

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord

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CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office
St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-373-2692
Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

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,

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is an important part of our celebration of the Paschal Mystery during the season of Easter. Some other time we'll talk about why this season and the celebration goes by the name of Easter as well as being called the Paschal Mystery. For now, its name, the Paschal Mystery, can be helpful to us.

The Paschal Mystery points us to the first time God's people used the term "Pasch." This term is from the Greek word "pascha," itself which from the Hebrew word "pasákh" meaning, to pass over or skip over.

Let's think about what it means to pass or skip over someone. A few examples come to mind for skipping over people. One, when a teacher asks a question to a classroom and suddenly sees several hands go up at once. She'll pass over a few before choosing to call on one. Or, when team captains are taking turns selecting teammates for a pickup basketball game, they'll skip over ones who haven't yet been picked. These are rather easy and light examples. The sense in which the Ancient Israelites understood how God allowed them to be passed over or skipped is much more serious.

By placing the blood of a sacrificed lamb on the doorposts of their houses on a certain night, the Angel of Death would pass over their house sparing them the death of their first-born who would otherwise have died. That lamb's blood cried out to God on behalf of the sons of the Israelites and led to their being freed from slavery in Egypt. Because the lamb who was slain interceded, God's people were set free. This is the Biblical meaning of the Passover. It is why we celebrate the victory of Our Lord over Death by the name of the Paschal Mystery.

On the feast of the Ascension we recall Jesus going up to Heaven to take his seat at the Right Hand of the Father. There, he, who is the Lamb of God who was slain, and who rose from the dead, lives and makes constant intercession for us to the Father. This Feast is a part of the Paschal Mystery and therefore should be celebrated with the greatest joy.

May God bless our parish on the Feast of the Ascension and may Our Lord, sitting at the right hand of the Father intercede for us always.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

<i>Mass Intentions for May 17th through May 23rd</i>		
Monday	8 a.m.	Linda Gordon
Tuesday	8 a.m.	William “Wes” Beisel
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Marie Virginia Oliver
Friday	8 a.m.	James Thomas Tennyson
Saturday	5 p.m.	Carole Marie “Donie” Alvey
Sunday	8 a.m.	William Russell “Russ” Cullins, Jr.
	10 a.m.	Deacon James Somerville
	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.

May 9, 2021 – Offertory \$3,770.00 Building & Repair – \$280.00 School Support – \$161.00
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.

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.

"Sharing of Talents through the Holy Spirit" – This is a fundraising event that will be held at Holy Angel's hall/parking lot on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd from 12-4pm. The Southern Maryland ROOTS youth group are currently looking for families from the community to come together to help raise money for Holy Angel's and Sacred heart parishes. To celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit we are asking everyone to donate their time, talents, and treasure to make this event successful while enjoying fellowship and fun! The goal is to raise enough funds to restore the stained glass windows at both parishes. A special gift has been given to the parishes by an anonymous donor in offering to match any money above the offertory collections that is raised in the month of May! There will be food for sale, an ice cream station, a Kids Zone area where kids can play games for prizes, a cake walk, lemonade stand, a piggy bank change challenge, a "Trash to Treasures" table with barely used items to sell and so much more. Most importantly we are in need of crafters, artists etc... to set up their products and services to sell at the talent tables. *Example: there will be a Portrait Artist who has offered to donate all proceeds of her work.* If you or anyone you know would be interested in working the event or selling a product or service please contact Theresa Friess at 240.298.3879 or mcaartofgiving@gmail.com. All proceeds will be split evenly between the two parishes. Social distancing guidelines will be followed at this event. Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

CareNet Baby Bottle Blitz – Pick up an empty baby bottle and fill with spare change, cash or checks. Return the bottle to church on Father's Day weekend, June 19/20. Your participation in the Baby Bottle Blitz helps CareNet to continue our mission and expand the services we offer to our community. Thank you!

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.