

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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 & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wed: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

Mass Schedule –

Daily Mass on most Tuesdays & Fridays beginning Tuesday, September 2 will be at 12 p.m. Check the website for changes. If you would like to be added to the MassNotifications Flocknote, please contact the Office (301) 475-3293.

There will be no Daily Mass on Friday, August 29. There is a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Adjusted Office Hours –

The Rectory office is open Tues & Fri from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions for August 24th through August 30th	
8/24 Sun – 8 a.m.	Paul Howe
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
8/26 Tues – 5 p.m.	Charles Preston Raley
8/27 Wed – 5 p.m.	Douglas & Daniel Brown, Joshua Holton
8/29 Fri	No Daily Mass ; Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m.
8/30 Sat – 5 p.m.	Marian Freberg
August 15, 2025 Assumption of Mary	\$693.00
August 17, 2025 Offertory	\$2,499.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Call on him and he'll respond. It may not always be what we'd like, but it will always be for our eternal benefit. This is the meaning of "Say...Give us this day our daily bread," which is the fourth petition of the Our Father. He charges us to ask. So we ask. We may ask poorly, or for a thing which itself may not be for our good. But if our petition is sincere, how can we expect that he will hold it against us?

"Will many be saved?" "Tell my sister to help me." "Tell my brother to share the inheritance." "Command my sons sit, one at thy right and the other at thy left."

Lot's of times we ask, but don't get what we want. He does, however, always respond with what we need. "Strive to enter." "The better part she chose won't be taken away." "Guard against all greed." "My cup you shall drink." None of these may be as immediately desirable to us as what we think we want. But each is in response to our asking.

Don't hesitate to ask.

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.