

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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 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,

This Sunday fourteen of our young people are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 AM Mass. His Excellency, Bishop Mario Dorsonville will pray over them and anoint them with the sacred Chrism, the holy oil that we use in this sacrament. But what exactly happens in Confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation imparts to those who receive it a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of the faith of their baptism. At baptism we are made new in Christ. We receive the Holy Spirit in such a way that we become new creations. We become born again. At Confirmation the new life we already received becomes strong for the responsibilities of the Christian life.

The age when Confirmation is given to our young people is symbolic of the new maturity of their faith. Just as a young person grows and becomes old enough to assume the important responsibilities of adulthood, so too our faith is made strong by receiving the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Their sponsors help them in the struggle to imitate the lives of the Saints. The names they have chosen call to mind the Holy Ones who have achieved the victory. The bishop's greeting of "peace" they receive at the moment of their confirmation gives them confidence for their new role among the ranks of the Church militant.

Confirmation is necessary for Christians to consider themselves fully initiated in the faith. We will be forming a new class of young people to prepare for confirmation next year. If you know anyone who still requires this important Sacrament please direct them to me. No one should go without the special grace of the Holy Spirit that Christ wants us to have through this Sacrament.

Please pray for our young people on this important day for them and for our parish.

With paternal affection,



***Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday (excluding Thursdays).
Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.***

Mass Intentions for April 23rd through April 29th

Monday	8 a.m.	Judy Lee Earp
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Deacon F. Ian Ravenscroft
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Larry Taborek
Thursday	8 a.m.	Deacon Richard A. Fisher
Friday	8 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Saturday	8 a.m.	Deacon F. Ian Ravenscroft
	5 p.m.	Judy Lee Earp
Sunday	8 a.m.	Francis & Tom Thompson
	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6 p.m.	John Judson Alvey

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that came out to help clean up our cemetery! Your kindness is so greatly appreciated!

Mass Schedule for April 28th and April 29th

	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Gladys Long	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora	All Servers (First Holy Communion)

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, April 15th Envelopes \$2,563.00 Loose \$2,356.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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 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.

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop will be offered beginning Wednesday, April 18th, and continuing Wednesdays, April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th, 2018 in the IC Parish Center. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more information, and for registration contact the rectory (301-884-3123), Deacon Bill (240-230-3167) or Tina Slaughter (301-884-9545, 301-342-6330, or 301-481-1961) or visit our website. Seating is limited. Advanced registration is kindly requested.

Walk in the Park – Join St. Francis Xavier Parish for their 2nd Annual Walk in the Park. 5K family fun fun/walk through beautiful Newtowne Neck State Park. Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start. Rain or Shine. 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD. Stroller and pet friendly. Proceeds benefit the Parish's Newtowne Manor preservation fund. For more information and online registration visit www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org or contact Sarah Matisick at 301-247-7416.

Loyola on the Potomac – Marian Day of Prayer – “Blessed are You Who Believe”. Monday, May 7, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our Day of Prayer begins with a continental breakfast and includes lunch. During the day, our retreatants are invited to spend time in quiet mediation, reflecting on the theme for the day. Confessions are offered, Mass is celebrated, and reflections are shared during the Motivation to Prayer time. To register contact Lisa White at (301) 392-0801 or reservations@loyolaretreat.org. Fee for the day is \$40.00

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs. Visit us at 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown. Operated by volunteers, our store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770. Also, Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Our Volunteer hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- MCA will host an Open House on Sunday, April 29th from 1pm-3pm.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, April 23rd – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, April 24th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church. Last CCD class at 6:45 p.m. at MCA – parents are invited to join us in the MCA Gym at 7:30 p.m.

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.



It's EASY and FREE to Register!

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Click "Register" and Enter your name, email, and desired password
You're all set to enjoy the engaging and inspiring content on FORMED!

Study: Footprints of God- Peter: Keeper of the Keys. He is called the Rock, the Fisher of Men, and Head of the Church. But how did Peter, a rustic fisherman, come to deserve such honor and authority? Join Stephen Ray as he follows Peter from Galilee to Jerusalem to Rome. Along the trail you'll discover answers about the infallibility of the Pope, papal succession, the truth of Catholic teaching, and much more! And you'll see why Jesus chose this simple fisherman and his papal successors to be the Keepers of the Keys and Shepherds of the Church. Go to DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Watch: Ready Reasons: Is the Resurrection a Lie? Are the gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection reliable? Or did the Apostles make the whole thing up? Karlo Broussard discusses why we can believe the gospels when it comes to their account of the resurrection narrative. Go to CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Listen: Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready to Share Your Faith. It's profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and his Church whenever the opportunity arises. Go to TALKS- Evangelization

Read: The Gospel of Mark: Study Bible Based on the Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition, this volume leads readers through a penetrating study of the Gospel of Mark, using the biblical text itself and the Church's own guidelines for understanding the Bible. Ample notes accompany each page. They provide rich historical, cultural, geographical or theological information pertinent to the Gospel - information that bridges the distance between the biblical world and our own. Study Questions are provided for each chapter of the Gospel that can deepen your personal study of God's Holy Word. There is also an introductory essay covering questions of authorship, date, destination, structure and themes. An outline of Mark's Gospel and several maps are also included.