



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday May 26, 2024 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus told Phillip and the other Apostles, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." Jesus is telling us that He does not just resemble His father, He is the exact image of His Father, and the Holy Spirit is the exact image of the Father and the Son. This is the Holy Trinity, this is God.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is that God is one, yet the one God exists in three individual and distinct Persons. God has only one nature, Divine, and each Divine Person, though individual and distinct, is wholly God with the same exact divine essence. What does that mean? It should not be a surprise if we do not understand the nature of God. St Augustine wrote: "What wonder is it you do not understand God? If you do understand, then it is not God." Only God can know Himself completely.

The Father is unbegotten, the Son is begotten by the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, yet each Divine Person has always existed. Each Person is distinct in their relationship to each other, each is the true, eternal God, yet there is only one God. We understand that three individual men are distinct from each other yet possess human nature in common. The unity of the three Divine Persons is altogether different. When we speak of them as one God, we mean not only that each is God, but that each is the ONE and same God.

At Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the three Persons of the Holy Trinity revealed themselves to us. In today's Gospel, there is no clearer statement that God is three Divine Persons in a Holy Trinity than when Jesus told His Apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

God is love, therefore, the Holy Trinity is love and love, by its very nature, extends beyond itself. God did this in His creation, the universe and everything in it, especially His creation called man. His love extends to us to so great an extent that we are created in His image and likeness, given an immortal, rational soul with free will. Yet, while we were still sinners, the Father proved His self-giving love for us when He sent His Son to become what He was not, man. Jesus humbled Himself by becoming man, like us, but remains all that He was, God, without change. He died for our sins so that we could live, in His eternal love. Jesus told His Apostles, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The Bible tells us that we are created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, if the essence of God's nature is love, so is ours!

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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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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 guidance 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!**

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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**

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

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$13,891.60 May 19, 2024

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

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

Faith Direct: April 2024 - \$ N/A

Last Week's Attendance Total: 752

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday May 25, 2024

EXPERIENCE THE TRINITY

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

Monday May 27, 2024

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
BISHOP; MEMORIAL DAY**
Mass - 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday May 28, 2024

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

Wednesday May 29, 2024

ST. PAUL VI, POPE
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday May 30, 2024

ST. JOAN OF ARC
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday May 31, 2024

**THE VISITATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS

First Saturday June 1, 2024

ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR
First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
First Holy Communion /
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday May 26

- **SJCC Gospel Choir**
(CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and Friends Choir Practice**
(CL2) 10:00 am
- **African and Friends Monthly Meeting**
(RR) 1:30pm
- **SJYM (CLR1) 1:30 pm**

Tuesday May 28

- **Dr Clark - (CLR2)**
5:00 pm / **African & Friends Choir Rehearsal (CL2)** 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 29

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

Thursday May 30

- **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) 5:00pm**
- **Denese Clay - Cantor Rehearsal (CH) 5:00pm**
- **SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CLR 1) 7:00 pm**

Friday May 31

- **Funeral Charles W. Thomas Jr. (CH) 10:00 am**

Saturday June 1

- **KoC Flea Market (PL) 8:00 am**
- **Dr. Clark Grow Your Own Musicians (CL2) 12:00 pm**
- **Dr. Clark - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CLR2) 3:30 pm**

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of May 26, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-2

PRAYER OF THE TRINITY

What a mystery you are, God.
God the Father, help me to root my identity in You as my father.
God the Son, help me to live as Your beloved.
God the Holy Spirit, help me to know You as closely as the breath in my lungs.
Amen.

"Did you hear about the holy circus performer who was launched into the air?"



"She was canonized!"

Fun Fact!
"Canonization" is the final step honoring someone as an official Catholic saint. Saints are people who lived lives of faith and are now in heaven with Jesus.

