

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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,

We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord today. It's the last church feast in the succession of feasts that began with Christmas exactly 40 Days ago. The feast recalls the moment when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus into the temple as the religious law required. Every firstborn was to be dedicated to the Lord by being brought to the temple in Jerusalem with the parents making a sacrificial offering. This old law was meant to preserve in the minds of God's chosen people how deeply they depended on God for everything including their own lives.

The mystery of God himself being brought into the temple for the sake of fulfilling the law which God himself gave to the people shows how Christ is the fulfillment of God's relationship with his people.

This fulfillment redounds to the glory of Israel for the benefit of the entire human race. God's dwelling place is with the human race.

The words of Simeon the prophet who greets Joseph and Mary anticipate Jesus' passion. The fulfillment of God's plan will not take place without a sword piercing Our Lady's heart. As the sign of God's salvation Jesus will be contradicted. But his passion death and resurrection will result in the glorification of those who returned to the Lord with all their hearts.

God is on the move. Now is the time to respond. Let's not miss God's saving action just as Simeon did not miss it. Instead let's rejoice and return to the Lord.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for February 3rd through 9th</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Father Paul-Stephen Holt
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Jose Diaz (Living)
Wednesday (<i>Latin</i>)	8 a.m.	Christopher, Debra, Natalie & John Paul Block (Living)
Friday	8 a.m.	Mary Blanche Pilkerton
Saturday	5 p.m.	Charles E. Dotson, Jr. and Joseph Fred Bowles
Sunday	8 a.m.	Walter Fidelis Russell, Sr.
	10 a.m.	John Knight (Living)
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Annie T. Nelson, Baby Josie McClure, 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.

<i>Mass Schedule for February 8th and 9th</i>		
	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sam Adams	Valerie Young
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		Christine Komar
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	James & John, Braylon & Bryson, William	Brian Fenwick

Offertory, January 19, 2020 – \$5,170.00 Church Missions in the U.S. – \$883.00

Offertory, January 26, 2020 – \$3,843.00

Other donations, including online – \$1,713.00

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.

The Ladies Sodality will be having a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 in the hall at 8:30 a.m. New members are welcome!

The Ladies Sodality will be hosting a Pre-Valentine's Day Bake Sale after Mass on Saturday, Feb. 8 and after the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Masses on Feb. 9.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Tuesday, February 4th – CCD at MCA at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 15th – Diet discussion with Father Drew in the Hall at 10:00a.m.

Retreat for Grieving Parents – Parents who are grieving the loss of a child, no matter how old the child is or how long ago the child died, are invited to a retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at St. Joseph Parish in Beltsville, MD. The retreat is open to any parent who has lost a child. To register, please go to the following link: <https://grievingparentretreat.eventbrite.com> For more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499 or email ferrando-bowlingc@adw.org.

Mother Catherine Academy Sweetheart's Dance – Join us on February 8th at Bowles' Farm in Clements for our annual Sweetheart Dance. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a chicken dinner. Please contact Kristie Norris at norrissk@yahoo.com for any questions or to sign up.

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! October 18 to 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy and is \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents and ask for Pat. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Mother Catherine Academy is holding a shoe drive. We will be collecting gently worn, used and new shoes that are in good condition, clean, and still wearable. The shoes we collect will be given a second life with those in need. Haiti, the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere is one of the countries that we will be supporting. Almost 60% of its population lives below the national poverty level of \$2.41 USD per day. In addition, only about 11% of its people own cars. This means that shoes are the primary mode of transportation. Shoes are a necessity because people walk almost everywhere. Did you know that on average about 600 million shoes are disposed of annually in the United States alone? That is more than the entire populations of the United States, Philippines, France, United Kingdom, and Columbia, combined. Please assist us in our mission to help others less fortunate. Receptacles are in designated areas of the church or in the lobby at our school.

