



ARCHDIOCESE of BALTIMORE

New Pastor Appointment, St. Joseph Sykesville Parish Questions and Answers

1. *If our pastor is an Ordinariate priest, does this mean St. Joseph will become an Ordinariate parish?*

No, St. Joseph will remain a parish of the Archdiocese of Baltimore as before. The Ordinariate priests will celebrate Masses and Sacraments at St. Joseph as Fr. John Worgul has been doing, according to the Roman Missal. The “Ordinariate Use” Mass and Sacraments will only be offered to the St. Timothy community.

2. *How Will Fr. Worgul pastor both St. Joseph and St. Timothy at the same time?*

The Ordinariate is presently in discussion with the Archdiocese and St. Joseph regarding a rental agreement for the St. Timothy community to use the historic Sykesville church on a limited basis, similar to how they presently use facilities at St. Mark, Catonsville. The historic church will remain the property of St. Joseph and be available for primary use by St. Joseph. As the COVID-19 restrictions are gradually phased out, it is envisioned that the historic Sykesville church will reopen for daily prayer as it was prior to the pandemic.

3. *Will St. Joseph combine with another parish?*

With the entrustment of the parish to an Ordinariate pastor, it is expected that St. Joseph will remain a single parish pastorate for the foreseeable future.

4. *Will this transition cause a further reduction in the mass schedule?*

The Ordinariate has agreed to maintain the existing mass schedule of four masses per weekend, pending the phased reopening of churches during COVID-19. Any future changes to the mass schedule will need to be made in consultation with the Archdiocese.

5. *Will the name of the parish change?*

No. The parish’s name will remain as St. Joseph Catholic Community.