

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday August 15, 2021~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Bishop's Pen...

"The Almighty has done great things for me."

"Today we celebrate with all solemnity, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, who was conceived without sin, at the end of her earthly life, was taken, body and soul, up to heaven. Only her divine Son, Jesus, who is God, is in heaven with both Body and Soul.

St. John Damascene wrote approximately 1,500 years ago: 'It was necessary that she who had preserved her virginity even in childbirth should also have her body free from all corruption after death.'

Why did God give Mary, the new Eve, the singular human honor of an Immaculate Conception and Assumption? Eve disobeyed God, but Mary was always obedient. Eve ate forbidden fruit from the 'tree of life,' making it the 'tree of death.' Mary received the 'Promised Fruit' in her heart and her womb, whose death on the tree of the Cross, made it the 'tree of life' for mankind. Eve brought death to mankind through sin. Mary gave us her Son, who brought mankind eternal life.

Mary's 'yes' and her actions were integral to God's plan of salvation for mankind. It is to Mary alone that the Pope has exercised his singular authority to speak 'infallibly' for the Church on matters of faith and morals. In 1854, Pope Pius IX 'infallibly' declared that Mary was conceived without sin – the Immaculate Conception. In 1950, now Venerable Pope Pius XII 'infallibly' declared that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven – the Assumption.

Mary humbly realized what God had done for her, when she visited her cousin Elizabeth and proclaimed the Magnificat: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.'

We are now blessed to have such a mother to look after us, the Church, the Body of her Son, with the love and affection that God has shown her. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

- Bp. Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours:

Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends Federal Gov't Closings Holidays and Holy Days

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(Please make appointments for private meetings)

MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday - 5:00pm

*Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

*Signup via link on Website or Flocknote Sunday 10:00am and Daily Masses Live Stream via Facebook Page stjoseph-largo.org

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Welcome =

To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website, Facebook and FlockNote. God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website.

Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

Let us know you are here so we can properly welcome you!

St Joseph Parish Council

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SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 16,791.40 August 8, 2021

Our average weekly parish expenses for July 2021 - \$ N/A

Our Offertory last week was N/A % of Expenses

Faith Direct for July 2021-\$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance: 562

Parish Tithing and Contributions

As we reopen for public Mases, please use your offertory envelopes, and please fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the

envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please continue to do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes.

We have also set-up <u>Online Giving</u> through *Faith Direct*, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link:

<u>https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving</u> to sign-up for *Faith Direct*, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish

Stay Connected with St Joseph's Keep yourself "in the loop of church happenings"

Stay up-to-date with what's going on here at St. Joseph Church. The Lord is alive and working in many ways in our church. There are many ministries and events taking place every week. We provide a number of ways for you to stay connected. Read the weekly bulletin, see us on Facebook, visit our website, and register for FlockNote.

How to Register for Flocknote

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- 2. In the **To** box: **84576**3. In the **Text** box: **SJ2020**
- 4. HIT SEND
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- 6. Click the fink in the reply message.
- 7. Complete the name page, hit SAVE.8. Choose your groups*, hit NEXT.(*groups that you currently have membership)
- 9. Complete the rest of the fields, hit **SAVE**
- 10. You will receive an email to verify your email address, click verify my email.
- You will receive another email to create a password. Click CREATE PASSWORD.
- 12. Once your password is set, it will log you into Flock Note.

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is \$10.00 cash per date / per envelope

Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the NEXT bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12

noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

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St Joseph Church Calendar for this Week

Weekly Mass / Observances and Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday and Saturday Masses by Reservation Only

Link to Mass Signup via Flocknote and Website www.stjoseph-largo.org
Live Stream via Website / Facebook / YouTube

Sunday August 15 2021
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Masses 8:00 am - 10:00 am -12:00 pm

All Masses in the Church

Monday August 16, 2021 St. Stephen of Hungary

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Live Stream Only / Not in Church

Tuesday August 17, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm

Benediction 6:30 pm

Tuesday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

All - In the Church and Live Stream

Wednesday August 18, 2021

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

In the Church and Live Stream

Thursday August 12, 2021 St. John Eudes, Priest

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

In the Church and Live Stream

Friday August 20, 2021 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Daily Mass

Exposition / Adoration / Benediction after Mass In the Church and Live Stream Saturday August 21, 2021 St. Pius X, Pope

8:30 AM MASS

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Confession / Reconciliation
(IN THE CHURCH)

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

5:00 Vigil Mass in the Church Only

Next Sunday Sunday August 22, 2021

TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For... Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

Mary understood God's power. She loved and respected God. Everything Mary had belonged to God. He was happy to share good things with her. God deserves your respect and your love, too. When you are humble like Mary, God will do amazing things through you.

