

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

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, Tuesday, Wednesday (Latin) and Friday

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

Confessions:

Sunday:

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before and after 8 a.m. Mass

9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.—Before 10 a.m. Mass

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.—Before 6 p.m. Mass

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

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. (non-school days):

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. — After 8 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sat.:

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Immediately prior to Mass

The Church is Open for prayer and adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from

6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and Happy New Year! And, while we're at it, Merry Christmas!

The Christmas Season culminates with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In many parts of the Christian world the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated with as much festivity as we celebrate Christmas day. This is because Christmas and the Epiphany are so closely related.

The commemoration of the Three Kings arriving at Bethlehem helps us see how important this Feast day is. We artistically depict the Kings as each having a different ethnic origin. A fur-clad man of the north, a dark-skinned man from the south and an oriental-accented man from the east arrive to Jerusalem representing the far reaches of the known world. Christ's coming is a blessing for all the peoples. When he Ascends to his Father at the conclusion of his time on Earth he departs from his disciples with the words "Go and teach all nations." The Adoration of the Magi anticipates Christ's mission to the whole world.

No one should feel as if God did not come for them. No matter how far away we may seem—God has come for all of us. This universal destination gives a world lost in sin the sign of hope it has been longing for. Christ is Born to Save! This is the Message of Christmas, and this message is celebrated with Great Joy on the Feast of the Epiphany.

May everyone in our parish know the joy of Christmas and the Peace of God's salvation in the coming of his Son in this new year and forever.

With paternal affection,

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

Mass Intentions for January 6th through January 12th

Monday	8 a.m.	Mary Anna Clarke
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Tim Knestout
Wednesday	10 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Snyder Family
Friday	8 a.m.	Hilda Diaz
Saturday	5 p.m.	Walter Fidelis Russell, Sr.
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mary Paula Thompson
	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6 p.m.	Charles E. Dotson, Jr.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Preston (Al) Tyer, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Joseph Lee Somerville, John Campbell, Agnes Baker, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams, Winnie Merson.

Mass Schedule for January 11th and 12th

Altar Servers

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Liam & Nigel Haley	Kathleen D'Aurora
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Gladys Long
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Sarah Richardson

Collections will be posted soon. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Transportation for Homebound Parishioners – We are in need of volunteers to transport homebound parishioners to and from Mass. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Diet & Nutrition Discussion with Father Drew will be held on January 11th at 10 a.m. in the Hall.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

CCD classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Mother Catherine Academy at 6:45 p.m.

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 many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.

- The MD/DC Retrouvaille team, with the help of our Almighty God, were able to help 55 couples out of 60 to stay married this year.

Marriage Enrichment Series – Take time to invest in your marriage! Make your marriage a priority by seeking out enrichment opportunities together. The Office for Family Life is offering a free Marriage Enrichment series. Tuesdays - January 28, February 4, 11 and 18 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Leonardtown, MD. To register for St. Aloysius go to the following link: <https://mestaloysius.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visibleesign@adw.org.

Quo Vadis Shadow Day – February 7, 2020 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., St. John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. Juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join us for a special Quo Vadis “Shadow Day” at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. The day will allow the young men to experience a “day in the life” of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. It is also a great opportunity to meet other high school students who are considering seminary. Please register to attend at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.