

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 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,

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. It is a great feast in the Church. The Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, then went out and preached the Gospel to the whole world just as the Lord Jesus commanded them. Pentecost is our chance to call on the Holy Spirit and to ask that He fill us with a renewed desire to shine the light of Christ in our world. One way we can know how the Holy Spirit works in our lives is by thinking how the Holy Spirit is shown in scripture.

Dove: When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit was seen coming down from heaven like a dove. Doves hover about and flutter their wings with great energy when taking flight or when landing. They are also symbolic of the Divine peace, as when the Dove returned to Noah with the olive branch signaling the end of the flood. In the same way, the Holy Spirit hovers over the Church and over each of us reminding us of God's presence all around us.

Fire: Tongues as on fire appeared over the apostles. Like the burning bush before Moses that was not consumed, the Holy Spirit kindles our hearts with the fire of God's love. We now have a burning desire for God.

Oil: The anointing we receive with Chrism at our Baptism and Confirmation fills us with the fragrance of the one whose presence brings so many pleasing blessings.

May the Third person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Holy Spirit fill the families of our parish with the love of God. And may Our Lady, who conceived our redeemer by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit prepare us for such divine gifts.

With paternal affection,



On the first three Tuesdays of June at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph's Hall, for anyone who wants to understand more deeply current questions on the role of parents in transmitting human life, I will lead a reading of Pope Blessed Paul VI's 1968 letter called *Humanae Vitae* or "On Human Life." The evenings will take the form of a guided reading with explanations and summary throughout for the purposes of clarification. There will also be opportunities for questions.

Mass Intentions for May 21st through May 27th

Monday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Michael, Allison, William (Living) and Cynthia (Deceased) Woodard
Thursday	8 a.m.	Helen & Jan Evonska
Friday	8 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
Saturday	8 a.m.	Michelle Sim (Living)
	5 p.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Sylvester & George Thompson, Jr.
	10 a.m.	John Kendall
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for May 26th and May 27th

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Bill Leonard	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Sarah Richardson	James Ripple & Brody Monahan

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Francis Nelson, Virginia Raulerson, Joseph Clark, Francis I. Herbert (Tintsie), 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.



***Monday through Friday (excluding Thursdays).
from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Offertory, May 13th Envelopes \$2,728.00 Loose \$2,027.00 ***Donations*** \$1,210.00

School Support Envelopes \$570.00 Loose \$275.00 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. The Sunday schedule is as follows: Sunday, May 13th, before the 8:00 am Mass; Sunday, May 20, before the 10:00 am Mass; and Saturday, May 26th, before the 5:00 pm Mass.

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.

All are invited to St. Francis Xavier in Compton on June 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 pm each evening for a Parish Mission with Fr. Charles Connor on devotion to the Sacred Heart. The final night of the mission will be a Mass for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Connor has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series on EWTN. He currently teaches at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, call St. Francis Xavier Parish Office at 301-475-9885 or email: gertiethomas@outlook.com.

Music Director Position open at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park, MD. This active parish is looking for a Music Director to oversee the musical growth of the parish. Music groups include an Adult Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Praise and Worship Groups, several individual cantors, and a Christmas Youth Orchestra. Candidates must have at least a BA in Music, be able to play piano proficiently, and conduct choral and instrumental groups. Please contact Fr. Marco Schad at 301-863-8144.

St. George Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary. For a job description and application, please email the parish at secretary@stgeorgerc.org.

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.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Visit <https://mytads.com/a/mothercatherineacademymechanicsville> to enroll your child/children at MCA and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! Contact the school office at (301) 884-3165 if you have any questions or need any assistance with the enrollment process.
- Come get ‘Shipwrecked’ at this year’s MCA Vacation Bible School! Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms. Registration is now open for this year’s event. VBS will be June 25-29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is open for children ages Pre 3/4 (must be fully potty-trained) through 6th grade. Please use the following link to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9d426>.
- MCA Annual Car Show Fundraiser: Join us for the annual MCA Car Show on Saturday, June 2nd from 8:00am – 2:00pm (rain date is Sunday, June 3rd). Registration is now open for all vehicles and vendors. Please contact Mark Muir at (240) 925-1438 for more information.
- MCA Summer Office Hours: Our school office hours effective Monday, June 18th through Friday, August 17th are as follows: Monday through Thursday – 8:30am to 3:00pm; Friday – available by appointment only.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, May 21st – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, May 22nd – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church.

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



It's EASY and FREE to Register!

Go to www.stjosephmorganza.formed.org

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

Study *The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit* *The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, I will continually be praying that you will encounter the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit will breathe life into your very being. ~ Fr. Dave Pivonka, OFM. Go to DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH*

Watch *The Miracle of Father Kapaun* *Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint. Then there are the alleged miracles—and recent healings attributed to Father Kapaun's intercessions that defy scientific explanation. Under investigation by the Vatican as a necessary step in the process of canonization. These cures were witnessed by non-Catholic doctors. Go to MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH*

Listen *We Must Go Out* *by Fr. Mike Schmitz. The Sacrament of Confirmation fully initiates a Catholic into the Church. Why then do so many newly confirmed Catholics never come back? In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz addresses this concerning trend in the Catholic Church with honesty, energy, and humor. Focusing on the true nature of Confirmation, Fr. Mike challenges ALL Catholics to see this sacrament not as a "graduation" from the Church, but as a commissioning by the Holy Spirit to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Go to TALKS- Sacraments*

Read *The Four Witnesses: The Early Church in Her Own Words* *What was the early Church like? Contrary to popular belief, Rod Bennett shows there is a reliable way to know. Four ancient Christian writers, four witnesses to early Christianity left us an extensive body of documentation on this vital subject, and this book brings their fascinating testimony to life for modern believers. With all the power and drama of a gripping novel, this book is a journey of discovery of ancient and beautiful truths through the lives of four great saints of the early Church: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus of Lyons. Go to CATHOLIC THEOLOGY (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)*