

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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,

In recent months there were two families that made use of St. Joseph's Hall for the funerals of their deceased loved ones. Several parishioners have since asked about making this availability more widely known.

The purpose of a separate wake (or vigil, or "prayers") before arriving at the Church is threefold. Firstly, it is to gather with the family and the body of the deceased to pray to God for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed. Secondly, and at the same time, this gathering brings prompt comfort and consolation to the grieving family. This separate time for prayers also allows for more various expressions of comfort and support than the solemnity of the Sanctuary would naturally permit. Thirdly, these prayers serve as a helpful reminder that none of us knows "the day or the hour."

Gathering separately for prayers before arriving in the Church makes the prayers distinct from the Mass. This distinction is helpful as the family advances through the process of their loved one's funeral. After first gathering with the family for prayers, but before finally arriving at the cemetery, the family proceeds to the Church for the most important prayer: the Holy Mass. The comfort and prayers which the family has already offered are brought to the Sanctuary of the Church and are now offered together with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This procession from the wake to the Mass to the cemetery helps the family grieve in a thorough way.

It is possible, instead of a separate wake, to have a gathering for prayers in the Church prior to Mass. Many families in our parish have taken advantage of this in the past. When this is done, however, it becomes all the more important to distinguish the time for prayers with the family from the time to begin Mass. Gathering in the Sanctuary for prayers, however, necessarily limits the ways families can express their affection. It can, at times, also prove difficult to maintain the decorum that is appropriate for the House of the Lord for the entire duration of a wake, especially for families less accustomed to being in church.

Families have practical reasons that may limit their ability to gather at a funeral home for prayers. These reasons need not deprive them or their loved ones of the consolation that comes from the prayers. Our Parish Hall is available to families for prayers both the evening before and the morning of the funeral Mass. Please consider this availability when making arrangements. As always, I'm happy to hear any questions you may have about this or any other matter.

With paternal affection,



<i>Mass Intentions for May 13th through May 19th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Friday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	10 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially John Hunt, 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 18th and 19th</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Gladys Long
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Francis Gross	Henrietta Gross
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Brian Fenwick

May 5th, Offertory \$5,595.00

Building & Repair \$1,347.00

Other donations, including Online \$435.00 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.

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.

Our Ladies Sodality would like to thank everyone for the generous donations received for the CareNet Pregnancy Center. Your donations will be so helpful to the center to aid mothers in need.

MCA will be hosting a Vacation Bible School the week of June 24th-28th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM each day. The cost is \$30.00 per child and open to the community. This event is for ages 4-12. This cost includes a t-shirt, DVD of theme songs, crafts and snack each day. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/d20f84>.

For the month of May, the Sodality will recite the Rosary May 12th before the 8 a.m. Mass, May 19th before the 10 a.m. Mass and May 25th before the 5 p.m. Mass. Rosary will also be recited after each weekday Mass. On May 12th immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass there will be a May Procession and crowning of Mary. Cake & coffee will be served in the Hall after the Procession.

Pilgrimage to Spain, Lourdes, and Fatima – Fr. Paul Nguyen is hosting a 11-Day Spain Pilgrimage November 12th - 22nd, 2019 with stops in Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, Lourdes, Montserrat and Barcelona. The total cost with airfare, taxes and all applicable fees is \$2999 from Washington, DC. Please call St. George Parish Office (301) 994-0607 for more information and to register. Space is premium please register early.

Enrollment for Mother Catherine Academy for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! Visit <https://secure.tads.com/Go/StartAdmissionsApplication.aspx?SetupCode=A8REE-181> or go to the school website at www.mothercatherine.org and use the TADS Enrollment link on the Admissions tab to enroll your child/children and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! The registration fee is \$150.00 for all students. Contact the school at (301) 884-3165 for questions or assistance.

Quo Vadis Camp – The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31. Young men desiring to grow in holiness will have the opportunity for Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as time for fraternity, sports and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please call 202-636-9020 with any questions.

Holy Hour for Vocations – You are invited to pray for those due to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington at a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the Church on Friday, June 7th from 4-5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration will be celebrated at parishes throughout the Archdiocese as an opportunity to offer prayers and spiritual support for the men being ordained on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Women of Faith Continental Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Hall (37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, Maryland 20621). Our guest speaker, Laura Roland, co-founder of "Encounter Grace" will talk about the "Power of the Ordinary." How God uses the ordinary to accomplish great things! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, inspirational talk and closing prayer. The cost is \$15, to register, call: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents. You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. Registration is due by Monday, May 27th. For more information contact: Frannie Taborek at: (240) 538-2981, fran.taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall (301) 904-7025, becky.kendall@hotmail.com.

The 43rd Annual Memorial Day Mass at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. David Beaubien will be the main celebrant. Mass is offered for the deceased members of the parishes of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties and especially those who have passed away during the past year. Commemorative reading of the faithful departed will begin at 9:30 a.m. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. Please call 301-475-5005 with any questions.

Our Lady of the Wayside Knights of Columbus Council 16986 will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, May 19th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Loretto Hall. The cost is donation only! The presence of your family & friends will support local Knights of Columbus charities.

Local Church dinner – Deacon James Somerville invites our Parish members to join St. Mark UAME in Valley Lee for a Fried Fish/Chicken dinner on May 17th starting at noon. Any questions can be directed to the Rectory at 301-475-3293.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Sunday, May 12th – Happy Mother's Day. May Procession after 10 a.m. Mass. Cake & coffee in the Hall afterwards.

Tuesday, May 14th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Sunday, May 19th – Donuts after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses in the Hall.

Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day Holiday. Office will be closed.

Friday, June 7th – Holy Hour for Vocations in the Church from 4-5 p.m.