

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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.

<i>Mass Intentions for October 12<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup></i>	
10/12 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> ; LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	Henry F. Windmoeller
10/14 Tues – 5 p.m.	Paul Howe
10/15 Wed – 5 p.m.	George Burroughs
10/17 Fri – 5 p.m.	Rev. Charles Muzzey
10/18 Sat – 5 p.m.	Georgia Mae Nelson
<b>October 5, 2025 Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,947.00</b>
<b>October 5, 2025 Building &amp; Repair</b>	<b>\$778.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

**All Souls' Day Remembrance** – If you would like to have your deceased family members, friends, and loved ones remembered in Masses on All Souls' Day in November, please fill out one of the "All Souls' Day Remembrance" envelopes in the back of the church or the envelope you received from Our Sunday Visitor and place it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the rectory office. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Upcoming Second Collection: World Mission Sunday** – Next Sunday, October 19 is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. The collection supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. This year's theme, 'Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,' reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness. You can find out more about World Mission Sunday by visiting <https://pontificalmissions.org/wms>. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support.

**\*\*Postponed to 2026\*\* Catholic Family Festival** – Due to the impending high winds and rain of the Noreaster that is to hit our area this weekend, the Catholic Family Festival, planned for this Sunday, October 12th at Cardinal Gibbons Memorial Park has been postponed until 2026. We thank you all for your support and look forward to setting in motion the plans for next year's Festival.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

I think we get too wrapped around the axle comparing and contrasting Mercy and Justice in God. As if there's this perfect balance that God strikes. As if they were contrary to one another.

Notice how it's more fitting for us to say, with Scripture, that God is Love. As if this describes God's nature. It does. Notice we don't put it, and neither does Scripture, that God is Justice. This isn't to say that God isn't perfectly Just. Rather, it gives us sufficient enough of a prioritization of the Divine Love such that we might say that the Divine Love encompasses the Divine Justice.

In God, of course, it's all one. For us, though, the miracle of the Grateful Samaritan Leper shows us that each of us should be capable of at least being able to recognize the Good that God has done for us and to render Him thanks for it.

It's only right that we should give God thanks for how he Loves us. Let's all start there. It will prepare us for actually Loving him.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Upcoming Events for the Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's*** – Middle School Events on Friday, October 17, 2025 from 6-8 PM, Friday, November 14, 2025 from 6-8 PM, and Friday, December 12, 2025 from 6-8 PM. Discover Chesterton Open House on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 from 6-8 PM. Shadow Days are ongoing throughout the school year by appointment only. For links to RSVP for any of these events, please visit <https://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events>.

***Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Worship Night*** – Join us on Sunday, October 19, 6 to 7:30pm at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an amazing evening of prayer including: Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection and Eucharistic Procession. 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](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).

***St. Mary's Bryantown Praise & Worship Service Thursday 10/16*** –Join our Praise and Worship leaders Rita Dent and John Dement for a Praise & Worship Service on Thursday 10/16 in the school hall. A light snack will be provided for our gathering starting at 6:40pm. P&W starts at 7pm. Healing Prayer teams will be available starting at 8:15pm. Please come and experience the joy and peace of the presence of God. Families are more than welcome!

***Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar*** – Historic St Francis Xavier parish invites you to its annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar. Sat, Nov 22, from 10am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Featuring traditional & unusual hand-crafted & homemade arts & crafts. Bake Table, Cafe-style luncheon & carryout, Cooler Full of Cheer & 50/50 Raffles. Take a chance on a beautiful queen-size quilt, made by the St Francis Xavier Parish Quilters. SFX Parish Hall, 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown MD.

***33<sup>rd</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting*** – The 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, Defend Life, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from November 15 – 23, 2025. The Opening Day of Prayer for the 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. Please register at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) or call 703-707-0799.