

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

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,

We're having a picnic!

When I arrived to St. Joseph's two years ago, Brian Russell, Ronnie Farrell and several other parishioners organized a picnic to welcome me to St. Mary's County. Many parishioners came. I got to meet so many families. And I learned that hospitality and helping people to feel at home were an important quality of my new parish.

Last Tuesday evening dozens of parishioners came to St. Joseph's Hall to share their thoughts on what would be a good way to replace our parish Fall Dinner. There were lots of excellent ideas. It was easy to see strong support for a parish picnic.

I'm happy to announce our parish will be having a potluck parish picnic on Saturday, November 10 from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Mother Catherine Academy in Helen. It will be a great chance to bring the families of our parish together and to share that hospitality and warmth that is such a real part of our parish.

More details about volunteering, RSVPs, what-to-bring, etc. will be forthcoming. Until then, please save the date.

Special thanks to everyone who has helped with their enthusiasm and ideas.

With paternal affection,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Drew". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the end of the letter.

**Mass Intentions for September 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Rev. Winthrop J. Brainerd
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Michael Adams, Kristen Boecher, Charles Burghart & Joseph Adams
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Deacon Andrew Betz
Thursday	8 a.m.	Adam Block (Living)
Friday	8 a.m.	Helen Watkins
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mary Rose Young
	5 p.m.	Cecil Matthew Norris
Sunday	8 a.m.	Joseph & Dennis Russell
	10 a.m.	Martha (Russell) Johnson
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Mass Schedule for September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Offertory, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** \$5,863.00

**Building & Repair** \$1,626.00

**Donations (including Online)** \$158.00

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish** especially, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, 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, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 4:00 p.m.

**Online Giving** – St. Joseph’s Church now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website! You can make secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting [www.stjosephmorganza.org](http://www.stjosephmorganza.org). More information is available on our website or by calling the parish office.

**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. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

**Father Drew will lead the Rosary** each evening at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our Parish, Pope Francis, all our Bishops and the entire Church, and our own special intentions. (*Please make note of the new time!*)

**Donut (Sun)Days are back!** Mark your calendars for our next Donut Sunday to be held on Sunday, November 4th after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses in the Hall. Come for coffee, sugar, and Fun Fellowship! We'll be acknowledging the beginning of prayer season for All Souls and are looking for committee members to help out with Fr. Drew's Diligent Donut Crew (ok, we'll work on the name). If you're interested in spearheading this committee or just helping out, please contact Christine Komar at (301) 904-0336. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining this important ministry!

**Mother Catherine Academy News:**

- Every Saturday Bingo at MCA. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:00 p.m. \$5000 jackpot!
- MCA Spirit Night: Join MCA on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Ledo’s in Leonardtown from 4:00 – 8:00pm. Mention Mother Catherine Academy and a percentage of your order will go towards the school.

**The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington** (CCAW), Southern MD Regional Office, will be hosting its Annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD. The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community and the Church especially encourages people who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one to participate. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Rev. Robert G. Maro (St. Francis Xavier Church

in Compton) as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, please contact CCAW at (301) 475-5005/5006 or (301) 932-1766.

***Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria*** - Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Join the next Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria! Speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org). The cost is still only \$15 if you register in advance by Thursday, September 13. Registration at the door will be \$17. All are welcome, men and women!

***Walk to Fight Suicide*** – Southern Maryland Out of the Darkness Walk, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. St. Mary's City – 47418 Old State House Road. Register at [afsp.org/southernmd](http://afsp.org/southernmd).

### ***Upcoming Events & Reminders***

***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday*** – Father Drew will lead the Rosary in the Church at 8:15 p.m.

***Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*** – There will not be Eucharistic Holy Hour at 4 p.m. There will not be Sacrament preparation class at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

***Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>*** – There will not be 11 a.m. Catechism with Father Drew in the Rectory. This is the first night of CCD at MCA, class starts at 6:45 p.m.

***Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*** – Donuts after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Hall.

***Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*** – Parish Picnic from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Mother Catherine Academy.