

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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

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

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

**Saturday Evening Mass:** 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon. thru Sat. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

4:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Prior to Benediction

Mon., Wed., Fri.:

8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. — Prior to Compline

Wednesdays During Lent

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to 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.

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

# *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Blessed the man whom God correcteth: refuse not the chastising of the lord: For he woundeth, and cureth: he striketh, and his hands heal. (Job 5:17-18)

“Chastising” is a great name for it. Jesus delivers a stinging rebuke to his own followers when, for the first time, he predicts for them both his own passion as well as theirs.

One moment things are going great for Jesus and his followers. Soaring popularity. Adoring crowds. Powerful miracles. Not the slightest hiccup to be seen anywhere. And then, the next moment—out of nowhere, as far as they can tell—Jesus blindsides them with “I am going to be killed and, if you really are my follower, you need to be ready to be killed, too” (cf. Luke 9:22-23).

It would be a healthy and a normal reaction to say, “No way. I’m out. You keep your suicide mission. Nice knowinya.” We see something like that from Simon who immediately takes Jesus aside to talk some sense into him.

The thing is, this news of complete dedication to the mission even unto death, should break upon us as a chastisement, the same as “Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” This rebuke which our Lord deals us should sting a bit. We’ve thought, perhaps, we were going to get off easy. But it’s clear now, we’re not.

Are we ready for what total commitment looks like? Are we ‘in’ or ‘out’?

There are only two ways out. On the one hand we could quit following our Lord. This can happen by our outright rejection of this plan. It can also happen by way of our own hypocrisy which would allow us for a while to maintain the illusion among our friends and family of being somewhat respectable Catholics. Once things finally get too uncomfortable for us, no one will blame us then for cutting and running. Then, at least, we’d have the cover of everybody else abandoning our Lord.

But, on the other hand, we could imitate the saints who understand well that the one who wounds us by reminding us of our mortality is the Lord. But he also cures us by giving to mortals the glory of immortality in the life to come. And since he is all-powerful we have the basis for our hope that he will also make something far more wonderful happen.

And he does. It’s called “the freedom and glory of the children of God” (Romans 8:21). We’ll see that clearly on the day of the resurrection. But, for Peter, James and John, since Jesus’ hadn’t yet died, he went ahead and arranged for them the vision of his Transfiguration.

It’s a kind of down-payment on the virtue of hope which will save Christians when the going gets tough for them. And it will get tough.

With paternal affection,



Please join us for Coffee & Donuts!  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Directly after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses  
in the Parish Hall.



**Mass Intentions for March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8 a.m.	Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	William L. Farr, Jr.
Wednesday	8 a.m.	John Keaton
Thursday	8 a.m.	Father Henry Januskiewicz
Friday	8 a.m.	Thomas Lionel Herbert
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
	5 p.m.	George Adams, Jr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Walter Lawrence Guy, Sr.
	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6 p.m.	James Alan Burch

**Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially** Christine Marie Russell, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Baby Reagan & Baby Cayden Lyle, Sister Alice Theresa Wood, Max Long, Francis Nelson (Mole), Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), James Holt, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, Elizabeth Adams, Bernadette Herbert.

**Mass Schedule for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Henrietta Gross
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Braylon & Bryson Fenwick	Brian Fenwick
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Sam, William	Christine Komar

**Offertory, March 10<sup>th</sup>** - \$5,465.00 **School Support** - \$895.00

**Additional Donations (including online)** - \$638.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**Online Giving** – St. Joseph’s Church 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).

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church with Benediction at 4:50 p.m.

**Confession and the Divine Office: The Hour of Compline** – Confession will now be available in the Church from 8:00 to 8:15 p.m., followed by the Hour of Compline, which will be sung in Latin, starting at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (No confession on Tuesday nights).

**Come join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph**, our Patron Saint, on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:45pm. Join us in the Church for Benediction, the Rosary, and a little history of St. Joseph. Then please help us celebrate even more by coming to the Hall for desserts and fellowship. Amazing time for an amazing saint!

**Join us in celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation** on Monday, March 25th beginning at 6:30pm in the church and commencing with a potluck along with a short program on the history associated with our great state of Maryland and the Annunciation. Please RSVP to the church office or by signing the sheet at the back of the church. Questions can be directed to Christine Komar at (301) 904-0336.

**Holy Angels Church Spring Seafood Dinner** – Sunday, March 24, 2019, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. Menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryout's are available at \$26.00 each. For more information call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email [holy01angels@aol.com](mailto:holy01angels@aol.com).

**Lenten Food Drive** – Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection will take place the weekend of March 30/31. Bags for your donations are in the back of the Church. Our collection will be donated to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico. St. Joseph parishioners are always very generous with the food drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

**Maryland Day & Mass** – Celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with a ceremony (2PM - 3PM) featuring guest speakers, dignitaries from around the state, free museum admission and water taxi rides (10AM – 5PM), and program on March 25, 2019. Rev. G. Ronald Murphy, S.J., a professor at Georgetown University will be the keynote speaker and will bring the original iron cross that the first Jesuits brought to St. Clement's Island and had on hand during the first Mass in the English New Work, back to St. Mary's County for the day. Also on hand will be the Relic of the Cross of Jesus from St. Ignatius Church in Chapel Point, MD, which was brought to Maryland by the Jesuits. In about the year 1641, Fr. Andrew White was called to the bedside of a young Native American, who had been shot through by an arrow and was near death. Fr. White read the Gospel and prayed with him, and then he took out a relic of the cross and applied it to the wounds as he prayed for healing. The next day, Fr. White came to check on him and found the man paddling his canoe. The relic will be brought from St. Ignatius Chapel Point for Maryland Day Mass, which will take place in the original spot nearly 400 years ago on St. Clement's Island, following the Maryland Day Ceremony. Call 301-475-4200 for more information.

**3rd Annual "Walk in the Park" 5K Fun Run/Walk** at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 6th to benefit the parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a t-shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available on our website: [www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org). If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

**2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass** – The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 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 Friday, April 26.

### **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Donuts & Coffee in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Please join us!!

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Rectory.

Feast Day of St. Joseph – Benediction, Rosary and history in the Church at 6:45 p.m. All CCD students and parents are to report directly to the Church instead of MCA.

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Confession 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – The Annunciation of the Lord, 6:30 p.m. in the Church followed by a potluck in the Hall.

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday/Sunday, March 30/31** – Return Lenten Food Drive donations to the Church.

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Stations of the Cross & First Penance in the Church at 6:45 p.m. All CCD students are to attend.

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Practice for First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Church

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Practice for Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. in the Church

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation at 10 a.m. in the Church