

St. Joseph's Men's Guild

Spring 2026



Gracious St. Joseph, protect us and our family from all evil as you did the Holy Family.

Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.



***Feast of St. Joseph,
Husband of Mary
March 19th***

***Feast of St. Joseph
the Worker
May 1st***

From President Tom Short

I hope you all had a joyful Christmas Season with family and friends, it was certainly a beautiful and holy time at Immaculate!

It was great to see and spend time with all who were able to attend the Guild's Annual Christmas Dinner! Many thanks to Steve for his planning, to all who attended and a special thank you to the wonderful cooks, the food was excellent!

Liturgically we are past the Christmas Season and back in Ordinary Time. Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season are rapidly approaching. The joyful anticipation and preparation for Christ's birth will soon be replaced by the more somber preparation for Jesus' crucifixion for each of us. While teaching a CCD class

a few years ago we prayed and discussed the stations. In the discussion about which station each student "spoke" to them there were great answers. A commonality for many of their comments was about the interactions with those along the way who stepped up and out to provide comfort and support to our Lord. His Mother, Veronica, Simon the Cyrene, the three women and Joseph of Arimathea, all answering the Spirit's call.

A question for us all, especially during this Lenten Season of preparation is "What can I do for Our Lord?"

As with the widow, It can be something small, like a few extra prayers for vocations, our Pastor, Bishop, Pope...



Stay warm and safe!
God Bless
Tom



**"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Whoever believes in Me,
even though he dies, will live." John 11:25**

A History of St. Joseph's Feasts During the Easter Season

Before the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 was established, the Church honored the husband of Mary on a variety of days during Easter. Currently the Catholic Church honors St. Joseph on two principal feast days: March 19 and May 1. However, historically these are not the only days the Church has honored St. Joseph, as there have been a variety of days the Church instituted to venerate the foster father of Jesus.

Third Sunday after Easter
The Carmelite Order honored St. Joseph on the Third Sunday after Easter, and this feast eventually spread to various dioceses throughout the world. Dom Prosper Guéranger explains the history of this particular feast in his Liturgical Year. A Sun-

day was selected for the celebration of this new Feast in order that the Faithful might be in a way compelled to keep it; for the Feast of St. Joseph in March is not a day of obligation for the universal Church and, as it always falls during Lent, it cannot be kept on a Sunday, since the Sundays of Lent exclude a Feast of that rite...The new Feast went on gradually spreading from one diocese to another till at last there was unexpectedly issued an Apostolic Decree dated September 10, 1847 which ordered it to be kept throughout Christendom.

Third Wednesday after Easter

However, when St. Pius X initiated his own reforms of the calendar in 1912, he decided to remove it from the

Third Sunday after Easter and to place it on the Third Wednesday after Easter. It was fitting to place this feast on a Wednesday, as Wednesdays were traditionally a day when St. Joseph was honored, similar to how Saturdays became a day to honor the Virgin Mary. This feast of St. Joseph remained on the calendar until 1955, when the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted on May 1.

While these other feasts are no longer on the General Roman Calendar, they paved the way for the new feast of St. Joseph on May 1 and reflect a desire to honor St. Joseph during the Easter season.

**Philip Kosloski—
Spirituality Writer for
Aleteia.org**

St. Joseph, Zealous Defender of Christ, Pray For Us.

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LENT

Suggestions For Change

"Create a new heart in me,



Lenten Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday--NOON

Weekly Confession

Immaculate Conception -

Saturday Afternoon 3 - 3:45pm

Wednesday Night 5:30 - 6:30pm

****St. Mark's - Sat. Afternoon 3pm**

****St. Joseph's - Sat. Aft. 3:15—3:45pm**

****St. Mary's - Sat. Aft. 3:00—3:45pm**

****St. Rocco's - Sat. Morn. 11am—Noon**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**Immaculate Conception - 1st Friday of
Every Month—Noon—7pm Benediction**

Saint Rocco's—Sat. Morn. 8:30am—Noon

**"If I am with Jesus Crucified, I suffer;
if I am with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love."**



Stations of The Cross

Every Friday During Lent

7pm Stations and Benediction



**Monthly Prayer Meeting
With Deacon Noel Edsall
1st Wednesday of Every Month
In Mary's Chapel**

UPCOMING CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Saturday & Sunday March 28th & 29th

- PALM SUNDAY—Members Distribute Palms

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5th

Thurs. April 9th - Board. Mtg.6:45pm-

General Mtg.7pm—ELECTION of OFFICERS

**Sun. May 3rd - Installation of Officers 10:30am Mass
Coffee an' following Holy Mass**

**Thursday, May 7th - 7:15pm Board & General Meetings
Following Parish Rosary**

Monday, May 11th - Blood Drive - 3pm to 8pm

Thurs. June 4th - ANNUAL DINNER MEETING 5:30

Call 749-6300 for a ride.

**Prayer Meeting—1st Wednesday of every month Mary's Chapel
Pro-Life Rosary—3rd Saturday of every month @noon
corner of Oaklawn & Garden Hills Dr.**

Rest In Peace

PP John Marandola - February 6th

Eternal Rest Grant To Him, O Lord

GUILD OFFICERS

July 1st, 2025—June 30th, 2026

President: Tom Short 401-749-6300

Vice President: Peter Buonfiglio

Secretary: PP Richard Denningham

Asst. Secretary: PP Bob Relli

Treasurer: Steve Salzillo

Spiritual Leader: Rev. Father Edward Wilson

Spiritual Moderator: Rev. Deacon Thomas Raspallo

Assistants: Rev. Deacon Scott Brown

Rev. Deacon Noel Edsal

Executive Board of Directors:

John Bianco

PP Paul Salzer

Lou Ventriglia

Don Bruen

Mike Melancon

Bill Lanni

and All Elected Officers

Wake Call Chairmen: PP Rick Putnam & PP Rick Denningham

Pray For Our Sick Brothers

Please contact Pres. Tom Short or PP Rick Denningham with any Member, Spouse or Widow who is sick or in need of our help. New committee members welcome. Visits are made on weekday afternoons. Please call 401-559-6050 to join us.

Remember Our Sick Brothers

Wives & Widows In Your Prayers...

St. Joseph, please intercede on their behalf, and ask our Blessed Savior to grant them a complete recovery.

Dcn. Tom Raspallo

Dcn. Scott Brown

Don Bruen

Joe Mancini

Nick DiTatta



PP Bob Relli

PP Rick Putnam

Bill Lanni

PP John Murphy

Brothers or Family Members sick or in need can call 559-6050