

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-475-6533

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday following the 6 p.m. Mass.

Baptisms: Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must be practicing

Catholics in this Parish or able to provide a letter of permission from the proper parish for Baptism here. Godparents, if not St. Joseph parishioners, must provide a letter that they meet the requirements: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and, if married, in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Marriages: Please contact the Pastor prior to making wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

The Body: Our destiny is not to become ghosts or angels after we die. Our destiny is to get our bodies back. Furthermore, we will get our bodies back in such a way that we will be able to enjoy a nice browned butter honey garlic salmon.

It's natural to wonder what will happen to us after we die. Some people are scared to think about it. Other people figure that we must all turn into angels or ghosts forever. Some people stop worrying about because they figure "nobody knows." But our Lord's resurrection shows us exactly what will happen. We will get our bodies back in such a way that we will be able to touch and feel, talk to and see each other, and (for all the food-lovers out there) we will be able to eat and share meals with each other.

Do not despise the body that God gave you, it is an essential part of who we are. We will enjoy eternity with it.

The Incredulity: In addition to showing us that we will also have our bodies forever, Jesus eats the fish in front of his disciples to snap them out of their disbelief. They really got to see and enjoy the company of Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Their time together was as real as suppertime. It's understandable that the disciples would not be able to believe their eyes. This is a common response to witnessing amazing things. We say it all the time, "It's unbelievable!" But Jesus wants us to believe in it, so he makes it as believable as he can: he eats with them. The food we eat has an excellent way of bringing us back down to earth. The gospels tell us of three different meals that the risen Jesus spent with his disciples.

Meals are a great way to share the most important things with the ones we love the most. Jesus used meals to remove the incredulity of his disciples and strengthen their faith. Let's use meals with our loved ones to draw them closer to the risen Lord.

The Job: Jesus did not show himself to his disciples simply to pass time with them. He had a certain job for them. Jesus wanted them to be witnesses of his death and resurrection. He wanted them: (1) to repent; (2) to preach the forgiveness of sins in his name; and (3) to witness to his passion, death and resurrection. Jesus also puts us to work. He has given us the gift of the same faith of his disciples. We too must repent, preach and witness. This is the work of the rest of our lives. It is our most important work.

If we should feel like we don't have what it will take for this job, consider the weakness of the disciples until the Lord came and strengthened them. Then consider what a great job they were able to do and imitate them. May the risen Lord strengthen us.

With paternal affection,



***Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday (excluding Thursdays).
Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.***

Mass Intentions for April 16th through April 22nd

Monday	8 a.m.	Henrietta “Jimmie” Abell
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Judy Lee Earp
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown & Joshua Holton
Thursday	8 a.m.	Rev. James S. Betz
Friday	8 a.m.	Susan Howe
Saturday	8 a.m.	Deacon Richard A. Fisher
	5 p.m.	Susan Howe
Sunday	8 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6 p.m.	Mary L. Tennyson

Mass Schedule for April 21st and April 22nd

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sarah Richardson	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	All Servers (Confirmation)

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, James Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

<i>Offertory, April 8th</i>	Envelopes \$2,709.00	Loose \$2,464.00
<i>School Support</i>	Envelopes \$732.00	Loose \$371.00
<i>Donations</i>	\$2,701.00	Thank you for your generosity!

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of the Church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16th.

Join us to pray the Rosary – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited again after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday May 5.

Mother’s Rosary Group – Join us for a weekly Mother’s Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega_mo@yahoo.com.

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop will be offered beginning Wednesday, April 18th, and continuing Wednesdays, April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th, 2018 in the IC Parish Center. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more information, and for registration contact the rectory (301-884-3123), Deacon Bill (240-230-3167) or Tina Slaughter (301-884-9545, 301-342-6330, or 301-481-1961) or visit our website. Seating is limited. Advanced registration is kindly requested.

Walk in the Park – Join St. Francis Xavier Parish for their 2nd Annual Walk in the Park. 5K family fun fun/walk through beautiful Newtowne Neck State Park. Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start. Rain or Shine. 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD. Stroller and pet friendly. Proceeds benefit the Parish’s Newtowne Manor preservation fund. For more information and online registration visit www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org or contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Loyola on the Potomac – Marian Day of Prayer – “Blessed are You Who Believe”. Monday, May 7, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our Day of Prayer begins with a continental breakfast and includes lunch. During the day, our retreatants are invited to spend time in quiet mediation, reflecting on the theme for the day. Confessions are offered, Mass is celebrated, and reflections are shared during the Motivation to Prayer time. To register contact Lisa White at (301) 392-0801 or reservations@loyolaretreat.org. Fee for the day is \$40.00

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, April 16th – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, April 17th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church. CCD at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

Saturday, April 21st – Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 22nd – Confirmation at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 24th – Last CCD class at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

Saturday, April 28th – Rehearsal for First Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Sunday, April 29th – First Holy Communion at 10 a.m.