

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 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 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,

For the last several years Pope Francis has been asking the members of the Church to grow in our understanding of Holy Matrimony, Marriage and the importance of the Christian family. The Pope convened two major meetings in Rome to review the main points that we should be focusing on. He has since written an open letter to the whole Church called the "Joy of Love" that describes marriage in great detail.

Cardinal Wuerl has taken up Pope Francis's encouragement and made it his own. Our Archbishop has similarly written an open letter to the faithful of our archdiocese describing the Pope's message and echoing the encouragement to deepen our appreciation for marriage. Copies of this letter are available for parishioners to pick up in the back of the Church.

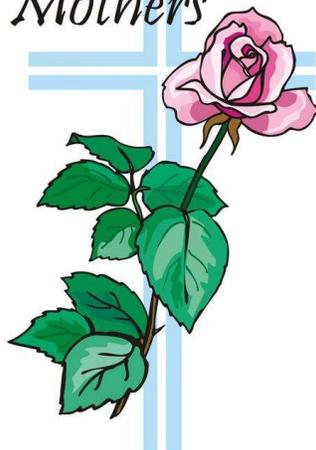
Beginning this Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and Mother's Day, and continuing for the next several weeks, I will include at the start of the homily, a brief teaching on the importance of Holy Matrimony, Marriage and the Christian family. I plan to review the main elements of our Church's teaching and to include the elements that are particularly pertinent to our day and age.

As we honor Christ the Bridegroom of the Church, on the day he ascended to the Father, let us pray for the Church, the Mother of Believers. May our appreciation for the new life we have received increase, and may our love for God's plan for our salvation take ever-deeper root in our hearts.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

*Honoring Our
Mothers*



Happy Mother's Day

Mass Intentions for May 14th through May 20th

Monday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Thursday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Friday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	5 p.m.	Mother's Day Novena
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	10 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
	6 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Mass Schedule for May 19th and May 20th

	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Gladys Long	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Valerie Young	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Kathleen D'Aurora	All Servers (Pentecost)

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish especially, Virginia Raulerson, Joseph Clark, Francis I. Herbert (Tintsie), 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.



***Monday through Friday (excluding Thursdays).
from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Offertory, May 6th Envelopes \$3,343.00 Loose \$2,816.00

Building & Repair Envelopes \$1,051.00 Loose \$376.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Join us to pray the Rosary – May is the month for the Blessed Mother. The rosary will be said every day after the 8 a.m. Mass except on Sundays. The Sunday schedule is as follows: Sunday, May 13th, before the 8:00 am Mass; Sunday, May 20, before the 10:00 am Mass; and Saturday, May 26th, before the 5:00 pm Mass.

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.

Burial Plot Available at St. Joseph Cemetery – There is a double plot available at the cemetery across from St. Joseph Church. If interested, please call Ms. Lee Harp directly at 703-751-6472. The price is \$3,800.00.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Monday, May 14th – Preparation classes for anyone in need of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Tuesday, May 15th – Catechism with Father Drew at 11 a.m. in the Church.

Friday, June 8th – Holy Hour for Vocations, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. with Confessions during Holy Hour.

Mother Catherine Academy News:

- Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Visit <https://mytads.com/a/mothercatherineacademymechanicsville> to enroll your child/children at MCA and become a part of the wonderful family that is MCA! Contact the school office at (301) 884-3165 if you have any questions or need any assistance with the enrollment process.
- Come get 'Shipwrecked' at this year's MCA Vacation Bible School! Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Registration is now open for this year's event. VBS will be June 25-29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is open for children ages Pre 3/4 (must be fully potty-trained) through 6th grade. Please use the following link to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9d426>.
- MCA Annual Car Show Fundraiser: Join us for the annual MCA Car Show on Saturday, June 2nd from 8:00am – 2:00pm (rain date is Sunday, June 3rd). Registration is now open for all vehicles and vendors. Please contact Mark Muir at (240) 925-1438 for more information.



It's EASY and FREE to Register!

Go to www.stjosephmorganza.formed.org

Click "Register" and Enter your name, email, and desired password
You're all set to enjoy the engaging and inspiring content on FORMED!

Study: *Opening the Word This Sunday we are presented with a Gospel reading that should deeply challenge us. These are readings that remind us of who we really are—disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not only his friends, called to stay near to him, but we are also his missionaries, called to go out and to spread his Good News. Prayer journal included for daily prayer time with these readings. Go to OPENING THE WORD*

FOR KIDS!! Watch: *The Day the Sun Danced In 1917, three children named Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta experienced a great miracle. While herding a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother visited them, not once, but many times, telling the children great and wondrous secrets that would affect all of creation. When the children tried to share the joyous news of Our Lady of Fatima, no one believed them, until the day the sun seemed to dance in the sky. It soon became clear that they had been chosen by the Blessed Mother to share her message. Go to YOUTH/Saints*

Listen: *Answering Common Objections: The Pope As a former Protestant minister, Dr. Scott Hahn knows all too well the disputes between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians. In this series, he carefully examines the most widely held objections and explains how and why they have arisen. Dr. Hahn's powerful presentations will not only show you how to use the Bible to defend the truths of Catholic teaching, but will also give you an invaluable tool for sharing the Faith with others. Go to TALKS/Answering Common Objections*

Read: *How to Raise Good Catholic Children Author Mary Reed Newland here draws on her own experiences as the mother of seven to show how the classic Christian principles of sanctity can be translated into terms easily applied to children—even to the very young. Because it's rooted in experience, not in theory, nothing that Mrs. Newland suggests is impossible or extraordinary. In fact, as you reflect on your experiences with your own children, you'll quickly agree that hers is an excellent commonsense approach to raising good Catholic children. Go to NONFICTION/Parenting (available for iBooks, Nook, Android and Kindle)*