

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 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 the Masses; After 8:00 a.m. Mass
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, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, 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, Jim Dunbar, Anna Bush, and Bernard Nelson.

Mass Intentions for October 11th through October 17th

10/11 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	Rahima Wardak
10/13 Tues	No Daily Mass
10/14 Wed	No Daily Mass
10/16 Fri	No Daily Mass
10/17 Sat – 5 p.m.	Robbie Williams
October 4, 2026 Offertory	
October 4, 2026 Building & Repair	
Thank you for your generosity!	
	\$3,053.00
	\$836.00

Saturday Evening Mass – The 5 PM Saturday evening Mass resumed Saturday, September 20, 2026.



From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

In Sunday's parable, the king kicks out the wedding guest who was not dressed in a wedding garment. What does this mean? How does this inform our understanding of God, of our relationship with him and of how we are to live?

Do we immediately tend to sympathize with the improperly dressed guest? Is the king unfair to throw him out? Is God really so harsh and mean after all, that he would be so vengeful against such a poor guest who, it seems may not have even really wanted to be present at the wedding to begin with?

Remember context. The parable is addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people who outwardly appear very well-dressed but who inwardly are awful. Jesus uses this parable to warn them against thinking that God is impressed by their outward show. The vesture of the interior life really is what counts. God sees the heart. Our prayer should be that God purifies our hearts so that we will be truly clean.

Correspondence to God's plan begins interiorly.

With paternal affection,

Fr. Drew

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's – Affordable High School in the Catholic Tradition, 2027 - 2028 Applications are Now Open! New Location in Avenue, MD. Tuition: \$9,953. www.chestertonstmarys.org/admissions/#apply-and-enroll

Giorgio's Giants Father/Son Hike – Catholic fathers and their sons are invited to a hike, rosary, and sport day on October 17, 12:30 PM, at St. Mary's River State Park. For more information or any questions, please contact giorgiosgiants@gmail.com.

Mental Health Ministry Event at St. Aloysius – On October 17, 2026, please join us and Deacon Ed Shoener, founder of International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers for *Suicide: The Need for the Healing Presence of Christ & His Church*. He founded the ministry in response to his own loss. The talk begins at 12-Noon to 2pm at St. Aloysius Church in the Parish Hall, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. RSVP using this link: <https://stalloysius20650.flocknote.com/signup/270455> or call Jessica at St. Francis Xavier Church (301) 475-9885.

Prayer, Testimony, and Fellowship – Join us on Saturday, October 24th, at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville for an amazing morning of prayer, testimony and fellowship! In June 2024, Eduardo (Eddie) Torres was on a family fishing trip in the Atlantic when he went into cardiac arrest 33 miles offshore from Grand Bahama Island. With his life hanging in the balance, Eddie experienced many miracles of Divine providence with God's gentle hands guiding and healing him along the way. To register, go to: <https://breadoflifecenter.flocknote.com/signup/275543> or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139.

International Week of Prayer & Fasting – The 34th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, Defend Life, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from November 14 – 22, 2026. The Opening Day of Prayer for the 34th International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held on Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. This is a FREE event; however, online DONATIONS are welcomed to help support our ministry. The Official Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis' Heart will be available for veneration. For more information and to register, please go to www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY, or 703-707-0799.