

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord

April 1, 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 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,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Last Sunday, on Palm Sunday, we left church with the feeling of great sorrow in our hearts for the death of Christ. As we read the Passion during Mass our hearts were pierced with the sadness of knowing our own responsibility for Jesus' suffering and dying on the cross. During this past Holy Week we begged God for the grace of repentance, so that, turning away from our sins and turning towards God we might enjoy the great promise which his mercy holds out for us.

Today our hearts are made new. Having shared in His cross, we now share in his joy.

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead confirms our faith. No longer are we bound by the hopeless lies that our lives are all to end in death. The grip of the devil on mankind is destroyed. The power of Sin, that one evil which frustrates our relationship with God, is overturned once and for all by the loving obedience of our Risen Savior.

Jesus Christ has conquered death. He is the resurrection and the life. To unite ourselves with Him is to know the victory which will last beyond the confines of the present age. For freedom Christ has set us free and our celebration of His unending gift for us begins today.

Let our families and our loved ones know the reason that lies at the root of our happiness today. It is not a merely passing happiness. It is a joy, made new again today, that will continue to grow for all eternity.

May Saint Joseph and Our Lady intercede for our parish and obtain for us the graces of true repentance and final perseverance so that we will all enjoy the resurrection of her Risen Son who lives forever and ever.

Happy Easter!

With paternal affection,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Drew".

Mass Intentions for April 2nd through April 8th

Monday		Sarah C. Thompson
Tuesday		Deacon Ulysses S. Rice
Wednesday		Rev. Msgr. James G. Gillen
Thursday		Rev. James S. Betz
Friday	8 a.m.	Judy Lee Earp
Saturday	8 a.m.	Deacon Donald A. Parker
	5 p.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Doris Guy
	10 a.m.	Lionel Somerville, Roland Weedon & Mark Woodland
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**** There will be no 8 a.m. Mass in the Church on Monday, April 2nd through Thursday, April 5th****

Mass Schedule for April 7th and April 8th

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Carolyn Chase	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Gladys Long	Liam Haley

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, 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.

Offertory, March 25th Envelopes \$2,311.00 Loose \$2,311.00 Thank you for your generosity.



Resurrection of Christ

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the Mass. 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 Monday, April 16th.

Join us to pray the Rosary – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited again after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Apr 7 and May 5.

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.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Lenten Food Drive. Your generosity allowed the Our Lady of the Wayside Works of Mercy Guild to restock their shelves, and continue their mission of helping to feed the hungry in our community.

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host an indoor yard sale on Saturday, April 14th from 7 to 11 a.m. Table rentals are available for \$10.00. For more info please call 301-399-3187.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

There will be no 8 a.m. Mass in the Church April 2nd through April 5th

Monday, April 2nd – No Catechism in the Church.

Tuesday, April 3rd – No CCD.

Monday, April 9th – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, April 10th – CCD at 6:45 p.m. at MCA (Assessment Testing)

Saturday, April 21st – Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 22nd – Confirmation at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 24th – Last CCD class at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

Saturday, April 28th – Rehearsal for First Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Sunday, April 29th – First Holy Communion at 10 a.m.