

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 20, 2016*

*Pastor*

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**Rev. Paul Czarnota**  
In Residence

*Special Ministry to  
St. Joseph Regional School*

**Rev. Nick Muenks**  
In Residence

*Special Ministry to the  
Youth Faith Formation*

**Msgr. Mariano Balbago**

### *Mission Statement*

The members of the Catholic Community of St. Joseph parish commit ourselves to live the teachings of Jesus Christ nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit. Together we continue the mission of Christ through acts of Spirituality, Charity, Hospitality, and Stewardship

### *Spirituality:*

Joined together in Baptism, we gather as a worshipping community to celebrate the Sacraments. We pray together the Liturgy of the Eucharist to strengthen each other and ourselves.

### *Charity:*

We will demonstrate our love of God and our neighbors through our generosity, prayers, and support.

### *Hospitality:*

We will create a parish life of Christian fellowship to welcome each other and our guests in Christian love.

### *Stewardship:*

We will care for and use responsibly, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure which God has given us, to enrich our community.

### **Sacraments**

**Weekend Masses:** ..... Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil; Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

**Weekday Masses:** ..... Monday-Saturday: 8:15am

**Holy Day Masses:** ..... As Announced

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** ..... 10:00am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:**..... First Friday of each month 9:00-10:00am

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday 4:00-4:45pm & following 8:15am Mass on 1st Fridays.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** We are excited to celebrate your child's baptism! This sacrament is celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. To have a child Baptized, one must be a registered parishioner, if new attending three months, be interviewed by Msgr. Karl Chimiak then instructed by Msgr. Karl Chimiak. The Baptism will be on the last Sunday of the month. A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and if not from this parish must have a signed certificate from the parish where they attend.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! You are in one of the most exciting (and hectic) times of your life. Beyond the wedding day there is married life. Let us help you get ready, a registered parishioner should arrange with the priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance of the planned ceremony. Preparation classes are needed.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please contact the rectory when you or a relative are sick and in need of anointing. Sick and at home can be a frightening and lonely ordeal. We would like to support and encourage you during this difficult time. Our Pastoral Visitors are ready to visit with you or your loved one, pray together and, if you choose, share Communion.

**Funeral Mass:** The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult issues of life. The prayerful support and assistance of your Church family can be indispensable; the funeral home will help you contact our Arimathean Ministry for help. Bereavement Ministers can walk you through the planning of the Funeral.

**Rectory Office - Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00am to 3:00pm**.....301-937-7183

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**Laurel Montoya, Director of Religious Education — ext 418** .... [reled@stjosrcs.org](mailto:reled@stjosrcs.org)

**Grades 1-8** ..... Sunday 9:00am to 9:50 a.m.

**Church Plant Manager**.....Warren Taylor

### **Catholic Inquiry Sessions (RCIA)**

For Non Catholics interested in learning about the Catholic faith and Catholics interested in learning more about their faith. Call the office for more information.

### **Calming Room/Toddler Room**

For the convenience of parents and young children, the cry room has windows to see into the church, speaker system to hear the Mass, and sound absorbing panels to confine sounds to the cry room. Please do not pacify children in the foyer - sounds echo into the church. This enables the parent, priest, and congregation to more prayerfully and attentively follow the Mass.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish community. We encourage you to become actively involved members of the parish.

# Parish Worship



So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as Jesus had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road, and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:

"Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

**Luke 19: 28 - 40**

**Prayer Group:** You are welcome to join the group any Tuesday evening from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the School Library as we share God's love.

**Scripture Study:** The Scripture Sharing Group meets Wednesdays 9:00 -10:30 am in the Cry Room in the Church. Please join the group to study the Letters to the Corinthians.

**Parish Prayer Support:** A Prayer Intention Book is located in the back of the church. Please list your personal requests and remember the needs of others as you pray. We have now added a special section where you may list the names of those serving in the military. Also, daily prayer support is available through the telephone Prayer Chain. Contact Edie Fafard (301-937-1048) or MM Teague (301-937-3999) to begin this process. Your privacy is always respected.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Children's Liturgy of the Word, where the readings are explained to children at their level, is on every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome.

