

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

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., Tues., Wed., Fri. (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

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,

This year many of our Second Graders will receive First Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. It is particularly appropriate that these two events should happen at the same time because of the particular closeness between the two sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday when the Church recalls the power to forgive and to retain sins which Jesus gave to his apostles on the evening of the day of his resurrection. This power to forgive and to retain sins belongs to God alone. Jesus, the Son of the living God, commands his ministers to exercise this divine power on his behalf.

The purpose of Christ's Cross and Resurrection was to set us free from our sins and so to make us pleasing to God. It is the responsibility of Christ's ministers to announce the good news of this liberty from our sins to the whole world.

The Eucharist really, truly and substantially contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord in such a way that by eating his flesh and drinking his blood we who participate worthily have, even in this life, a taste of the eternal life to come. The best way to prepare ourselves for this freedom for which Christ has set us free is to be reconciled to God and his church through the sacrament of Penance.

The sacrament of penance consists in going to the priest and confessing by naming and numbering all the mortal sins which we have committed since our last confession. This is necessary before receiving Holy Communion lest we commit the sacrilege of willfully participating unworthily in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Should anyone who first requires confession and absolution of any mortal sin not have the opportunity to do so, or similarly should they be unprepared by not having kept the Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to Holy Communion, then they should abstain from receiving Holy Communion and look forward to properly preparing themselves as soon as possible for the next opportunity.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church is particularly mindful of the power Christ gave her to forgive sins. There is no sin no matter how grave that the Church does not have the power to forgive; just as there is no sinner no matter how abandoned who cannot confidently hope for forgiveness—provided he repent.

May God bless our First Holy Communicants this day and through his great mercy keep them and all our parish close to him forever.

With paternal affection,



| <i>Mass Intentions for April 29th through May 5th</i> | | |
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| Monday | 8 a.m. | Mary Alberta Spalding |
| Tuesday | 8 a.m. | John Keaton |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | Betty Penland |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | Thomas Lionel Herbert |
| Saturday | 5 p.m. | Joseph W. Carter, Sr. |
| Sunday | 8 a.m. | Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton |
| | 10 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 6 p.m. | <i>Pro Populo</i> |

Mass Schedule Change

There has been a change to the daily Mass schedule. Throughout the Easter season we will not have 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church on Thursdays or Saturdays. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays will now be in Latin.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, 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.

| <i>Mass Schedule for May 4th and 5th</i> | | |
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| | <i>Altar Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
| Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | | Valerie Young |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Liam & Nigel Haley | Carol Kieber |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. | James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William | Kathleen D'Aurora |

Offertory donations will be posted in next week's bulletin. 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.

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.

The Ladies Sodality will be sponsoring a donation drive for the CareNet Pregnancy Center in Leonardtown during the month of April. Please place any donations in the Church any weekend in April. Thank you for your kindness!



SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER

Feast Day, May 1st

Come join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker on Wednesday, May 1st. Rosary and Benediction starting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the Hall immediately afterwards for dessert! If you'd like to bring a dessert please signup on the sheet in the back of the Church. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Sunday, April 28th – First Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Monday, April 29th – Finance Council Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Last night of CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 7:00 p.m. in the Church, followed by dessert in the Hall. No evening Benediction at 4 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd – Practice for Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. in the Church.

Sunday, May 5th – Confirmation at 10 a.m. in the Church.