

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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,

Next Monday, March 19th, is a great feast day in the Church and especially in our parish. It's the Solemnity of our heavenly Patron, Saint Joseph. It's such a big feast day that if it were to fall on a Friday during Lent—which it did in 2010 and will again in 2021—that no one would have to abstain from meat on those days.

We will celebrate the Feast this year at our parish with Mass at 6:00 PM on Monday the 19th. Also, at the Sunday morning Masses the day before, we will be sure to enjoy coffee and doughnuts. We will suspend the catechism classes for that Monday evening.

I hope that you and your families will make the day festive in your own ways. Since it is such an important feast day, it is perfectly permissible for those who “gave up” good things for Lent to enjoy them on that Feast Day.

From heaven, Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus, protects us with his powerful intercession. May he keep all the families of our parish safe and close to his Son, Jesus, forever.

With paternal affection,

*Fr. Drew*

**Mass Intentions**  
**for March 12<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Raymond L. Dubois
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	President Donald Trump & Family (Living)
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Shirley G. Sperier
Friday	8:00 a.m.	John Judson Alvey
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Father Fish (Living)
	5:00 p.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Teen & Mary Bailey

**Mass Schedule for March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sarah Richardson	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Carolyn Chase	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Billy Benjamin	Owen D' Aurora

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

***Offertory, March 4<sup>th</sup>***      Envelopes \$3,518.00      Loose \$2,943.00  
***Building & Repair***      Envelopes \$1,341.00      Loose \$447.00

***Online Donations*** \$58.00. Second collection next week is for the Church in the Developing World. Thank you for your generosity.

**\*\* Confession & Adoration 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. Father Drew will conclude the hour with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father will also be in the confessional Wednesdays throughout Lent from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

***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 again after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday Apr 7 and May 5.

***Mother's Rosary Group*** – Join us for a weekly Mother's Rosary group. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on Mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Hall. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega\_mo@yahoo.com.

***2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass*** – The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of the Church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Our Lady of the Wayside Church*** in Chaptico will have a Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men & Women on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM.

**Mulch Sale to Feed 1,000 Children** – For every 15 bags of mulch you buy, you’ve just fed a hungry child for a year. Please consider helping teens from St. Mary’s County, working at St. John’s Summer Program, feed 1,000 children in Malawi by purchasing mulch. All proceeds are donated to Mary’s Meals, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide one daily meal to hungry children in their place of education. Mulch must be ordered by March 27th and will be delivered/picked up April 7th. Bags are \$4.00-4.25 depending on quantity. For more info and to order online, visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch). Thank you for your support!

**The Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad** is hosting a drive-thru chicken dinner on March 25, 2018 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. 28120 Old Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville. Cost is \$10.

**St. Clements Island Museum** – Join us for Maryland Day on March 26, 2018. This day commemorates not only the birth of Maryland, but the birth of the Catholic Church in the English speaking colonies. This year's main speaker is Monsignor Edward Coyle, whose parish in Pennsylvania has direct ties to the Jesuits who landed in Maryland in 1634. Contact Karen Stone for more information at 301-769-3235.

### Upcoming Events & Reminders

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45p.m – all students need to report directly to the Church instead of MCA.

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Mother’s Rosary Group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. First Penance at the Church at 6:45 p.m. Confession 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (all are welcome).

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee & Donuts in the Hall after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – The Feast Day of St. Joseph. No Catechism in the Church. Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Choir practice in the Church at 5:30 p.m. No Catechism in the Church.



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Study Forgiven – Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy. We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us “Go and sin no more,” he also gives us the grace to do so.

Watch – Who Is Pope Francis? This outstanding documentary produced in Europe gives an excellent overview into the life, thought, and work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, formerly Archbishop of Buenos Aires and now Pope Francis. It contains previously unreleased recordings and endearing images of Cardinal Bergoglio. His words and actions convey the unique charisma of this surprise Argentine Pope whose humility, kindness and courage are winning countless admirers to a renewed interest in the Papacy. The film also shows many inspiring images of the papal conclave, and the most emotional details of the first appearances of Pope Francis, sprinkled with humor and warm emotion.

Listen – AUDIO DRAMA – The Trials of St. Patrick  
This epic story tells of one man's spiritual odyssey through hardship and loss, mercy, and forgiveness. Dramatized with a fresh boldness by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, the characters will come alive through the talents of dozens of accomplished, award-winning actors, combined with cinematic sound and music. Your imagination will be quickened. Your heart will be inspired.

Read – Mary in the Redemption  
Adrienne Von Speyr was a convert to Catholicism, a medical doctor, wife, mystic, and author of some 70 books on spirituality. In this profound work on Our Lady, Von Speyr explores Mary's participation with Christ in our redemption, and the unique relationship that each of us should have with our spiritual mother.