

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

29119 Point Lookout Road
P.O. Box 175 Morganza, Maryland 20660
Phone: 301-475-3293

E-Mail: sjcmorganza@gmail.com Website: www.stjosephmorganza.org
Father Andrew Royals, Pastor

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 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.

Daily Mass – Daily Mass on Friday, August 22 will be at 12:00 p.m.

<i>Mass Intentions for August 17th through August 23rd</i>	
8/17 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	David Hurry & Philip Hurry, Jr.
8/19 Tues – 5 p.m.	Dcn. Steve McKimmie
8/20 Wed – 5 p.m.	Charles Preston Raley
8/22 Fri – 12 p.m.	Special Intention
8/23 Sat – 5 p.m.	Frances “Nina” Bowles
<i>August 10, 2025 Offertory</i>	
<i>August 10, 2025 School Support</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
	\$2,927.00
	\$437.00

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Jesus saves us from an excessive and harmful love for our own family.

There is a natural inclination—probably one of nature's strongest—to risk one's own life for the sake of rescuing one's family. While this is certainly praiseworthy in certain circumstances, it is sheer foolishness when it jeopardizes the eternal salvation which God purchased for us with the blood of His Only Son.

The “one thing necessary” will always be to do our utmost to stay close to and to hear and to act on the Word of God. This is what we should desire for ourselves and for our loved ones. If we should act in a way that opposes the Divine Will for us or for our family, we should lovingly correct ourselves or our loved ones. By what means would we ever consider furthering the separation of our own soul or that of any of our loved ones from God?

The way we can overcome this very strong natural tendency to remain united with our loved ones is to offer them to God—even spiritually as Abraham offered his own son—confident that God will provide the pleasing sacrifice. This requires great faith. It may require suffering the hardship of alienation from our family. But since we have ordered it in accord with God's plan, we can have the peace that comes from union with Him.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Worship Night – Join us on Sunday, August 24 at 6PM at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an amazing evening with Adoration, worship, reflection on Hope and this Jubilee Year, and individual prayer. If you struggle to stay focused in prayer or would like to grow in your Eucharistic Prayer Devotion, join us! Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139 also visit us at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

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.

Concert for Life – Care Net is hosting a Live Concert on September 11th! This year's Concert for Life event will feature gospel recording band, Jason Lovins Band, with an opening act by local talent, Bethany Yeh. Food trucks will be on site from 4:30 – 6:00pm and the concert starts at 6:30pm. Entry is only \$28! Held at The White Rose event center in Callaway, MD. Buy your tickets through their website: <https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/concert-for-life/>.

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.