

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday
Obligation)
Tues, 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 Intentions for September 28st through October 4th	
9/28 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> ; LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	Mary Phyllis Pilkerton
9/30 Tues 12 p.m.	John Frederick Wood, Sr.
10/1 Wed – 5 p.m.	William "Archie" Pilkerton, Jr.
10/3 Fri – 12p.m.	Richard Long
10/4 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole "Donie" Alvey
September 21, 2025 Offertory	
\$2,438.00	
Thank you for your generosity!	

Catholic Family Festival – Sunday, October 12, 2-7 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!

Grieving with Great Hope – If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and trying to learn how to cope, you are encouraged to attend a 6-week Catholic-based grief support workshop "Grieving with Great Hope" (GWGH). Sessions will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Parish Center beginning Tuesday, September 30th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and scheduled as follows: Tuesdays, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 and the final session on Tuesday, November 4th. All participants must register to ensure we have enough people to hold this workshop. Please register at Immaculate Conception (ImmaculateConception.MD@adw.org, NguyenP@adw.org or 301-884-3123).

Women of Grace Event – Join Johnnette Benkovic Williams, founder and president of Women of Grace and EWTN host October 3-4 for "Strength Through the Pierced Heart of Our Mother" at St. Mary's of the Assumption School and Family Life Center, 4610 Largo Road Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Johnnette's visit will begin with First Friday Mass at 6 PM, followed by registration, food, fellowship, and a talk. Saturday begins with Mass at 8 AM, three talks, lunch, the opportunity for confession and scapular enrollment and much more, with the day concluding at 3 PM. Come Friday or Saturday or both days! For information and registration visit <http://www.womenofgrace.com/events> or call [1-800-558-5452](tel:1-800-558-5452) or email info@womenofgrace.com.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

Obduracy. It's the name of a sin. Perhaps better known as "hardness of heart" or being "stiff-necked." It resists and refuses the correction of the Divine assistance. It is a very dangerous sin.

What remedy can there be for someone who refuses help?

Our Lord, in the parable portrays the ominous scenario of the ineffectiveness of the revelation of the resurrection to persuade hardened hearts. He says, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Can someone persist in impenitence even until death? Can someone refuse to believe in Christ even knowing him to have risen from the dead?

Jesus paints the alarming picture precisely out of an abundance of love for us. It's because he wants to enjoy our company in the Father's House for all eternity that he attempts to deter us from what would frustrate that.

This is not to deny the infinity of God's power to rescue us. Just the opposite. It's the perfect validation that we need to be rescued. And that we had better guard against denying God's plan for rescuing us.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Our Lady of the Wayside Annual Fall Dinner Drive Thru (\$30 each) will be held on October 12TH from noon until all meals are sold : Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, Shrimp Macaroni Salad, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Chunky Applesauce, and Roll There will be also desserts including homemade baked goods for sale and delicious apple pies. Raffle will be sold before and after Masses, and during events. Cash, credit cards and checks are accepted. Remember the poor – Our Lady of the Wayside's Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry is in need of donations of non-perishable foods and cash. Please bring to drive thru (we cannot accept expired or soon to be expired food)



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