The first Sunday of each month, during the 10 am Mass, we will be celebrating a "Children's Mass". We would like to invite our young parishioners (1st grade to 7th grade) to be part of the experience by joining us as Lectors, Ushers and Gift-bearers. To volunteer and be added to the schedule, please contact Laura Irwin at 301-937-6368 or [laura\\_e\\_irwin@yahoo.com](mailto:laura_e_irwin@yahoo.com).

# Ministries

## March 26th & March 27th

Saturday March 26 7:00 p.m.	Sunday March 27 8:00 a.m.	Sunday March 27 10:00 a.m.	Sunday March 27 12:00 p.m.
Msgr Karl Concelebrants	Msgr. Balbago	Fr. Muenks	Fr. Wimmer
<b>EOM</b>	<b>EOM</b>	<b>EOM</b>	<b>EOM</b>
Please Sign In	Please Sign In	Please Sign In	Please Sign In
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
T. Visk G. Hand M. Bernard	R. Bernard M. Penagunda	S. Chirindah A. Ewang	C. Logan K. Onyona
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
A. Visk A. Visk C. Landicho	J. Schaeffer J. Landicho J. Joseph	M. West O. Otule D. Anyesoh	G. Borciquot A. Gurwah D. Gurwah
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Silent</b>	<b>Contemp. Choir</b>	<b>Folk</b>

# Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 20

5:00 P.M.† Robert Bohorfoush (Walter & Marie Bohorfoush)  
8:00 A.M. All Members of the Parish  
10:00 A.M.† Alix E. Weldon (The Amir Family)  
12:00 P.M.† Cesar O. Toledo (Gloria Toledo)

### Monday, March 21

8:15 A.M.† Mr. Herrera (The Herrera Family)

### Tuesday, March 22

8:15 A.M.† Anthony Boroch, Sr. (The Boroch Family)

### Wednesday, March 23

8:15 A.M.† Barbara Bohorfoush (Kathleen Giddings)

### Thursday, March 24

NO 8:15 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.† Thanksgiving (The Boroch Family)

### Friday, March 25

NO 8:15 A.M.  
7:00P.M.† All Departed Members of the Njokanma Family

### Saturday, March 26

NO 8:15 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.† Barbara Bohorfoush (John Bohorfoush)

### Sunday, March 27

8:00 A.M. All Members of the Parish  
10:00 A.M.† Jim Sheehan (The Sheehan Family)  
12:00 P.M.† Catherine Battista (Al Battista)

Please pray daily for the special needs of our Parish Community. Pray for the sick of the parish, for our active military, and those listed in the Parish Prayer Book, that they may know God's healing love. Please remember all those who have died, especially

**Romeo Solatan**

# Parish News

Bulletin Deadline – Noon Monday IN WRITING, (holiday weekends are published a week in advance) either by email, fax, mail, or delivery to the rectory. When space is limited, emailed content gets first priority.

Calendar of Events	
	MARCH
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 23	Noon Dismissal <b>**NO ECP**</b>
March 24	NO 8:15 a.m. Mass Holy Thursday
March 25	NO 8:15 a.m. Mass Good Friday
March 26	NO 8:15 a.m. Mass Holy Saturday
March 27	Easter Sunday
March 28	Easter Monday - Rectory Office CLOSED

## Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Envelopes are in the Bulletin rack located in the foyer of the church for parishioners wishing to make donations to our Easter Flowers. Donations may be made in the memory of a loved one.



## Youth Faith Formation

### Religious Education Registration 2014-2015

All Students who are preparing for Confirmation are welcome to sign up to earn Service Project hours. Please call 301-937-7183 or email Laurel Montoya at [reled@stjosrcs.org](mailto:reled@stjosrcs.org) to schedule your volunteer hours.

**Parents are reminded that students are required to complete two years of religious education prior to their sacramental years.**

For more information contact the DRE, Laurel Montoya at [reled@stjos.org](mailto:reled@stjos.org) or call the rectory at 301-937-7183.

