

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 2, 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.

<b>Mass Intentions for November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
11/2 Sun – 8 a.m.	All Souls
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
11/4 Tues – 12 p.m.	Special Intention
11/5 Wed	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
11/7 Fri – 12 p.m.	All Souls
11/8 Sat – 5 p.m.	All Souls
<b>October 26, 2025 Offertory</b>	
<b>\$2,011.00</b>	
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

**Schedule Next Week** – Mass on Tuesday, November 4 will be at 12 Noon. There will be no Mass or Confessions on Tuesday afternoon or on Wednesday, November 5.

**Upcoming Second Collection: Retired Priests** – The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington Collection is in November. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. To learn more or to give, visit [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc).

**Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat** – For high-school Juniors and Seniors only (ages 15 to 18), from the Archdiocese of Washington. Friday–Sunday, November 7–9, 2025 at the Saint John Paul II Seminary, 145 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C. An opportunity for Juniors and Seniors to meet and pray with seminarians, listen to inspiring talks, and enjoy sports/recreation. Please register at <https://dcpriest.org/event/2025-quo-vadis-come-and-see-retreat/>. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

One of the Beatitudes, the second one, is “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” To grieve with understanding is the Christian way. To prefer the deception and trickery of a creature to the word and truth of God, precisely in a matter of life and death justly invites the threatened consequence. Man surely dies when he forsakes God’s word for the devil’s lie. Such a loss is just. And deserves to be lamented in the light of the truth.

When Our Savior dies to restore us once again to friendship with God, we grieve all the more to discover the precious cost of the forgiveness of our sins.

Man mourns not merely from the pain of loss, but from the pain of fault. He is made to be whole, in a right relationship with God. Not for frustration, despair and death.

When our grief is infused with hope in God, in Christ risen from the dead, then it yields, in due time to the comfort of salvation. Man’s job is not to avoid grief, or to assuage it unduly, but to grieve with hope.

We believe in the Resurrection and Life Everlasting. Death is for a time. It too will be destroyed. Let us commend the eternal repose of our loved ones to the mercy of God and, grieving with hope, prepare ourselves to be reunited in the Father’s House forever.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Worship Night*** – Join us on Sunday, November 16, 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).

***Upcoming Events for the Chesterton Academy of St. Mary’s*** – Middle School Events on 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>.

***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. Parish Hall, 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown MD.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*