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, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Frank Nduka, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, James & Stephen Parks, 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:

Jessie Brown

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM ANTHONY KENE NWANKWO (SI)
12:00 PM IKE AND NKEM AGBIM FAMILY (SI)

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

Tuesday

8:30 AM SARAH COLLINS

Wednesday

8:30 AM ELVIN STEFON JACKSON (D)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM BRUCE MARTIN (D)

FRIDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM CHARLIES THOMAS JR. (D)
5:00 PM BERNADETTE CRAWFORD (D)



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are children of God, and as His children God shares with us a magnificent inheritance: suffering that becomes glory, fear that becomes strength, death that becomes life. With this mighty gift in our hearts, let us go confidently into the world.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

Moses taught the Israelites the best response we can give to God's fidelity and love is to keep His statutes and commandments. **How do you respond to God's generosity in your life?**

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Romans that as believers we are led by the Spirit of God. **Where do you sense God's Spirit leading your family?**

GOSPEL READING

Jesus's final command to his followers is to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **How can we encourage others to follow Jesus?**

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Deacons

Question:

Are you considering, becoming a deacon?
How do you know if you have a vocation?
What steps should you take next?

Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

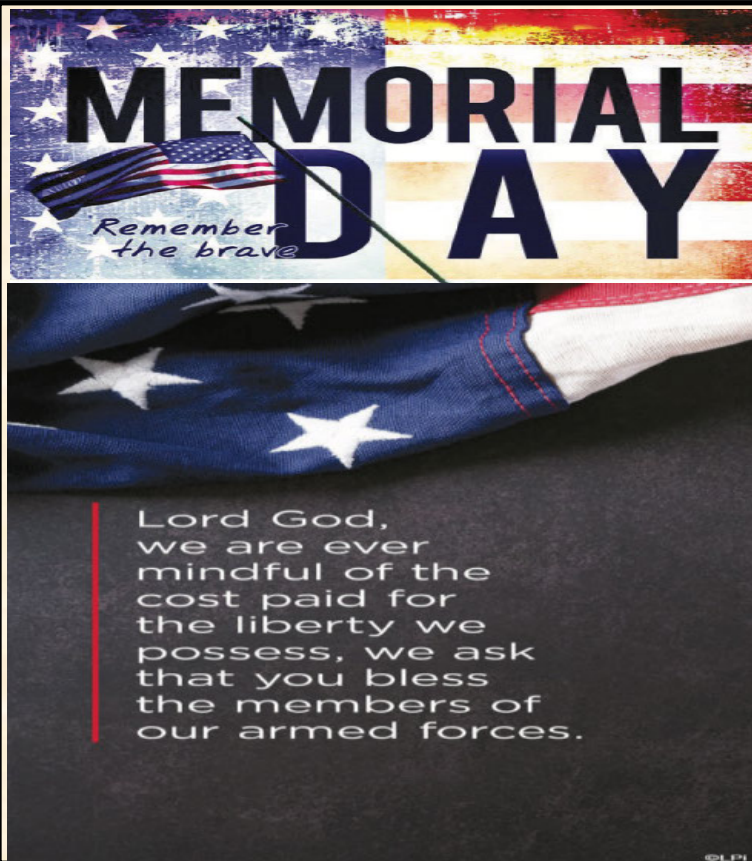
If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

Stay Tuned to the bulletin for the next
Come and See Meeting
hosted by the St Joseph Deacons

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Who is the patron saint of stockbrokers and bankers?

Answer: (a) Saint Matthew (b) Saint Jude Thaddeus
(c) Saint Nicholas (d) Saint Joseph



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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

OUR LADY OF GRACE SODALITY

The 2024 Father's Day Raffle
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Through – June 9, 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 end today May 26th.
You can make your monetary donation at
<https://tinyurl.com/5yxncobr> or the lock box in the
foyer. Please make all checks payable to the D.C. Diaper
Bank, cash donations are also accepted, or donate
items via Amazon please find an Amazon Wish List at
<https://a.co/dCFyoFB>

**FLETCHER COUNCIL -
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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
for more information call 301-390-7150

HOLY HOUR FOR THE ORDINANDI

June 7, 2024
5:00 pm
St Joseph Catholic Church

**CELEBRATION OF
THE SAINTS OF AFRICA 2024**

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
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (a) Saint Matthew



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