

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Check website  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### **Confessions**

Sunday: Before Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass; 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 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, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph "Zip" Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, Mary Helen Knight, Billy Patton, and Jim Dunbar.

<b>Mass Intentions for January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
1/11 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	Gloria Hampton
1/13 Tues	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
1/14 Wed	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
1/16 Fri	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
1/17 Sat – 5 p.m.	Terri, Scott, and Jeff (Living)
<b>January 4, 2026 Offertory</b>	
<b>January 4, 2026 Building &amp; Repair</b>	
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	
	<b>\$3,534.00</b>
	<b>\$745.00</b>

## **Mardi Gras Gala | Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's with Guest Speaker, Bishop Joseph Strickland!**

Affordable High School in the Catholic Tradition

Date / Time: February 13, 2026 / 6-10PM

Location: Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Hall

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets.



**2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass** – This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by Friday, February 6, 2026 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Robert McElroy in honor of their anniversary year.

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

It may seem a bit funny from a chronological perspective to be celebrating the Lord's Baptism as a fully grown man in the Jordan by John so soon after his Nativity and his Epiphany. This time of year we're accustomed to thinking of Our Lord as little, not as all grown up. But it's helpful for us to connect these events and to see them as closely related. Baptism makes God's Salvation very real for us. Christ's Baptism in the Jordan reveals the way that we get to become part of God's family. Just as at the Nativity Christ becomes part of Our Family so too at our Baptism we become part of God's family.

And this is more than just a nifty interpretation of unusual events that otherwise have very little to do with each other. Rather, it's exactly the entire point. God's purpose in giving us Jesus was to save us from our sins. This is what baptism accomplishes in a way which is as sacramental as it is real.

In his baptism Christ makes Baptism a powerful sacrament. In our baptism God frees us from sin and makes us his Children.

John didn't see the fullness of this meaning at the time, but Christ did. And so we rejoice. Let's thank God for his salvation with gratitude, with repentance and with great rejoicing.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***St. Mary's Bryantown Praise & Worship Service*** – Join our Praise and Worship leaders Rita Dent and John Dement for a Praise & Worship Service on Thursday 1/15 in our school hall. Our Gathering, with a light snack, begins at 6:40pm. P&W starts at 7pm. Healing Prayer teams will be available at 8:10pm. Please come and experience the joy and peace of the presence of God.

***Behold the Lamb of God, Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night*** – Join us on Sunday, January 18, 5 to 6:30pm (note the new time) 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).

***Quarter Auction at Immaculate Conception*** – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mechanicsville will be hosting a Quarter Auction on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM. The proceeds will go to support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

***Day of Recollection for Vocations*** – You are invited to attend the MTVS Annual Day of Recollection on Saturday, January 31, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Church of the Annunciation (3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC). The day includes the celebration of Mass, Adoration, Confession, and lunch. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, will offer a reflection, and the keynote speaker will be Fr. Rob Maro, who will speak on "The Joy and Necessity of Praying for Priests." The Annual Day of Recollection is free and open to all (you do not have to be a member of the Mother Teresa Vocation Society to attend). Donations appreciated. Kindly register for this event by January 24 at: <https://forms.dcpriest.org/2026-mtvs-day-of-recollection>.