

Welcome to  
Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church (Bryson City, NC) &  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church (Cherokee, NC)

*The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21, 2011*

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Saturday Vigil Mass: At St. Joseph (all year): 5pm; At OLG (until October 29): 7pm

Sunday Masses (all year): At OLG: Sun.: 9am; At St. Joseph: 11:15am

Daily Masses: As posted below.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Saturdays: at St. Joseph: 4pm-4:30pm (or by appt.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: At St. Joseph: After Mass on First Fridays (unless otherwise posted)

Office Hours: Meetings are scheduled by appointment only, but meetings can and will be arranged to suit you.

**Contacts and phone numbers**

Most Rev. Peter J. Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte

Rev. Shawn O'Neal, Pastor: 488-6766

Parish mobile phone for emergency calls: 736-5322

OLG Church/Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Ctr.: 497-9755

Joe Holt, Pastoral Council chair: 506-1589

Kathy Posey, Faith Formation: 488-0652

Cathie Tilly, RCIA coordinator: 479-9278

David Tilly, contact for annulment cases: 479-9278

Eduardo Bernal, Hispanic minister: 586-2167

JoAnne Furr, Parish Life coordinator: 736-2989

St. Joseph Thrift Store: 488-2266: Wednesday and Friday: 10am-4pm; Thursday and Saturday: 10am-1pm

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** from last weekend:

**St. Joseph:** Parishioners: \$1,032; Guests: \$738; **OLG:** Parishioners: \$859; Guests: \$122.05

**LITURGY INFORMATION**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Sat.:** 5pm (St. J): Ervin+ & Margaret+ Miller; 7pm (OLG): Jean King+ (by the Bushey, Jordan, and Powers families);

**Sun.:** 9am (OLG): Our parish family; 11:15am (St. J): Walter Postrozny (by Edward Bashaw); **Mon.:** 10am (St. J);

**Tues.:** NO MASS; **Wed.:** 5:30pm (St. J); **Thurs.:** 4pm (St. J); **Fri.:** 4pm (St. J);

*For the Ministry Schedule for Masses on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28,*

*consult the bulletin boards located at either church.*

*A new schedule for post-11:15am refreshments service will be available in St. Joseph Church's hall.*

**CHANGES IN MASS PRAYERS AND RESPONSES BEGIN THIS ADVENT:** New prayers and responses for the Mass go into effect on the First Sunday of Advent this November 27. Laminated cards will be placed in both churches to assist people adjust to the changes. Fr. Shawn will host an Adult Faith Formation workshop on this topic on **Wednesday, August 24. Note: There is a date and time change for this event.** More details about the workshop can be found on page 3.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAY FOR EVERYONE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES** especially those serving in the Middle East. Loved ones related to parishioners include Wesley Balogh, Ryan Carr, Kevin Dieterich, Brendan Ferguson, Ben Meisner, and Jason Small. Pray for an end to all conflict so those who serve can enjoy the company of friends and family stateside and so all victims of war may be blessed with peace and comfort. Pray that we help victims of war recover, too.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR EVERYONE WHO SEEKS HEALING**, especially: Peg Anderson; Mary Asker; Aldo & Angela Bagiotti; Cristina Bagiotti-Sheldon; Lorraine Bedick; Ann Blaser; Lisa & Randy Bocook; Joseph Borelli; Chuck Brogan; Diana Butler; Lawrence Chasko; Nicholas Curry; David Donaldson; Jack Dow; Richard & Susan Fischer; Nancy Fisher; Jim Fogarty; Pat Forrand; Ann Fryer; Craig Fuhrmann; Richard Goodwin; Eleanor Gremo; Ed Hackett; Bill Hamilton; Jerry Jackson; Elliott, Ethan, & Leanna Jacques; Doris Kearns; Victoria Kish; Dolores Landwehr; Dorothy Lowe; Caroline Lutz; Christine Mirabella; Gloria Moss; Austin Needo; Jerry Newlon; Betty O'Neil; Nancy Ostergaard; Wilbur Paul; Patrick Perry; Edmund Pittner; Pressie & Ted Raby; Bob Reed; Mary Ellen Saunooke; Gerry Schumann; Maria Seay; Marcella Keefe Slager; Brenda & Tom Smith; George Smith; Nina Sotaski; Harold Spaeth; Mac Tanner; Joe & Nancy Thomason; Ray Walsh; Iretta Wang; Marianne Ward; Lydia Weber, Cheryl Whipple; Jeff & Beth Williams; and Cristel Winnberry. *Please inform Fr. Shawn whether names should be added or removed.*

### **FAITH FORMATION, CONFIRMATION, AND RCIA CLASSES**

**Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 11 at 10am at St. Joseph.** Parents who have not yet registered their children can call Kathy Posey at 488-0652 to initiate the registration process.

**Fr. Shawn will teach the students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.** Confirmation classes start on **Sunday, September 18 at 1pm.** There is no date set at this time for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in this parish.

**All persons interested in becoming a Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** should contact both Fr. Shawn at 488-6766 and Cathie Tilly at 479-9278.