<u>Prayer</u>

God, help me to be humble like Mary.

Mission for the Week

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6 -7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Communion Calls/Home Visits

If you or someone you know is home-bound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, Fr. Pat will be resuming a schedule of Communion Calls, along with the help of EMHCs from the parish. Please contact the office at 301-773-4838 if interested.

Every Thursday
Come and Pray the Rosary
with St. Joseph-Largo Sodality

All are Invited 5:00 pm

Call in number: 605-313-5111 Access code: 263572#

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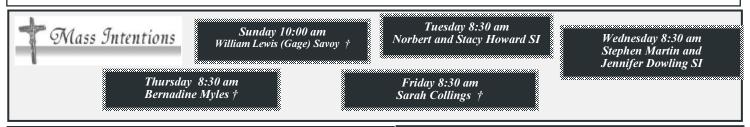
Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Richard and Gloria Anderson, Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Sharon Alenda, Carla Amorim, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Carolyn Branch, Rachel Brewer, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, Nigel Djossou, Evangeline Dyer, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry and Evelyn Frelow, Maureen Gramby, James Gant, Delores Garner, Regina Gary, Desiree Graves, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Fr. Henry Heffernan, Doris Hite, Cathy Jackson, Demetrius Jackson, Joseph Jennifer, Roland Joyner. Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Lillian Lee, Henrietta Long, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Anthony Mc Donald, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, The Moore Family, Cynthia Obedike, Richard Parker, Fr. Everett Pearson, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, John Queen, Michael Younger, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Celeste Saleem, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Lucille Shaw, James Shorter, Patricia Stith-Clem, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Joan and John Woody, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Oliver Tolson

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



UVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR REFLECTION

First Reading

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom.

Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

Second Reading

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude.

For what in your life should you be grateful?

Gospel Reading

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Question:

What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

A rosary is made up of how many decades?

a) 3 b) 5 c) 8 d) 12

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ASSIJMPTION of the blessed virgin Mary

St Joseph Catholic Church Our Lady of Grace Sodality
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> for additional details contact: Althea Holland (301-390-0813) or Melody Atkinson (301-641-3893)

YOU MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED TO ATTEND

Our Church Home

Please remember this is the house of the Lord.
Food or drink is **NOT PERMITTED** in the church.
Treat our church home with the care and respect that it deserves.

Thank you for helping to keep our church beautiful

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN (from page 4)

Answer: b) 5

Subscribe to our YouTube page St. Joseph Catholic Church-Largo, MD Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry Presents a Four Part Series

"Living Out Our Catholic Social Teachings
During the Pandemic"

Contributor: St Vincent de Paul Ministry (SVDM)

Theme: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Matthew 25:35

When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the country in March 2020, the small pantry run by the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul was ordered to close its doors. But within a few weeks, the pantry leaders (in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank) assembled a fully stocked "Operation Pandemic" pantry including meats, fish, vegetables, milk and other goods. Each week parishioners and volunteers gathered to stock shelves, pack grocery bags, and distribute food to those in need. The number of families experiencing food insecurity at the time had tremendously increased the need for donations from our pantry. We regularly provided for some 8-10 families including 30-35 persons each month but increased to more than 50-60 families with 130-160 persons each week. Over the course of one year through April 2021 we prepared and distributed more than 36 tons of food to over 1,900 families. SVDP continues to operate a flourishing food pantry distributing emergency food to anyone in need.

Next Week's Contributor: Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry (SJSC)

SAY YES!: CATHOLIC CHARITIES' FALL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As our region reopens after the devastating coronavirus pandemic, now is the time to give back to our community members! From August 2 – September 15, Catholic Charities is recruiting dedicated individuals to make a once-a-week, yearlong commitment to serve as mentors, pro bono professionals, behind-the-scenes supporters, and more!

Learn more and apply on our website: Say Yes!: Fall Call for Volunteers

Here are some highlighted roles we are recruiting for this cycle:

- Donation Transportation Volunteer
 - Food Programs Logistics and Data Coordinator
- · Immigration Legal Services Attorney
 - Immigration Legal Services Support Team
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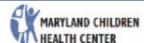
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