

# St Joseph Catholic Church

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## Sunday May 19, 2024 ~ Sunday of Pentecost

From the Bishop's Pen...

"As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit."

Pentecost means "fifty days" in the Greek language. To Jews, it was a special day, fifty days after observing the Passover. It also was when Jews offered the first fruits of their harvest in sacrifice to God. Today, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday as the Birthday of the Church. On that first Pentecost, the remaining eleven men Jesus chose, started to act as the Apostles, that He chose them to be.

In Greek, Apostle means messenger. A messenger is one who is sent to give something to another. Jesus chose these disciples as His Apostles because He sent them to do what He had done. He sent them to bring His message, His love, forgiveness and mercy, His salvation to everyone, by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

It is Pentecost when the Apostles received the First Fruit of Jesus' salvific sacrifice, the Holy Spirit, and became His messengers, spreading the Gospel of Jesus' salvation for every man, woman, and child. On that first Pentecost, what appeared to the Apostles were, "tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The Church was born in a spectacular display of power by the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria wrote: "Does this not show that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell and alters the whole pattern of their lives?" The gift of the Holy Spirit, which is in Christ, is offered in its fullness to everyone. It is available everywhere, but It is given to each person in proportion to his readiness to receive it. Its presence is the fuller, the greater a person's desire to be worthy of It."

The Holy Spirit becomes "living water" within all who willingly receive Him. Through our Baptism and strengthened in our Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will flow from within us like a river, so that we can love and serve God, by loving and serving each other. The river of the Holy Spirit's gifts causes us to change, to become more like Christ, in whose Body we now live.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends Federal Gov't Closings Holidays and Holy Days

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#### MASS/ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

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

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Every Tuesday Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday
Exposition / Adoration
after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction 10:00 am

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#### Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 19,166.50 May 12, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for March 2024 - \$ N/A

*Our Offertory last week was N/A%* of Expenses

Faith Direct: March 2024 - \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 891



#### 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 and Facebook God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the quidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. 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!

#### PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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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

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent

to the printer on Tuesday morning. Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

## COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

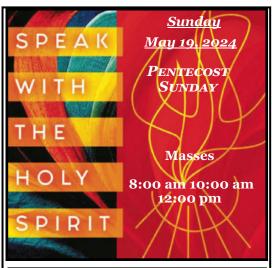
The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is home-

bound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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## St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

#### MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Monday May 20, 2024 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, **MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday May 21, 2024 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest. AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Daily Mass - 8:30 am Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm Benediction - 6:30 pm Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 22, 2024 ST. RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday May 23, 2024 Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday May 24, 2024 Daily Mass - 8:30 am Exposition/Adoration IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday May 25, 2024 St. Bede the Venerable, Priest AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH: St. Gregory VII, Pope; ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI, Virgin

> Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

#### THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

#### Sunday May 19

- SJCC Gospel Choir (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and **Friends Choir Practice** (CL2) 10:00 am
- **Knights Sunday** (CH) 12:00 pm

Tuesday May 21

Dr Clark - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday May 22

- Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 am
- Dr. Clark Gospel **Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 7:00 pm

#### Thursday May 23

- **Beginners Line** Dancing (RR) 12:30 pm
- St Joseph Sodality Pray the Rosary (Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in number (848) 220-3100 Conference ID: 06241954#
- Dr. Clark- Cantor Rehearsal (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Denese Clay Cantor** Rehearsal (CH) 5:00pm
- **SJCAF-Charismatic** Group (CLR 1) 7:00 pm

#### Saturday May 25

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL2) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clark Grow Your Own Musicians** (CL2) 12:00 pm
- **Landings 1** (CLR1) 1:00
- Dr. Clark Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm

**Next Sunday** THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Daily Readings for the Week

Week of May 19, 2024

#### Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

*Thursday:* Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

*Friday:* Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

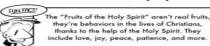
#### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit! Enliahten us! Embolden us! Inflame us! Stir our hearts anew! You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction! Amen.

What do fruit fly preachers love to preach about?'



"The 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit."



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

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark,

Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Jordan Gill, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Tommy Musgrove, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Frank Nduka, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn

#### **And the Recently Deceased:**

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sunday

8:00 am The St Joseph Community 10:00 am Anthony Kene Nwankwo (SI) 12:00 pm Michael Johnson (Birthday Blessings) MONDAY

8:30 am The St Joseph Community <u>Tuesday</u>

8:30 AM MIRTHO DESSOURCE (SI) Wednesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY FRIDAY

8:30 am The St Joseph Community
Saturday

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

## LIVE THE LITURGY:

#### Inspiration for the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

#### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

#### First Reading

We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

#### SECOND READING

Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of God. *How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?* 

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. **What** guidance are you seeking from the Lord?

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Which prayer is also called the Angelical Salutation?

Answer: (a) Hail Holy Queen (b) The Hail Mary

(c) The Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### **Holy Spirit**

#### Question:

How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

#### Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of Him in all of us.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

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Wishing you a life full of faith and love on your Confirmation. May you be blessed in all that you do.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THESE STUDENTS
WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND TALENT
TO ST JOSEPH'S MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered: (b) The Hail Mary



#### **OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY**

The 2024 Father's Day Raffle Tickets available after Mass Through – June 6, 2024. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 Drawing after 12:00 noon Mass on June 9th

#### GOOD SAMARITANS 2024 VIRTUAL DIAPER DRIVE

The Virtual Drive will run from May 5-26, 2024
You can make your monetary donation at
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## <u>FLETCHER COUNCIL - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u>

2024 Flea Market Saturday June 1st, 15th and 29th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (set up starts at 6:15 am) Cost - \$25.00 per vendor space

#### <u>CELEBRATION OF</u> <u>THE SAINTS OF AFRICA 2024</u>

June 8, 2024 Rosary: 4:00 p.m. Praise and Worship: 4:30 p.m. Mass: 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Landover Hills, MD.

#### MASS TO COMMEMORATE JUNETEENTH

June 16, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Landover Hills, MD.

#### ANNUAL ST JOSEPH MULTICULTURAL PICNIC

June 30 2024 - 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parking Lot STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION



Our Lady of Grace Sodality would like to thank you for supporting the Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift Basket raffles.

The winner of the Mother's Day raffle was drawn on Sunday May 5th after the 12:00 pm Mass.

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