

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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**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.:

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (school days)

7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.—Before 8 a.m. Mass (non-school days)

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,

This Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, also is called both the Octave of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday.

It's the Sunday when we hear the story of Our Lord encountering the disciples for the first time on the evening of the day of his Resurrection.

During this encounter he greets them with the gift of peace, breathing on them and saying to them "receive the Holy Spirit." Next he tells them the sins of those whom they forgive are forgiven just as the sins of those whom retain bound are retained.

Jesus imparts to them his divine power to forgive sins. This gift recalls the objection of the Pharisees when Jesus was about to heal the paralyzed man who had been lowered through the roof of his house in Capernaum at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus said then, "Your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees thought to themselves that Jesus had committed blasphemy since God alone can forgive sins. Jesus showed them that his power is divine, he himself being divine, by healing the paralyzed man. Here, in the upper room, he now gives this same divine power to his disciples.

We should be amazed that such power has been given to men. We should learn quickly what we must do to avail ourselves of the full effect of this benefit. We should all examine our consciences and confess all the sins we have committed that come to mind so that we, too, can know the peace Jesus wants us to have forever.

Happy Easter!

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

<i>Mass Intentions for April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup></i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Frances Cecilia Wood
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Pelletier and Poitras Family
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Godfrey T. Mosley
Friday	8 a.m.	Carole Marie "Donie" Alvey
Saturday	8 p.m.	Edna Thompson
Sunday	8 a.m.	Skip James
	10 a.m.	Daniel and Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

***Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially*** Annie T. Nelson, Gailann White, Steve Morgan, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

***April 4, 2021 – Offertory \$4,639.00 Building & Repair – \$694.00***

***Easter – \$7,257.00 Holy Land (Good Friday) – \$693.00***

***Other donations, including online – \$700.00***

*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](http://www.stjosephmorganza.org).

***Current Public Health Precautions*** – When visiting St. Joseph's, please continue to be mindful of the following public health precautions as indicated by Archbishop Gregory and local health officials.

Facial Covering - A limited numbers of masks are available at the Church

Hand Sanitizing - Should you forget your own, we have some in the back of the Church

Personal Distancing - Six feet separation remains the recommendation between households in attendance.

Holy Communion Postponing - The distribution of Holy Communion will take place following the dismissal at the end of Mass.

***The archdiocesan website*** in response to the corona virus is updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, available at [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus), which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/). The Catholic Standard and the Spanish-language El Prego Nero newspapers are currently available online at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org). ***As a reminder***, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

**Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner** – Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until sold out., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD is having their Spring Seafood Dinner (Carryout Only). Menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and roll. The cost is \$28.00. There will be delicious homemade cakes! The address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland 20609. For more information, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

**Immaculate Conception Dinner** – Sunday, May 2 from 12:00 noon till 4:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center, located at 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, directly behind the church. This year's dinner is a pre-order, pre-pay, drive-thru event only. The cost of the dinner is \$20 each and the menu will consist of: fried chicken, steamed shrimp, and baked ham with parsley potatoes, country style green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, and a dinner roll. Payment is required at the time of placing order. You will receive a stub showing how many dinners you paid for and what time you chose to pick them up. If you order/pay online, your order/payment stub will be emailed to you. Please print that stub out – you will need it to pick up your dinner. Please visit our website (ICChurchMD.org) to place and pay for your order now. The deadline to order and pay for your dinner is Wednesday, April 21st . Contact phone number is 301-884-3123.

**Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry** is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a drive through pick up only, please follow the signs.



**St. John's Summer Program 2021** – St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 21st at 1:00pm. This year's new classes include Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Coaster Park Design, Paintball, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, Camper vs. Wild, among others, as well as many favorites from previous years. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com) to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.



**Join St. Mary's Ryken** for athletic, academic and enrichment camps. Camps begin June 21 and are taught by SMR faculty and coaches. Learn more and register today at <https://www.smrhs.org/summerknights>.

- Beautiful waterfront campus, indoor & outdoor specialty camps
- Opportunities for students in grades K-12