

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

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Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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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,

There are some big differences between this life and the next life. If we pay close attention to these differences then we will be better prepared to enjoy the next life. As wonderful as this life is—and it can be plenty wonderful—God made all of us for the next life. Let's take a few examples of things we think are particularly wonderful in this life and see how much more wonderful they'll be in the next life. Hopefully this should help us to want to live entirely for the next life.

Beauty

Lots of people get very excited about things that are beautiful. Beautiful places, beautiful sounds, and most especially beautiful people. The ugliness that we run into everyday makes us love things that are beautiful so much more. Sadly we can seek beauty in this life so intensely that we can forget that it's only bound to pass away. But the beauty of the next life will not pass away. It will shine brightly and surround those who possess it with a brilliance and radiance that is impossible to imagine. God wants us to glow with this beauty forever.

Excellence

Many people work hard in this life and are never rewarded. They help sick family members. They toil at dirty and difficult jobs. They please God in a million ways that no one ever sees, except Him. Meanwhile, there are tons of reports everywhere of the filthy and shameful things that God's enemies do. In the next life, Jesus himself will announce all the good things we have done. He will speak favorably about us in front of Our Heavenly Father, Our Lady and all the Holy Angels. This should give us the courage we need to fill our life with good deeds so we can make heaven proud of us.

Peace

Strife and anxiety can fill our days. We find ourselves at war with ourselves, with our loved ones and neighbors. Violence and discord are everywhere. We long for moments of rest just to be able to catch our breath. And then, before we know it, we find ourselves in trouble again. The Peace that God wants us to have is so much more than the mere absence of conflict. It is the harmony and tranquility that is found everywhere in the Father's house. We can be sure in heaven that all is well and will be well. There will be no more fear, or sorrow, or death. This is God's gift to those who will live forever.

Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6). This Sunday nine boys and girls in our parish will receive First Holy Communion. They will receive the pledge of the eternal life that God wants for each of us. Let us pray for them. Just as they will begin to possess this new life, may they have it abundantly forever in heaven.

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.***

Mass Intentions for April 30th through May 6th

Monday	8 a.m.	Marie LeClere
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Thursday	8 a.m.	Bishop David E. Foley
Friday	8 a.m.	Rose Thompson and Carl Holt
Saturday	8 a.m.	Joseph Carter, Sr.
	5 p.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Sunday	8 a.m.	Fermina Gagliardi
	10 a.m.	Joseph Aloysius Bowles, Jr.
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for May 5th and May 6th

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Valerie Young	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sarah Richardson	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Bill Leonard	Francis Gross

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.

Offertory, April 22nd Envelopes \$2,263.00 Loose \$2,916.00 **Donations** \$125.00

Thank you for your generosity!



***Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Mass will be Sung in Latin***

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.

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 meditation, 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

Healing Mass, St. Mary Church, Newport. Healing Masses are held the first Thursday of each month, in honor of St. John Vianney. The next Mass will be Thursday, May 3rd. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin

at 6:00 p.m., Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall. For more information call the Rectory at 301-934-8825.

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs. Visit us at 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown. Operated by volunteers, our store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770. Also, Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Our Volunteer hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

Parish Dinner & Festival – Immaculate Conception Church will have a dinner on Sunday, May 6th starting at noon in their Parish Center located directly behind the Church. Menu includes fried chicken, ham, crab balls, shrimp and all the sides! Adults \$25, eat-in, carry-out and drive-thru. Children ages 7-12 are \$8. Children under 6 eat free. Raffles, white elephant, bake sale, plant sale, bingo and children's games. Fun for the whole family. For more information call 301-884-3123.

Sight & Sound /Millennium Theatre, Lancaster, PA – There will be a bus trip on July 4th to see Jesus! This is the musical stage adventure about the most famous person to ever walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Cost Adults \$120.00 Children 3-12 \$75.00. Bus, show ticket and buffet lunch, drink, tax & gratuity included. Must pay full amount to reserve your seat. Checks made out to Coordinator Shirley Guy. Please call Shirley at 240-538-5244 for seat availability or more information. Bus will leave from Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, April 30th – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, May 1st – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church.

Sunday, May 13th – May Procession 10 a.m. Mass



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Study: Footprints of God- Paul: Contending for the Faith Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus was determined to stamp out this new cult surrounding Jesus of Nazareth by whatever means necessary, including extreme violence and murder. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was humbled by Jesus himself. Fall from a horse in the desert, hang in a basket over the Damascus Wall, cling to driftwood in the sea, and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle. Go to DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

Watch: Joseph of Nazareth. The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ. Go to SAINTS OF HISTORY.

Listen: Searching the Scriptures: The Gospel of John Join Biblical expert and Catholic apologist Stephen Ray on a personal pilgrimage through the pages of St. John's Gospel. Stephen draws

from his extensive scholarship and his time spent in the Holy Land filming documentaries to bring forth many of the profound theological truths that lie beneath the surface of this Gospel and bring to light the many levels of revelation contained within. This exciting presentation will ignite your heart and soul with a burning passion for Christ and a deep conviction to defend the Faith that has been handed down to us. Go to TALKS- Scripture. **Read:** The History of the Catholic Church: From the Apostolic Age to the Third Millennium. The history of the Catholic Church is long, complicated, and fascinating, and in this book it is expertly and ably told by historian James Hitchcock. As in the parable of Christ about the weeds that were sown in a field of wheat, evil and good have grown together in the Church from the start, as Hitchcock honestly records. He brings before us the many characters—some noble, some notorious—who have left an indelible mark on the Church, while never losing sight of the saints, who have given living testimony to the salvific power of Christ in every age. Go to CATHOLIC THEOLOGY (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle).