

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 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,

Lent starts this week, on Ash Wednesday. On this day, we come to church and have ashes put on our heads, but Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. All of these practices—fasting, abstinence, and imposing ashes—are ways we show God we want to repent and give up our sins.

Having ashes placed on our heads is symbolic of our desire to humble ourselves in the sight of God. The priest places ashes with the words “Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” This may sound scary and a bit gloomy. But it’s actually the truth—each of us will die someday. And nothing helps to focus the mind like remembering our mortality. The reality of our death brings us to the brink of making an act of faith, because either there is something after death or there is nothing. As Christians, in the face of death, we choose God. God helps us by purifying us of our sins and preparing us for being in his presence. Ash Wednesday helps us by reminding us, year after year, to choose God.

Fasting and abstinence are also ways to encourage a detachment from all the earthly attachments that would otherwise make it harder for us to choose God. Fasting—going without a meal, or two, or three!—deprives the body for a short time of the pleasure and nourishment it craves. The pain this causes us reminds us of the pain of losing God, which happens when we sin. Depriving our body of licit pleasures awakens our soul to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It’s hard to hear the whisperings of the Holy Spirit when we’re stuffing our faces.

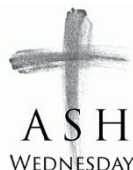
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of fasting and abstinence. In fact, all Fridays throughout the year, not just during Lent, are days of penance. We do works of penance through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All Christians should abstain from eating meat on Fridays as a way to do penance.

During Lent, there are increased opportunities to come to the Church to go to confession and to adore the Lord in prayer. The Church will be open weekday afternoons (excluding Thursdays) from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a time of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. I will conclude the hour with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I will also be in the confessional Wednesdays throughout lent from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Spread the word!

Let’s make this a holy and a prayerful season of penance.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew



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WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Mass will be at 8:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions
for February 12th through February 18th

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Cliff Bates
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Daniel & Douglas Brown and Joshua Holton
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	James Depree, Jr.
	5:00 p.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
	10:00 a.m.	Aloysius & Celeste Bowles
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for February 17th and 18th

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Valerie Young	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Henrietta Gross	Francis Gross
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Billy Johnson	James Ripple

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially James Holt, Cody Guy, Joe Lee Somerville, Antoinette Nelson, Sandy Branson, 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.

<i>Offertory, February 4th</i>	Envelopes \$2,945.00	Loose \$2,673.00
<i>Building & Repair</i>	Envelopes \$1,080.00	Loose \$261.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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 12th – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, February 13th – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45 at MCA.

Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m. Mother’s Rosary Group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Friday, February 16th – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park will have its annual Seafood Dinner on Fridays from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall from February 16th until March 23rd. Come eat fish dinners, fried oysters, boiled shrimp, Po'Boy subs, and various sides, all while they last! Kid's meals are available, and home baked goods will be sold to benefit The St. Vincent DePaul of IHM.



Feb 10/11, 2018 Recommendations
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Ordinary Time

Study *Beloved: Living Marriage* Understanding the true meaning of marriage is one thing, living it out is another. *Beloved: Living Marriage* examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife, while maintaining individuality.

Go to SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Watch *Lourdes* Bernard Guillaumet, a non-Christian French journalist, is assigned the job of doing a story on Lourdes in the late 1990s. Just before he leaves, Bernard learns that his wife is pregnant. However, he is not told that this pregnancy could put her life at risk. While researching for his report on Lourdes, Bernard comes across the pages of an old family manuscript. The manuscript was written by his ancestor, Henri Guillaumet, a positivist scientist and nonbeliever who met Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, a meeting which profoundly affected Henri and forced him to reconsider the miracles performed following the apparitions of the Madonna of Lourdes. This intriguing film traces the stories of three lives—Bernadette, Henry, and Bernard—three characters whose lives intertwine as they pursue parallel journeys according to the designs of Providence.

Go to THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF MARY

Listen *Men Women and the Mystery of Love* In today's culture we're constantly bombarded with a secular notion of love and intimacy, instead of the kind of love that God intended for his children. In this presentation, Dr. Edward Sri explains how Saint John Paul II teachings of the Theology of the Body can help us prepare for our future marriage, by showing us how to live as selfless, authentic men and women.

Go to YOUNG ADULT

Read *Meditations for Lent* Even three hundred years ago, believers found it difficult to sustain for forty days the proper Lenten spirit. That's why even then, countless Christians turned to the writings of Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704), whose great piety and simple eloquence won him renowned as one of the greatest preachers of his time. From Bishop Bossuet's sermons and spiritual writings, believers drew ever greater Lenten wisdom and strength.

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