

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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,

It's one of my favorite details of the Resurrection account, Our Lord's question "Have you anything here to eat?"

It's a favorite for several reasons, not the least of which is that I love to eat.

You know that moment of silence that happens when everybody's hungry and the meal has finally been served and everyone starts eating at the same time? Frequently the silence is broken by someone who says how delicious the meal is. Often others pipe in with their agreement. One thing you do with your friends is you eat with them. If you haven't shared a meal with your friend, it's a sure sign that there's still room to grow in your friendship. A companion is literally someone with whom you have a bite to eat, someone you break "bread with." What must have that moment of silence sounded like while Jesus was eating the broiled fish and honeycomb in the presence of his disciples and before he broke the silence with his words to them? It had to have been filled with wonder and amazement on the part of the Apostles. The disciples were "incredulous for joy." This means they didn't believe their eyes. The way he got them to simmer down enough so that they could believe was he shared a meal with them.

The Lord's eating the fish is a great way to prove to his disciples that he is in fact risen from the dead, and that they're not seeing a ghost or some zombie or other apparition of some undead soul. Ghosts are not well known to appear to people, neither are zombies for that matter other than in the movies. And even so, they're not known to be seen to be eating. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, proves the reality of his resurrection by one of the most natural things living people do. We eat.

His question, "What is there to eat around here?" is also wonderful. It's not like he doesn't know. Rather by asking, he engages them. He challenges their lack of faith by having them go out of themselves and giving him something to eat. He invites them to believe in him, truly risen, through the very act of providing him with food. He had earlier told them, "My food is to do the will of the One Who sent me." God's will is that we be saved through Jesus, Risen from the dead. Our Faith in Him, delights him exceedingly.

Let's continue to celebrate the Resurrection.  
With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

<i>Mass Intentions for April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup></i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Carole Marie “Donie” Alvey
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Cynthia Elizabeth Murray
Friday	8 a.m.	Mary Ruth Delozier
Saturday	8 p.m.	Frances Cecilia Wood
Sunday	8 a.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
	10 a.m.	Carole Marie “Donie” Alvey
	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 Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Virginia Raulerson, Frances L. Herbert (Tintsie), Elizabeth Adams.

***April 11, 2021 – Offertory \$2,913.00***

***School Support – \$187.00***

***Other donations, including online – \$1,799.00***

*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.

**Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration** on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park MD. The Mass will start at 5:30 pm, followed by healing prayers. Confessions will start at 5pm. All are welcome!

**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