

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 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,

On Memorial Day we remember the men and women who died while serving our country in the armed services. The action of pouring out one's life in service to one's country merits great praise. It is fitting and proper to honor such an outpouring as the "last full measure of devotion."

Christians see in this dying a clear reflection of the greatest love with which Jesus loved us. Sent by the Father with glad tidings and to save us from Satan's power, Jesus gave himself completely to the mission. His death destroyed death forever. His rising restored life.

Christians have an extra responsibility this day. We know that our prayers can gain blessings for the dead which can speed them on to their eternal reward. We must therefore not merely to remember the dead but most importantly to pray for their eternal repose. The simple prayer for those who have died is: "may they rest in peace."

We also pray that our country draw from the example of Christ the strength to overcome the evils which beset it. May our dutiful observance of Memorial Day prepare a new generation of Americans for real freedom—the freedom that belongs to those who know they are children of God.

With paternal affection,



***On the first three Tuesdays of June at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph's Hall, for anyone who wants to understand more deeply current questions on the role of parents in transmitting human life, I will lead a reading of Pope Blessed Paul VI's 1968 letter called *Humanae Vitae* or "On Human Life." The evenings will take the form of a guided reading with explanations and summary throughout for the purposes of clarification. There will also be opportunities for questions.***

**Mass Intentions for May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Bishop David E. Foley
Wednesday	8 a.m.	James Davern
Thursday	8 a.m.	John Adams
Friday	8 a.m.	Matthew Strzegowski
Saturday		Mary Alberta Spalding
	5 p.m.	Cecil Matthew Norris
Sunday	8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	10 a.m.	Joan Chicwak
	6 p.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton

\*There will be no 8 a.m. Mass in the Church on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

**Mass Schedule for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	All Servers

***Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Joseph Clark, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), 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.***



***Monday through Friday (excluding Thursdays).  
from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

***Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.***

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***Offertory, May 20<sup>th</sup>*** Envelopes \$2,583.00 Loose \$2,308.00 ***Donations*** \$605.00

***Catholic Relief Services*** \$1178.00 Thank you for your generosity.

*The second collection next week is for Building & Repair.*

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***Join us to pray the Rosary*** – May is the month for the Blessed Mother. The rosary will be said every day after the 8 a.m. Mass except on Sundays. The Sunday schedule is as follows: Sunday, May 13th, before the 8:00 am Mass; Sunday, May 20, before the 10:00 am Mass; and Saturday, May 26th, before the 5:00 pm Mass.

***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.

***St. Joseph Cemetery Maintenance*** – Anyone wishing to make a donation to help defray the cost of grass cutting and maintenance at the cemetery may do so either by mailing a check to the Rectory office or simply placing a donation in any weekend collection in an envelope labeled "Cemetery Fund". Thank you for your generosity.

***All are invited to St. Francis Xavier*** in Compton on June 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 pm each evening for a Parish Mission with Fr. Charles Connor on devotion to the Sacred Heart. The final night of the mission will be a Mass for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Connor has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series on EWTN. He currently teaches at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, call St. Francis Xavier Parish Office at 301-475-9885 or email: gertiethomas@outlook.com.

***St. George Catholic Church*** in Valley Lee, MD is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary. For a job description and application, please email the parish at secretary@stgeorgecc.org.

***Finding God in All Things!*** A Summer Day Camp for youth ages 8-14 will be hosted by Loyola on the Potomac in conjunction with Camp Fire, 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd., Faulkner, MD 20632 on July 16-20. Daily

snack and lunch provided. Fee: \$100 a week plus a one-time registration fee of \$25. Register on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/findingGod18>. .

### ***Mother Catherine Academy News:***

- Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Visit <https://mytads.com/a/mothercatherineacademymechanicsville> to enroll your child/children at MCA and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! Contact the school office at (301) 884-3165 if you have any questions or need any assistance with the enrollment process.
- Come get 'Shipwrecked' at this year's MCA Vacation Bible School! Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Registration is now open for this year's event. VBS will be June 25-29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is open for children ages Pre 3/4 (must be fully potty-trained) through 6th grade. Please use the following link to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9d426>.
- MCA Summer Office Hours: Our school office hours effective Monday, June 18th through Friday, August 17th are as follows: Monday through Thursday – 8:30am to 3:00pm; Friday – available by appointment only.

### **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day. The office will be closed today.

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church.

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – No 8 a.m. Mass in the Church.

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Hour for Vocations, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. with Confessions during Holy Hour.



#### **It's EASY and FREE to Register!**

Go to [www.stjosephmorganza.formed.org](http://www.stjosephmorganza.formed.org)

Click "Register" and Enter your name, email, and desired password  
You're all set to enjoy the engaging and inspiring content on FORMED!

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**Study:** *Knowing the Faith Episode 1- The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, and the God Who Loves Us We begin our journey into the heart of the Catholic faith as pilgrims, exploring the reality of God, who He is, and how He expresses Himself to us in the most meaningful way imaginable. Go to AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE ORIGINALS*

**Watch:** *Mary of Nazareth The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. Go to THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF MARY*

**Listen:** *Lessons from the Early Church Fathers Our individual identities are shaped by and linked to our parents and the stories of our families. As a Church, our identity is linked to and shaped by our fathers and mothers in the faith, the earliest Christians. What do those early Christians have to say that is of relevance to the contemporary Church? How is our understanding of liturgy shaped by what Jesus' followers in the first centuries believed and practiced? Have the changes in the Eucharist brought us closer to the ancient church or separated us from our roots? Go to DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH*

**Read:** *Joan of Arc. Very few people know that Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) wrote a major work on Joan of Arc. Still fewer know that he considered it not only his most important, but also his best work. He spent twelve years in research and many months in France doing archival work and then made several attempts until he felt he finally had the story he wanted to tell. He reached his conclusion about Joan's unique place in history only after studying in detail accounts written by both sides, the French and the English. Go to INSPIRATIONAL (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)*