

# *Saint Joseph Catholic Church*

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 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,

Saint Joseph has many nicknames. As we celebrate the patron saint of our parish on March 19th, let's look at three of them.

## 1) Pillar of Families

Saint Joseph is called the "Pillar of Families." Just as a pillar holds up important objects for all to see Saint Joseph helps us too see how good families are. Families give life to their members, nourishing them and teaching them. Families give life to communities by surrounding the most needy with great love. Strong families lead to strong communities. The hard work, faithfulness, and humble service of Saint Joseph held up the Holy Family so that it could be a model for all families. God relied on Joseph and strengthened him for his great responsibility of being the head of the household of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. From heaven, he will intercede for our families so we can bring many new members into the household of God.

## 2) Terror of Demons

Evil angels are terrified of Saint Joseph. No robber would attempt to break into a home that he knew was protected by an alert and shrewd dad. In much the same way the demons who prowl about the world seeking our ruin scatter with fright once they are certain of the presence of Saint Joseph and his powerful intercession. In the garden of Eden Adam did not scare the serpent away from approaching Eve. But Saint Joseph does not fail to protect us. Along with our Guardian Angel, they keep us safe and sound.

## 3) Chaste Guardian of the Virgin

We, the residents of Saint Mary's County, take special pride in belonging to the one parish in the whole county dedicated to the "Chaste Guardian of the Virgin." Just as Our Lady felt secure and peaceful under Saint Joseph's protection our neighbors in the rest of Saint Mary's County should enjoy the comfort we provide them by our prayers and the security we give them through our good example. The example of Saint Joseph's holy purity and chastity should encourage us to love God first with all our hearts so that we can love those close to us the way God wants us to. May we guard and protect those entrusted to us with the chastity with which Saint Joseph guarded Our Lady.

May God bless our parish on this great feast day. And may he help us, through Saint Joseph's intercession, always to stay close to the Blessed Virgin and Her Son, Jesus.

With paternal affection,



**Mass Intentions for March 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Sister Julia Clair
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary L. Tennyson
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Rev. James S. Betz
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Susan Howe
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Judy Lee Earp
	5:00 p.m.	George R. Adams
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Susan Howe
	10:00 a.m.	Joseph Donald Clarke, Sr.
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**Mass Schedule for March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Bill Leonard & Valerie Young	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Gladys Long & Henrietta Gross	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora & Sarah Richardson	All Servers

**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.

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**Offertory, March 11<sup>th</sup>** Envelopes \$2,729.00      Loose \$2,026.00  
**School Support**      Envelopes \$602.00      Loose \$187.00  
**Easter Flowers** \$1,665.00. **Online Giving** \$650.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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**\*\*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 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Week 2018**

Monday of Holy Week – Mass at 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday of Holy Week – Mass at 8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday of Holy Week – Mass at 8:00 a.m. Confessions from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**The Sacred Triduum**

**Holy Thursday**

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.  
 Adoration at the Repository until 10:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. Confessions following Stations  
 Liturgy for Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday**

Confessions from 11:00 a.m. to Noon  
 Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.  
 No afternoon Confessions or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday

**Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (No 6:00 p.m. Mass)

***Outdoor Stations of the Cross*** – Father Drew will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD. The devotional will begin 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 and all are welcome to participate. For more information or directions, please call the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766 or email at qop@ccaw.org.

***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 16th.

### ***Upcoming Events & Reminders***

*The office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday*

***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. The office will be closed. No Catechism in the Church. Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

***Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>*** – Catechism with Father Drew in the Church at 11 a.m. CCD at 6:45p.m at MCA.

***Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*** – Mother's Rosary Group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

***Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>*** – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

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

***Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*** – Mass at 7 p.m. Adoration until 10 p.m.

***Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>*** – Station of the Cross at 3 p.m. Liturgy at 7 p.m.

***Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*** – Confessions from 11 to Noon. Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

***Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>*** – Mass at 8 & 10 a.m. No 6 p.m. Mass.

***Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>*** – No Catechism in the Church.

***Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>*** – No CCD.

***Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*** – Preparation class for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

***Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>*** – CCD at 6:45 p.m. at MCA (Assessment Testing)

***Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>*** – Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church at 10 a.m.

***Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>*** – Confirmation at 10 a.m.

***Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>*** – Last CCD class at 6:45 p.m. at MCA.

***Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*** – Rehearsal for First Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in the Church.

***Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*** – First Holy Communion at 10 a.m.