica de San José

Nuestra Misión es: Alcanzar la excelencia mediante la implementación de los más altos estándares académicos, valores y enseñanzas de nuestra Fe Católica

¿Le interesa una buena preparación católica para su hijo? ¿Le gustaría un enfoque de aprendizaje que sea académico, espiritual y ético?

Contacte a la Escuela de la Parroquia Católica de San José para más información / oportunidades de becas.

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MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS
para una Misa especial en honor de nuestro pastor
FADRE DAVID MCGUINNESS

EL 2 DE OCTUBRE
A LAS 7:00 PM
celebrando el
40 ANIVERSARIO
de su Ordinación
SEGUIDA POR UNA RECEPCIÓN

Ministerio Litúrgico

Sábado de Vigilia
7:30 PM (Español)

Misas Dominicales
1:30 PM (Español)

Misa Diaria
Lunes - Sábado
8:30 AM (English)

Hora de Liturgia
Lunes - Sábado
8:10 AM (English)

Adoración al Santísimo (Hora Santa)
Jueves 7:45 PM

Confesiones
Sábado: 9:00 AM o con cita

Ministerios Litúrgicos
Servidores del Altar
Ministros Extraordinarios
Lectores
Ujieres
Comunión a los enfermos y al hogar

Ministerios de Vida Parroquial
Grupo Mariano
Asamblea de Oración
Misioneros
Campaña Capital
Servidores de Renovación
7:30 Coro
1:30 Coro
Clases de Preparación para Bautizo
Clases de Preparación para Matrimonio
ADULT EDUCATION

The Apologetics Series with Fr. Paul continues with classes this week on either Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Youth Room or on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It features a video discussion between a Catholic priest and an Evangelical Christian minister on our “Common Ground” between the two congregations. It is followed by a lively discussion, with both converts to the faith and cradle Catholics recalling their own personal experiences in our ecumenical world. There is no charge for classes. Come join us!

Walking with Purpose, a Catholic women’s Bible study, will begin on Thursday, September 21, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Beginner Study: “Opening Your Heart” – For women new to Walking with Purpose or anyone who hasn’t had a chance to take this course yet. Embark on a journey of knowing your Catholic faith and its scriptural basis better.

Advanced Study: “Beholding His Glory/Beholding Your King” - This is the advanced class for this year. It’s a two week companion studies with a two week break in the middle.

Registration for Walking With Purpose Women’s Bible Study remains open. Cost: $75 which includes all course materials and childcare.
For more information, contact:
Heather Gardner at georgiacatholic@gmail.com or Jenny Williams at collard.williams@gmail.com

CONNECT:
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

An exciting year is underway for our high school youth group, CONNECT!

Come join us on Sunday nights, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM upstairs in the Youth Room!

CULTIVATE:
Small Groups for Girls and Guys
Girls meet on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Youth Room.
Guys meet on Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Yellow House (rectory)
All are welcome!

Check us out on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/StJosephAthensYouthMinistry

Fall Retreat
September 29-October 1
Life Teen Camp Covecrest
Tiger, GA

Remember to get your forms in tonight, Sunday, September 10

Contact our Youth Ministers, Megan and Justin Estes
678-977-6999
or
mrs.meganestes@gmail.com

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• become a member by officially registering in the parish
• actively participate in Mass each week, using their envelope to record attendance
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• shares their talent within the church community through volunteering in one of our ministries

So you see, by registering, using your envelopes and sharing your time and talent with St. Joseph’s, you keep our Parish vibrant and growing. And we in turn, can fulfill our mission to you, by welcoming your children into the faith through baptism, teaching them through our religious education and participation in the sacraments, support your family in times of illness and death, through our Blessing Rites and burials.

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Young Adult Retreat “Unveiled”
You’re invited to take a weekend away to experience what Christ has yet to reveal to us and to join in a community that desires a deeper connection with Him. Come see new truths in your life. Come see yourself as God truly does. Come see Him as He truly is, unveiled.
Text Justin at 678-977-6999 for more information.
**Daily Feast Days, Mass Readings and Intentions**

**Monday, September 11**
Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)
8:30 AM Mass-Stephen Merritt (I)

**Tuesday, September 12**
[The Most Holy Name of Mary]
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)
8:30 AM Mass—Patrick J Carlin (D)

