

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 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
8:00 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, Mary Helen Knight, and Billy Patton.

Lost & Found – Please check the basket in the vestibule of the church for any items you may have lost. We will donate or discard any unclaimed items after August 17.

<i>Mass Intentions for August 10th through August 16th</i>	
8/10 Sun – 8 a.m.	William "Archie" Pilkerton, Jr.
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
8/12 Tues – 5 p.m.	Frances "Nina" Bowles
8/13 Wed – 5 p.m.	Mary Phyllis Pilkerton
8/15 Fri – 5 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
8/16 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carol "Donie" Alvey
<i>July 27, 2025 Offertory</i>	
<i>August 3, 2025 Offertory</i>	
<i>August 3, 2025 Building & Repair</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	



Friday, August 15th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Time: 5 p.m.

*****The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, August 15 in observance of the Holy Day*****

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Compared with our loved-ones, friends, neighbors and everyone else, would we say that we have been entrusted with a particularly great responsibility?

How does one appropriately estimate the greatness of what he has been entrusted with?

Do I know what matters to God? Do I think God is particularly and primarily interested in my earthly possessions? Are we expecting there to be any sort of reckoning for what we are doing in this life? Or, do we rather suppose that any accounting will at most be only minor?

How aware am I of the precious value of the life that awaits me beyond this earthly one? Or, do I figure whatever eternal life is worth, it cannot have much more value than the disappointment and frustration I see around me?

Is God trustworthy? Does he incite us to hope with high-sounding ideas only to lead us to a precipice beyond which there is nothing that satisfies?

Luke's Christ provokes those who are listening at the deepest level. Those who have the ears to hear and who respond with all they've got will be richly rewarded. Prefer this reward to the alternative.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

St. Michael High School Tutorial – The St. Michael's Catholic High School Tutorial Program in Brandywine, MD, is a drop-off, faith-based academic enrichment opportunity serving homeschool students in grades 8-12. It is rooted in Catholic values and is faithful to the Magisterium of the Church. SMT is designed to support families seeking flexible, high-quality education options. The Saint Michael Tutorial meets throughout two semesters, on most Mondays during the regular school year, breaking on all federal holidays. Please visit stmichaelhomeschool.com for more information, or call Rosa Patterson at (240) 682-9916.

Pre-Labor Day Festival – St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in St. Inigoes invites you to its Annual Pre-Labor Day Festival on its historic grounds on Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 12:00Noon to 6:00pm. To purchase your pre-paid discounted dinner tickets for only \$32.00, call the Parish Office (301-872-5460) before August 17, 2025, or go to the website (<https://www.stpeterclaverchurch.org/>) to the "Donate" dropdown menu. Discounted dinner tickets are available to EMT, Fire and Rescue workers with identification now through the day of the festival.

Ride for Vocations – To all of our Riders, Prayer Warriors and Volunteers – Let's go! It is summer time and time to start training for the Ride for Vocations. On June 21, 2025 five men were ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Archdiocese of Washington. We are so blessed to have these holy men ordained this year. This is why we ride, to pray and sacrifice for them! A few details about the ride, to see more & to register go to: <https://dcpriest.org/event/2025-ride-for-vocations/> and follow the links. Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, La Plata, MD, Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Save the Date: Catholic Family Festival – Sunday, October 12, 3-8 PM, at Cardinal Gibbons Park, (across from St. Peter Claver Church). An open invitation to all, our 15 Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County are coming together for a day of faith, fellowship and fun! Potluck Picnic, family and children activities and games, youth and young adult yard games and corn hole, music and sitting areas for the young and old alike. Outside candlelit Eucharistic Procession and rosary! Mark your calendar – more details to come.