### Important Dates:

- ◆ March 27th: NO Religious Education Classes
- ◆ April 14th: First Eucharist Parent Meeting in the Church
- ◆ April 30th: First Eucharist Retreat
- ◆ April 30th: First Eucharist Practice in the church.
- ◆ May 7th: First Communion at 10:00 a.m.

**Easter Basket Blessing:** Saturday, March 26 11:00 am in the Church Narthex. The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to church to be blessed during a short service. The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the items used and foods chosen for this special Easter tradition which will be explained during the service. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and, of course, the Resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, the baskets are filled with decorated hard-boiled eggs; lamb-shaped butter or sugar; bread; meats, such as ham, sausage, smoked bacon, or lamb; salt, cheese, horseradish, pepper, oil, and vinegar, and wine. Lastly, the basket is covered with white linen, to symbolize the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped. St. Joseph's Parish invites you and your family to bring your unique family baskets to the church on Holy Saturday. Do come and share in this beloved custom with your parish family, or make this the start of a new Easter tradition with your own family, relatives, and friends!



Holy Thursday

### March 24th

NO 8:15 a.m. Mass

The Only Mass will be the Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday

### March 25th

NO 8:15 a.m. Mass

Altar Server Practice 12:00 p.m.  
Solemn Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion with the distribution of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Saturday

### March 26th

NO 8:15 a.m. Mass

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass

Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 11:00 a.m.  
Altar Server & Lector Practice 12:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil Mass with the Blessing of the Easter Fire and reception of candidates in the church at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

#### March 27th

Masses at

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

And 12:00 Noon



## Social Concerns

### Much Needed Items for Our Pantry:

The following items are those products that we seem to run out of each week. We usually have to buy them using donations from our parishioners.

(\* = Most Needed)

*Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix	*Rice	Juice	*Mustard	*Ketchup
*Canned Pasta	Fruit	*Detergent	Peanut Butter	Crackers	*Cereal
*Peas	*Paper Towel	Shampoo	*Canned Meat	Pudding	Pop Tarts
Syrup	Baked Beans	Soup	Deodorant	Face Soap	
			Laundry Detergent		

**Food Pantry 2016:** We have had 178 families visit our Food Pantry so far this New Year. We have registered 27 new families. We will continue to service Beltsville, Calverton, College Park, Laurel and some Adelphi, Greenbelt and Hyattsville area families who have been coming to us for several years, as long as our food supply and monetary donations from this generous parish continue as they have been.

**Lenten Food Drive:** Bags were distributed to the school students and the parishioners during the past two weeks. Many have been filled with generous donations and returned to our Food Pantry for distribution to individuals and families that are served by our Pantry. We will continue to accept donations whenever it is convenient for you to bring them to us. We welcome all grocery items with an expiration date no older than two years, paper products and personal products like deodorant, shampoo, face soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish detergent and laundry detergent. We are most grateful for the wonderful response so far.

**40 Cans for Lent:** Prayers, fasting, and almsgiving – the three pillars of lent. With Ash Wednesday fast approaching on February 10, many of us have begun contemplating our Lenten sacrifice. This year, our parish and five other parishes within the Council will be participating with the Knights of Columbus **40 Cans for Lent** campaign. The goal is that each person will donate 1 canned good per day, so as you come to church on Sunday, each participating member of your household would bring in 7 canned goods. K of C will collect and weigh the cans, and distribute them back to St Joseph and St Mark food pantries.

**Gift Card Donations:** We are always in need of ALDI, Costco, CVS, Dollar Tree, Giant, Rite Aid, Safeway, Sam's, Shoppers and Shop Rite Gift Cards in order to help keep our pantry shelves well stocked.

**Plastic Bags:** We are again in need of plastic grocery bags which we double for our Pantry folks. Please bring them to the Pantry-Altar Server Sacristy when you come to Church. Thank you!

