

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

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 through Saturday

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

6:50 p.m.—Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Mon. thru Fri. (school days):

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon. thru Sat. (non-school days):

7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before & after 8 a.m. Mass

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration

Mon., Wed., Fri.:

8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

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.

Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

Today's feast is called the Baptism of the Lord. It recalls the moment when Jesus was Baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. We celebrate Jesus' Baptism on this Sunday after the Epiphany because there is an important link between the Lord's Birth and Baptism. Baptism, in a real way, completes Christmas. More than simply because the Church calendar says so, we can't have a complete Christmas celebration without Baptism.

This makes sense if we recall what the purpose of Christmas really is. Why was Jesus born? It wasn't for any random reason or because of some arbitrary whimsy on God's part. He was born for a certain purpose: to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way. We needed one to save us. So God sent Jesus, to save us by his passion, death and resurrection. It is this salvation that we celebrate so joyously at Christmastime.

But what about Baptism? What does Baptism have to do with this? Recall what the purpose of Baptism is, we say it every Sunday at Mass: we believe in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. Baptism forgives sins more than merely symbolically. The symbolism of being cleansed from impurity is certainly strong with baptism, but baptism really accomplishes the cleansing that it signifies. Jesus himself endowed Baptism with this cleansing power through his own baptism which was also a symbolic anticipation of his descent into hell and his resurrection on the third day. All this means those who are baptized are radically identified with the new life in Christ that is stronger than sin and death.

The night of Jesus' birth the shepherds heard the angel tell them news of great joy that will be for all the people, in Bethlehem a savior is born who is Christ and Lord. With his last words to his apostles on the day of his ascension to heaven, Jesus told them to go to all the nations and baptize them. The apostles received their orders with great joy and have been sharing the joy of Christ through baptism ever since.

As we complete our annual celebration of the Christmas season the same joy which filled the shepherds and the apostles fills us. Christ is born to save us. His salvation is for all through baptism. May this celebration of the Baptism of the Lord plant the joy of Christ deeply in our hearts so that we can bring God's forgiveness and light to all.

With paternal affection,



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<i>Mass Intentions for January 14th through 20th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Baby Cayden Lyle
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Kevin Paul Russell
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Eva Hall
Thursday	8 a.m.	Baby Cayden Lyle
Friday	8 a.m.	Rev. Tom Gude
Saturday	8 a.m.	Rev. An N. Vu
	5 p.m.	Leonard Edward Copsey, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Those interred at St. Joseph Cemetery
	10 a.m.	Tommy Bankins
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Agnes Baker, Alan Burch, John Keaton, 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 and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

<i>Mass Schedule for January 19th and 20th</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.		Carol Kieber
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	William Wojt	Gladys Long
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Francis, Braylon & Bryson, Owen and Liam	Henrietta Gross

Offertory, January 6, 2019 – \$5,163.00

Building & Repair – \$1,383.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

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.

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. We will meet each Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Mark your calendars now for the next St. Joseph's Events Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. We'll be looking at the upcoming year, gathering any new ideas and setting the calendar for 2019. Come one, come all and be prepared for some great fellowship, fun, and food! Questions in the meantime can be directed to Christine Komar at 301.904.0036.

Eucharistic Holy Hour will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church with the Rosary recited at 4:30 p.m.

Confession and the Divine Office: The Hour of Compline – Confession will now be available in the Church from 8:00 to 8:20 p.m., followed by the Hour of Compline, which will be sung in Latin, starting at 8:20 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (No confession on Tuesday nights). *There will not be Confession and Compline on Wednesday, January 16th.*

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- MCA will host an Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 27th through February 2nd.
- The deadline for new families to apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2019-2020 school year is Monday, February 4, 2019.
- Sweetheart Dance will be held February 9th at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Please contact the school for more information at 301-884-3165.
- Harrington Raceway & Casino Day Trip – Sunday, March 24. Price \$50 per person. Money Due to Kristie Norris by 21 March. Take a spin on over 1,800 of the latest slots. Or pull up a seat and try your hand at a variety of exciting table games. Show us your poker face during a friendly game in the Poker Room and even place your bets in our state-of-the-art simulcast parlor. Price includes: Coach Bus, waters & snack, \$15 Slot Play, \$7.00 toward Buffet (Gambling & Buffet). Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Mother Catherine Academy. Return: approx. 6:00 p.m. For more info call Kristie Norris – 240-538-1135 or Ricky McKinney 240-925-6101.

COME, LET US ADORE HIM! For those who cannot travel to DC for the March for Life there will be a Holy Hour at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville on Friday, January 18th beginning at 12:00 noon to pray for the unborn.

Help Our Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Italy/Rome Pilgrimage June 2019 – Please prayerfully consider joining us on this wonderfully planned pilgrimage to Italy and Rome, June 8 to 17, 2019. We will be visiting many holy places in Italy, including: the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, Our Lady of Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Rita of Cascia and more. We will end our trip visiting many major Shrines in Rome including the Vatican. We are so blessed to have Fr. Michal Sajnog, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside, to join us to provide Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction! The price is \$3,995 per person based on double occupancy! Contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139, email: pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or stop by Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown. The intention of this trip is to pray in reparation for our Church (and our Country) through the intercession of Our Lady of Loreto and in the spirit of St. Francis, whose mission it was to "rebuild the church!" Do not miss this opportunity to be united in prayer at such a crucial time in our church -- register today!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, January 15th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Rectory. CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16th – There will not be Confession and Compline this evening.

Sunday, January 20th – Donuts and Coffee after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. All are welcome!!

Tuesday, January 22nd – Events Committee Meeting in the Hall at 7 p.m. All are invited!