

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Tues (Latin), Wed, & Fri: Check website

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: Before Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass; 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Tues, Wed, & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adoration

The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Billy Joe Hill, Annie T. Nelson, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Gailann White, Georgia Nelson, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph “Zip” Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, and Mary Helen Knight.

<i>Mass Intentions for June 1st through June 7th</i>	
6/1 Sun – 8 a.m.	Paul Howe
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
6/3 Tues – 5 p.m.	Rev. Charles Gregory Butta
6/4 Wed – 5 p.m.	Dcn. Clark Lee Glenn, Sr.
6/6 Fri – 12 p.m.	Dcn. Emmett Chad Martin
6/7 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole “Donie” Alvey
<i>May 25, 2025 Offertory</i>	
<i>May 25, 2025 CCHD</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
	<i>\$2,462.00</i>
	<i>\$325.00</i>

First Sunday Potluck – All are welcome to join the parish family for a potluck after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, instead of our regularly scheduled coffee and donuts. Please bring a dish to share and/or simply join us for the fellowship!

Care Net Baby Bottle Blitz – Care Net Baby Bottles will be available for pick-up in the back of the church starting May 11, Mother’s Day. Care Net SoMD offers no-cost support and licensed medical services to women facing unplanned pregnancies in Southern Maryland - at no cost to our patients and clients. Your spare coins can change a life, transform a family, and impact generations. Here’s How it Works: Take a Baby Bottle home. Pray for Care Net SoMD and the women and families that we serve. Fill the Baby Bottle with coins, cash, or checks or fill a virtual bottle by scanning the QR code and giving online. Bring the bottle back to church by Sunday, June 15th.



From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Friends in High Places.

This is one way to understand the Feast of the Ascension. The Lord, Our Friend, has returned to be with the Father—His Father and ours—from whence He came. We, now, can have the greatest confidence when praying to God that our best interests will be well represented in the intimate conversation of the Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Appreciating the Ascension this way obviously puts a priority on how the Son's exaltation affects us. But, we can also be confident that God's alright with that. Our Human Nature belongs, according to God's plan, in the Highest of the heavenly places. Man, redeemed by God, indeed by the God-Man, is fully alive in the person of Christ Crucified, Risen and taken up in Glory. God's Glory is Man fully alive.

What God accomplishes in the Ascension of Christ gives us the greatest cause for rejoicing.

“A Blare of Trumpets for the Lord!” Happy Feast!

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

SoMD Mass with Healing Prayers – Monday, June 2, 7:00PM - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park. Confessions available beginning at 6:30PM. 7PM Mass followed by healing service. All are invited to come and receive healing prayers in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord. Bring your family member or neighbor.

Part-Time Secretary Position at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD – We are now accepting applications for a part-time position, 20 hrs. per week, church secretary Wed-Thu, 9am-4pm., Fri, 9am-3pm. For further information please call Denise, 301-475-8064 or email dbecher@saintaloychurch.org.

Part-Time Secretary Position at Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD – We are now accepting applications for a part-time position, 16-20 hrs. per week, church secretary. Regular Hours – Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 1:00, Summer Hours – Monday to Thursday 9:00 – 1:00. For further information, please call our office at 301-884-2502 or email office@olwrcc.org.

Candlelight Eucharistic Procession on June 19 – Join the Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County for a beautiful Candlelight Eucharistic Procession through downtown Leonardtown on Thursday, June 19 at 8:00 PM. The procession will begin at St. Aloysius Church. All are welcome to witness and worship the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!