**Thank You:** We have received many thank you letters for the wonderful thermal underwear that came from our Christmas Giving Tree. The recipients of the underwear were the most grateful men of the McKenna Center. We also received a lovely thank you from the Little Friends for Peace. This organization reaches out to those in need who live in the area of the Fr. McKenna Center in Washington, D.C., and provides the children with a safe environment after school at the Perry School and in the summer with camps. Our wonderful Giving Tree sent the children many lovely and most appreciated gifts. Thanks again to all who helped from our wonderful, generous St. Joseph's.

We are in need of toiletries again for the homeless men at the Fr. McKenna Center. We are in need of travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, and soap. More expensive, but also needed are new underwear and socks in large and extra-large sizes for the men.

We also supply local shelters with toilet paper and women's personal hygiene products. Any donations are most appreciated: you can label them McKenna Center or Homeless Shelters and leave them in the pantry/altar serving room to your immediate right as you come in the church through the front entrance.

Thank you again from the Social Concerns Committee. We could not be helpful to these special children of God without the generosity of our amazing parish!

### **2016 Scholarship Competition for Eighth (8th) Grade Students**

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces the 2016 Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online and are due by March 31, 2016.

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).

For the month of  
**March** we would like to thank  
**Cherry Hill Manor Catering**  
 For supporting our parish  
 by advertising in our bulletin.





# Other News

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** In the Gospel we see how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 22-24, 2016 in Rockville, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

**Three Brother Knights along the Path to Financial Success: How's your Future Looking?** Funeral Planning – Life Insurance – Estate & Tax Planning Join 3 professionals on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00pm, Andrew Cole – Bob Monagan – Jim Seidl. The seminar will be held at Knights of Columbus Council 2809 in the Fernandez Room at 9450 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740. Light Refreshments & Raffle Prizes – Babysitting available upon request Habrá una traductor y una traducción de los materiales. **All Are Welcome!** RSVP: [bobmonagan358@gmail.com](mailto:bobmonagan358@gmail.com) or 301-758-1155

**Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department:** Have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and join us for an Egg Hunt!! On March 26th at the Beltsville Fire Department, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. with the egg hunt at 11:00 a.m. Children under 3 are free, Children 3 years to 8 years are \$5.00 and 8 years and up are \$8.00. The Easter Bunny will be available to have pictures taken by our Professional photographer.

Please join us for St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School's

# Family Night Out



Monday, March 21st  
Open to Close (All Day)  
5123 Baltimore Avenue  
Hyattsville, MD

<http://www.franklinsbrewery.com>  
301-927-2740

Franklins Restaurant and brewery will donate 20% of total sales with this flyer to the St. Joseph's Home and School Association - Includes food, beverages and general store.

Please present this flyer when ordering dine-in or carry-out to help track the evening's sales. Invite your friends and family!

If you need flyers feel free to copy this page or contact the school office for more copies. Since this is a fund-raising event, please refrain from using coupons or discounts.

If you have any questions please contact David Rathbun at: [drathbun12@hotmail.com](mailto:drathbun12@hotmail.com)



**We must not forget that we gather as a Church for the celebration of the Mass to be with our Lord, and He is truly present among us. Christ is present in the words of the sacred Scripture, "since it is He Himself who**

**speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church." Each person must hear this word attentively and allow it to take root in his life. Cell phones going off during Mass is a disruption and distraction to everyone and breaks the concentration at Mass.**

**Please turn off cell phones and concentrate on Jesus during Mass.**

# ART SHOW!!!

St. Joseph's will host a community art show on Saturday, April 23rd 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm and Sunday, April 24th from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm in the parish hall. This free event is open to everyone in the community. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy the art of local residents, and the company of your neighbors.

If you are interested in displaying your art, we are accepting entries for this non-juried show from those 16 years of age and older. Entry deadline is April 8th. All those interested in providing artwork for the show should contact the church office at [stjoesartshow@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesartshow@gmail.com) or [www.stjos.org/Community Art Show](http://www.stjos.org/CommunityArtShow) to download an entry form. This show is for artists of all skill levels and we invite all members of the community to show their work.

