

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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,

We honor Our Lady each year during the month of May by making efforts to increase our devotion to her. There are many ways we can call upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the day. Here are just a few which I recommend.

The Holy Rosary:

Reciting the Holy Rosary is an excellent way to contemplate the mysteries of our Lord's life while at the same time invoking Our Lady's assistance. There are many people who find the time to pray the Holy Rosary every day. It is a powerful prayer which the Church has recommended for centuries.

The Brown Scapular:

The religious family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has worn the Brown Scapular around the neck for hundreds of years. To be invested in the Brown Scapular is to commit to praying to God daily through the intercession of Our Lady. Many saints have worn the humble brown garment as a symbol of Our Lady's constant concern for her children.

Three Hail Mary's:

There is also a long tradition of asking Our Lady's help especially with the obtaining and growing in the virtue of Holy Purity. Hopefully everyone remembers to pray their bedtime prayers each night before falling asleep. Including Three Hail Mary's at that moment, preferably while kneeling if possible, is an effective way of securing the grace that preserves us from the stain of sins against Holy Purity. Our Lady's help, especially in this struggle, is powerful.

May Our Lady watch over and protect the families of Our Parish during this month of May and all the days of our lives.

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.***

Mass Intentions for May 7th through May 13th

Monday	8 a.m.	Kay Adams
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Michael Adams
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Linda Gordon
Thursday	8 a.m.	Bishop David E. Foley
Friday	8 a.m.	Susan Howe
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mrs. Jeff
	5 p.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	George Queen, Sr. and George Queen, Jr.
	10 a.m.	Susan Howe
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for May 12th and May 13th

	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Carolyn Chase	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	All Servers May Procession

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Virginia Raulerson, 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 29th Envelopes \$2,146.00 Loose \$2,469.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Join us to pray the Rosary – May is the month for the Blessed Mother. The rosary will be said every day after the 8 a.m. Mass except on Sundays; on Sundays we will pray the rosary at alternate Masses. Please join us.

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.

Theology On Tap - Pax Catholic Young Adult group will have Theology on Tap this Wednesday, May 9th at the Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown. Happy Hour starts at 6 pm, and a talk will follow at 7 pm. The speaker this month is MaryRose Depperschmidt, a theology teacher at St. Mary's Ryken. She will speak about what the Blessed Virgin Mary can teach us about the nature of femininity and womanhood.

Sight & Sound /Millennium Theatre, Lancaster, PA – There will be a bus trip on July 4th to see Jesus! This is the musical stage adventure about the most famous person to ever walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Cost Adults \$120.00 Children 3-12 \$75.00. Bus, show ticket and buffet lunch, drink, tax & gratuity included. Must pay full amount to reserve your seat. Checks made out to Coordinator Shirley Guy. Please call Shirley at 240-538-5244 for seat availability or more information. Bus will leave from Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.

Burial Plot Available at St. Joseph Cemetery – There is a double plot available at the cemetery across from St. Joseph Church. If interested, please call Ms. Lee Harp directly at 703-751-6472. The price is \$3,800.00.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, May 7th – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, May 8th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church.

Sunday, May 13th – May Procession 10 a.m. Mass.

Friday, June 8th – Holy Hour for Vocations, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. with Confessions during Holy Hour.

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Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland



Instructions:

1. PICK UP A BABY BOTTLE ON MOTHER'S DAY.
2. FILL THE BOTTLE WITH SPARE CHANGE, CASH OR CHECKS.
3. RETURN THE BOTTLE ON FATHER'S DAY.

Bottle not quite full?
Forgot to bring it back on Father's Day?
Found a bottle from a previous year?

That's okay! Please help us be good stewards of our donations by returning bottles (full, empty or in between) any time during the year.

Need to know how to get a bottle back to us?
Contact your church office or call us at 301-737-4604.

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Study: Session 1 of Lectio: Evangelization- Why Study Acts? This session looks at signs of our modern times—sobering reminders of how desperately our world needs a restoration of a biblical worldview. We also look at the missionary character of the Church and answer the question: How can the evangelization efforts of the early Church help us today? Study guide available to download. *Go to BIBLE STUDIES*

Watch: Ready Reasons: Is the Holy Spirit the Same as the Force? What do quasi-Christian groups and Star Wars have in common? The idea of a universal, impersonal force. For quasi-Christian groups, this force is the Holy Spirit, who we as Catholics call the third Person of the Holy Trinity. Karlo Broussard explains why evidence shows that the Holy Spirit is a Person, not an impersonal "force." *Go to CATHOLIC ANSWERS*

Listen: Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri. In this discussion of the book *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries* (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares Saint John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer. *Go to TALKS- Prayer*

Read: Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade, S.J. God appears in the simplest of our daily activities and especially through total surrender to whatever is His will for each of us. De Caussade shows that this practice of self-abandonment to God's will is the key to attaining true peace and virtue, and that it is readily available to all people - from beginners to those well advanced in the spiritual life. He also shows how to determine what God's will is for us. He reveals that God does not expect extraordinary feats for our growth in holiness, but rather heroic attention to every detail in our lives and humble acceptance of our daily lot in life as coming from His hand. *Go to PRAYER AND DEVOTION (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)*