

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

CCD Information – Please contact the Rectory Office

St. Joseph Parish Outreach – 301-475-6533

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Nancy M. Russell

Office Assistant – Mrs. Pam McCutchen

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday following the 6 p.m. Mass.

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 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.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those hospitalized or home-bound to receive the Sacraments, call the Rectory.

Rectory Office Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday



Father's Thoughts

My Dear Parish,

It should be a great source of consolation for us to learn that God desires us to be healthy and whole.

Sometimes, especially when we are sick or laid low by the hardships and frustrations of life, it may be tempting for us to despair of all meaningful comfort. Despair and sadness can very easily get the better of us if we give in, forgetting that they are allies of the enemy.

It is precisely in this reduced and humble state that we should recall the words from the Scripture that we hear this weekend.

“Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases” (Matt. 8:17).

The Lord is not insensitive to the plight of the distressed. He is not put off by our catastrophe. Our calamity and our lowliness is not so repulsive to him that he prefers to abandon us.

The Lord “heals the brokenhearted.” “The dispersed of Israel he gathers.” He “binds up their wounds.” He “sustains the lowly.” (cf. Psalm 147) In the Gospel, Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law who was sick with a fever, grasps her hand and helps her up. He cures many who were sick with various diseases. He casts out demons, not permitting them to speak.

Next time we find ourselves feeling like Job in the first reading—“Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?”—let’s remember that the Lord comes to our rescue. This should cause us to begin to be filled with the hope which overcomes even the darkest sufferings. It should cause us also, like Saint Paul, to bring this same hope to many others who said “I have made myself the slave of all so as to win over as many as possible” (1 Cor 9:22).

May God help us to help others.

With paternal affection,



Fr. Drew

Mass Intentions for February 5th through February 11th

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Cliff Bates
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Lebeau
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Paul Strzegowski (Living)
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Gladys Parr
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Walter J. Thompson
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	5:00 p.m.	John Francis Wathen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
	10:00 a.m.	Joyce Proctor
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for February 10th and February 11th

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<i>Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</i>	Kathleen D'Aurora	Owen D'Aurora
<i>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</i>	Billy Benjamin	
<i>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</i>	Gladys Long	Sam Adams

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially James Holt, Cody Guy, Joe Lee Somerville, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, Roy Hauck, Winnie Merson, Ann Young, Sara Custer, Thelma Russell, Gary Lewis, Yvonne Lennon, James Nelson, Elizabeth Adams, Alan Burch, Mary C. Holt, Bernadette Herbert and Thomas Lionel Herbert.

Offertory, January 28th Envelopes \$2,519.00 Loose \$2,011.00
Second collection next week is for School Support. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Giving Now Available!

We are excited to announce that St. Joseph's Church now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our new website!

You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting www.stjosephmorganza.org. More information is available on our website or by calling the parish office at 301-475-3293.

Our next Choir practice will be Monday, February 5 at 5:30 in the church.

We will be starting up a new weekly class on the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith. This is for anyone new to the Faith, anyone needing the Rites of Initiation, or perhaps you are looking for a better understanding of our Faith. This class will be on Monday evenings in the Church and our first weekly meeting will be on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

Join us to pray the Rosary – The Blessed Mother said at Fatima that anyone who prayed the Rosary for 5 first Saturdays, she would be with you and you will die a happy death. The Rosary will be recited after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5. All are welcome to join us at St. Joseph's Church.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Our next fundraising grocery auction is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th at 6:00pm at MCA. All are welcome! Bring your tote bags and coolers!
- MCA Spirit Night: Join us on Wednesday, February 21st at Kevin's Corner Kafe in Leonardtown from 3:00 – 9:00pm for our next MCA Spirit Night! Order the chicken basket dinner for either dine-in or carry-out and MCA will receive a portion of each dinner sold.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, February 5th – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, February 6th – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 at MCA.

Wednesday, February 7th – Mother's Rosary Group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.

Friday, February 16th – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m.