# Stewardship

		Income	Weekly Estimated Expenses	Difference
March 13 2016	Weekly Offertory	\$9,602.00	\$8,650.00	\$952.00
	Mortgage	\$760.03	\$2,600.00	-\$1,839.97
Monthly Overview				
		Income	Monthly Expenses	Difference
February 2016	Offertory	\$42,991.12	\$37,500.00	\$5,491.12
	Mortgage	\$7,043.02	\$10,792.00	-\$3,748.02



Due to early submission of the bulletin for Easter, the Stewardship numbers will not change until the weekend of April 3rd.

Offertory envelopes for February were mailed out to 849 registered parishioners.

# Archdiocesan News

**2016 Annual Jubilarian Mass:** Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 19 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 11.

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:** Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Our hearts, minds, and prayers are especially aware of the Holy Land. Parishes in the archdiocese are asked to take up a special collection on Good Friday (March 25) to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians there depend on the collection for their lives. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

**Archdiocesan Vocations Mass:** The 22nd Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for Catholic School 8th Graders will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). After Mass in Memorial Hall, students will be given the opportunity to speak about vocation opportunities with seminarians, priests, and consecrated religious. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020 for information.

**Pilgrimage for World Apostolate of Fatima:** On Saturday, May 7, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a bus pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, NJ. This location is a retreat center and the headquarters of the World Apostolate of Fatima USA. The bus boarding will be at 6am in the parking lot of St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Wheaton, MD (11801 Claridge Rd.). Return time is 8:30-9pm. For more information, contact Muriel Hanson at [mommarsh52@hotmail.com](mailto:mommarsh52@hotmail.com).

Please make a note on your calendar that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School program will begin on July 11th and end on July 15th from 8:30 am to noon. There is a \$50.00 registration fee per family. Registration form is available in the school office. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call or email the school office. We look forward to another successful year full of amazing experiences.

Camp Staff: Mr. Hooker, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Montoya



# School News

Dear Parish Families,

I cannot believe Palm Sunday is already here! We had all school penance this past week. What a blessing it is to have so many priests to help us encourage this sacrament for our students. Thank you to all the priests who helped, and thank you for all the contributions our priests make throughout the year to make St. Joseph's RCS the truly Catholic School we are!

In an effort to foster a growth mindset, our teachers attended professional development this past Friday. Subjects covered were geared toward the teachers specific grade level and subjects taught. It was wonderful to collaborate with other Archdiocesan teachers, administrators, and the expert guest speakers in attendance. Everyone came back with fresh ideas to encourage and engage our students.

Multicultural Night was this Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>! We had an amazing time preparing for the night of sharing cultural food, traditions, fashion, song, and dance. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed this celebration of a truly Catholic community from across the globe!

OPEN REGISTRATION has begun! For new families entering K-8th, you may enroll online <http://stjosrcs.org/registration/> by clicking on the TADS links. To register for our PRE-K program please download the PRE-K registration form from our website and bring or mail to the school office.

Mr. Hooker and Mrs. Miller ran the Rock n Roll DC half marathon for a great cause! We are building funds for a Principals Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund. You can donate towards this cause and other school improvements at our school website [www.stjosrcs.org](http://www.stjosrcs.org) by clicking the DONATE button at the bottom of the page and adding the special instructions "RUN".

## Upcoming School Events

- ◆ March 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Holy Week
- ◆ March 23<sup>rd</sup> Noon Dismissal, No ECP
- ◆ March 24<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Break
- ◆ April 6<sup>th</sup>- School Mass
- ◆ April 8<sup>th</sup>- Easter Parties, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ends, Noon Dismissal

**School's Website-** [www.stjosrcs.org](http://www.stjosrcs.org).

**Facebook-** [stjosephbeltsville](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville)

**Twitter-** [@StJosephsRCS](https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS)

**Instagram-** [@stjosephsrcs](https://www.instagram.com/stjosephsrcs)

**Mr. Hooker's Math and Fitness Challenge-** Mr. Hooker swims, bikes, and runs every week. He averages 3,000 yds swimming, 30 miles biking, and 12 miles running a week. If he keeps this average for every week in March, how many total miles did Mr. Hooker travel while working out (estimate to the nearest mile)?