**Wednesday, September 13**
[St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 (439)
8:30 AM Mass-All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, September 14**
[The Exaltation of the Holy Cross]
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-28:7/Rom 14:7-16 (639)
Pss IV
8:30 AM Mass-All Victims of Religious Persecution
5:30 PM Mass-Joe Lewis (D)
7:30 PM Mass-Noel Sevilla (D)

**Friday, September 15**
[Our Lady of Sorrows]
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 (441)/In 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop
8:30 AM Mass-All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, September 16**
[Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs]
1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)
8:30 AM Mass-All Victims of Religious Persecution
5:30 PM Mass-Margarita Mata (D) and Aristeo Lopez (D)
7:30 PM Mass-St. Joseph Parish

**Sunday, September 17**
Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130) Pss IV
8:15 AM Mass—Lester W. Reuter (D)
10:00 AM Mass-Barbara Gazda (D)
11:45 AM Mass—Vivian Taylor (I)
1:30 PM Mass-Margarita Mata (D) and Aristeo Lopez (D)
6:00 PM Mass-St. Joseph Parish

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH’S**

**Calendar lists meetings and events only; Liturgical Schedule on Front Page**

**Monday, September 11**
10:00 AM St Joseph Charities-Hawthorne Office
3:30 PM SJS Volleyball Practice-gym
3:30 PM SJS Cross Country Practice-field
4:30 PM SJS v Oconee Middle Volleyball-gym
6:00 PM SJS Town Hall Mtg—(preK-2nd grade)
6:00 PM SJS Town Hall Mtg—(3rd–5th grade)
7:45 PM Unified Choir rehearsal-Chapel
7:45 PM CCIII ESP—#253

**Tuesday, September 12**
3:30 PM SJS Cross Country Practice-field
4:30 PM SJS v Westminster Volleyball-gym
6:00 PM RCIA—#253
6:00 PM SJS Town Hall Mtg—(3rd–5th grade)
7:00 PM Small Group Leaders of Confirmation mtg
7:45 pm Grupo Mariano—#254
7:45 PM Missionarios—#253

**Wednesday, September 13**
9:00 AM Apologetics Series—Youth Rm
10:00 AM St Joseph Charities-Hawthorne Office
1:00 PM Craft Guild-Charities Office
3:30 PM SJS Volleyball Practice-gym

6:00/7:30 PM RE Classes, Wave 1 and Wave 2

**Thursday, September 14**
9:00 AM Altar Society-Chapel
3:30 PM SJS Cross Country Practice-field
6:00 PM Columbiettes Bus Mtg—#255
6:00 PM SJS Town Hall Mtg—(6th-8th grade)
6:00 PM Apologetics Series-Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Parish Center
7:30 PM 7:30 Choir Practice—#226

**Friday, September 15**
9:30 AM Scripture Reflection—#232
12 Noon Bulletin Deadline
3:30 PM SJS Soccer Practice-field
3:30 PM SJS Flag Football Practice-field
7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Parish Center
4:00 PM 5:30 Choir practice—Parish Center

**Saturday, September 16**
8:30 AM SJS I9 Soccer practice-field
9:30 AM Altar Society Español-Chapel
2:00 PM Wedding-Parish Center
4:00 PM 5:30 Choir practice—Parish Center

**Sunday, September 17**
11:30 AM Basic Teen—#201,203,204
11:45 SJS Mass
3:00 PM Filipino Choir Practice-Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Connect (High School Youth)

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**Bulletin Deadline:**
Fridays at Noon for publication 10 days later. Email items to: bulletin@stjosephathens.com
As part of our birthday bash for Fr. David and Fr. Paul, we are assembling a **BOOK OF BIRTHDAY WISHES**

These special messages and photos will be broadcast during the party on October 6th and will also be placed in keepsake book for each of them.

The book will be 8x11, with the following sizes and rates available for your special message:

- **Whole Page space (7x10)** - $25  
  Will hold one large or two smaller photos plus 3 lines of text
- **Half Page space (8 x 5)** - $12  
  Will hold one small photo plus 4 lines of text
- **Quarter Page space (4x5)** – $6  
  Will hold 5 lines of text only

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

Payment should be submitted to the Parish Office. Images and text should be emailed to: [stjoesbirthdaybash@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesbirthdaybash@gmail.com)  
*(Images should be at least 300 dpi.)*

All proceeds go to the Building Fund, so please consider purchasing a birthday message space even if you can't attend the event!