

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Father Andrew Royals, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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,

Easter Sunday was three weeks ago. This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is sometimes also called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel reading at the Mass this Sunday always includes Jesus referring to himself as the Good Shepherd. You can read this in your bible at home in the Tenth Chapter of the Gospel According to Saint John.

Our forebears who built our lovely Church and decorated it with such beautiful stained glass included an image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd to help us to contemplate how carefully Jesus watches over us.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, he describes us also as his flock. Keeping with the metaphor, Jesus mentions wolves who scatter the sheep and hired men, not shepherds who run away for fear. These images of Jesus and the flock are easy to understand. But who are the wolves and who are the fearful hired men?

The wolves are those who would seek to harm any of God's chosen ones in any way. The hired men are the ones who agree to protect the sheep in place of the shepherd, but instead prefer to look out for themselves.

Each of us can see ourselves either as sheep, as wolves or as scared hired men. If we should fail and play the role of either of these last two, we should repent, returning with sorrow in our heart to the Good Shepherd who will restore us to the flock. In fact, the Good Shepherd searches for us in order to bring us home.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for April 26th through May 2nd</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Joseph Lee Somerville, Sr.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Dallis and Betty Hill (Living)
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Brenda Louise Tucker
Friday	8 a.m.	Carole Marie “Donie” Alvey
Saturday	8 p.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
Sunday	8 a.m.	Deacon James Somerville
	10 a.m.	Skip James
	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 18, 2021 – Offertory \$2,095.00

Other donations, including online – \$4,603.00

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.

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, which includes a link of live stream Masses and prayers available at 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 and elpreg.org. ***As a reminder***, the dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

A One Day Retreat - St. Joseph: Tools for Our Journey will be held on Saturday, May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker) at St. Joseph Church, 29119 Point Lookout Road in Morganza. Registration with donuts and juice begins at 7:15 am, the first talk begins at 8 am followed by Mass, two more talks with lunch served in between and ending with healing prayers. This Year dedicated to this great Saint is an invitation for us to learn more about him with the help of Fr. Drew Royals and Fr. Martin Flum. Tickets are available through Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-retreat-tools-for-our-journey-tickets-149071692445 or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents to register in person. The cost is \$15 which covers the cost of lunch and Eventbrite fees. There is limited seating due to COVID restrictions. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

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.

Part-Time Office Manager Position at St. Cecilia in St. Mary's City: St. Cecilia is looking for a part-time Office Manager to coordinate administrative duties and office procedures. Requirements needed: Proficient in computer/internet utilization including Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and Outlook, in particular), superb people skills, hands-on experience with office machines (scanners and printers), excellent time management skills, the ability to multi-task and prioritize work, attention to detail and problem-solving skills, and a creative mind with the ability to suggest improvements. For inquiries about this position, please contact Liz Jenkins by phone 301-862-4600 or by email stcecilia@md.metrocast.net.