### **PARISH EVENTS**

**THE INFORMATIONAL GATHERING CONCERNING CHANGES IN THE MASS AT ST. JOSEPH HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24:** Fr. Shawn will celebrate Mass at **5:30pm.** After a potluck dinner (please bring food), there will be a presentation in the parish hall concerning the changes in the Mass that officially take effect later this year. Please contact the parish office in advance if you are interested in attending. Please volunteer to bring a supper meal item to share with others who will attend.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING CHEROKEE HISTORY AT ST. MARY IN SYLVA ON AUGUST 26:** The Cherokee people inhabited this area for over 10,000 years; yet many people residing here, particularly Catholics who have arrived here in recent years, do not know Cherokee history or issues facing tribal members. Those who do not know this history could inadvertently be insensitive to the issues and challenges of the Cherokee today.

Churches within the diocese's Smoky Mountain Vicariate (churches from Canton to Murphy) are sponsoring a series of presentations at various parishes to help Catholics and people in helping professions develop a better understanding of how events in the past influence people today. The presentations will provide information about historical grief and intergenerational trauma, its impact on the lives of Cherokee people, and the cultural renaissance and language immersion classes in Cherokee today.

Featured presenter Patty Grant, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and founding member of Healing and Wellness Coalition, currently serves as Program Manager for Analenisgi, an outpatient mental health/substance abuse program in Cherokee.

One such gathering will be held on **Friday, August 26** at St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Sylva starting at **6pm.** Please reserve seats in advance as a means of helping St. Mary Church adequately prepare. St. Mary Church's office number is (828) 586-9496. Their email address is [stmarys@dnet.net](mailto:stmarys@dnet.net)

**THE NEXT GOOD JOES MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** starting with Mass at **11:45am.** The discussion will be "Why do we not evangelize more or find it difficult to do?" This question is meant to be more about personal activity rather than institutional activity, but any and all content can be added to the discussion. All men are welcome to the meeting. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of lunch.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITS DEDICATION IN SEPTEMBER.** Bishop Peter Jugis will celebrate the Sunday 11:15am Mass on **Sunday, September 11.** The annual parish picnic will follow after the Mass at the Morgan Pavillion located inside the Swain County Recreational Park in Bryson City.

**Sign-up sheets are posted at both churches** so people can post what they plan to bring to the picnic or what help they can provide.

**THE NEXT SISTERS IN SPIRIT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** starting with Mass at 11:30am. Further information about this meeting will be published in the bulletin.

**If you would like to arrange a Mass Intention with Fr. Shawn**, please call the parish office or send an e-mail message to the office. Fr. Shawn will arrange the intention with you as soon as possible. Please write checks for Mass offerings to the order of either St. Joseph Church or Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, not to Fr. Shawn. For special dates such as birthdays and anniversaries, please call ahead to secure the date. The suggested, but never required, stipend is \$10 per Mass, as set by the bishops of the Carolinas and Georgia. Mass intentions can be requested for specific dates up to December 31, 2012, barring that a Mass time or date has already been reserved.

*FROM FR. SHAWN*

**The new roof above the rectory is well on its way.** Please pray for the safety of everyone working on this construction project. I plan to schedule an open house at the rectory in late September after the work is completed and the house receives a good once-over cleaning job. I sincerely thank all of you for your generosity toward this significant renovation project.

For those who do not know, trusses have been installed over the old roof and a new roof is being attached to the trusses. This is being done because the previous was set at a low pitch; it was by divine providence that we never had a collapse due to snow. Divine providence is great, but years of it turns into tempting fate unless prudent action takes place. Increasing the pitch of the roof in this area susceptible to snow is a prudent action.

The windows around the house are being replaced. They were original with the house, which was built 60 years ago, and they included storm windows that had to be screwed into the windowsill. You can only imagine how that ate up the wood in the windowsill after many decades.

Reconfiguration of the electrical system was performed so the circuit box complies with building code standards. The wiring inside the house seems to be in good condition, but the circuitry needed to be more secure. Also, the rectory's power and phone lines have been buried into the ground from the street to the house so to be protected from trees that might fall during storms.

**I have been asked about the date for the picnic, mostly because of the significance of September 11.** St. Joseph Church was dedicated on September 10, 1941. It simply seemed proper to have a large celebration during a Sunday Mass. Also, because the Parish Picnic was such a chilly event last year because it was on the first Sunday of October, it made sense to move it up to the time of the anniversary of the dedication. The ability of Bishop Jugis to celebrate the Mass with us that day at 11:15am and to join us in the celebration was simply too good to pass by.

September 11 will always be a sad day. We should spend time that day praying for the repose of the souls of the people who died, for those who continue to mourn that they may know the Lord's comfort and compassion, and for those who seek to act with violence against others to be overwhelmed with a desire only to love rather than perform acts of violence against other people. No matter the day, we should show proper honor and sincere respect toward those who have gone before us, but may we celebrate, too. May we celebrate together in the Lord.

**I thank you for the prayers you have offered for the recovery of my brother-in-law, Michael Laney of Peachland, NC.** His next procedure takes place this coming Wednesday at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte as the small battery-operated device made to send impulses through his nervous system will be inserted around his shoulder area. Please pray for all people who suffer from degenerative conditions such as Parkinson's, MS, and ALS.

**This past Monday's Mass in Cherokee** was a wonderful celebration. For those who do not know, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church was dedicated on the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 1966. **Chalk one up for the "This is confusing!" file:** When a feast day that is normally a Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the feast is still celebrated, but it is not a HDO. There is one exception to this in the United States: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary as celebrated on December 8 is always a HDO because Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States.