

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 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 18th through October 24th

10/18 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	The Pudysz Family
10/20 Tues	No Daily Mass
10/21 Wed	No Daily Mass
10/23 Fri	No Daily Mass
10/24 Sat – 5 p.m.	Henry F. Windmoeller
October 11, 2026 Offertory	
October 11, 2026 School Support	
Thank you for your generosity!	

\$1,840.00
\$480.00



All Souls' Day Remembrance – If you would like to have your deceased family members, friends, and loved ones remembered in Masses on All Souls' Day in November, please fill out one of the "All Souls' Day Remembrance" envelopes in the back of the church or the envelope you received from Our Sunday Visitor and place it in the offertory basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday – This Sunday, October 18, is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. The collection supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. You can find out more about World Mission Sunday by visiting <https://pontificalmissions.org/wms>. Thank you for your prayer and support.

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off next Sunday – Bring your favorite homemade chili to share next Sunday, October 25, for our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off after the 10 AM Mass in the Hall! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be awarded, please contact Ingrid Bernard to participate. We look forward to seeing you there!

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

What are we to make of the rejection of Jesus by those charged with leading God's chosen people? Was it just this thing that happened once? Was God's choice to use this rejection as the means of redeeming fallen man peculiarly random? God could have made use of any instrument he wanted, or he could have used no instrument at all. Why did he use this rejection? Is there an indispensable lesson here for us or is this all just "bible trivia?"

Jesus teaches his followers about this rejection. He reserves his strongest teaching for those who are responsible, who have been given privileged access to the knowledge of God's salvation and have betrayed and murdered the Christ. The faithlessness of the Apostle Judas is the most pointed example of this. Judas, who prior to his being called by Christ, did not necessarily belong to the privileged leadership class, was nevertheless chosen as one of the Twelve. He betrayed that election for silver and arranged for Christ's capture. God uses the worst betrayal as an instrument to accomplish his plan to redeem the world.

Do we recognize the privilege of our election? It has pleased God to desire us to share in his friendship. It lies within our power to reject it. And we very frequently do reject it. This betrayal isn't a deficiency in God's plan for our friendship. That we mysteriously capable of abusing God's friendship should be for a cautionary tale, a warning that makes us pause and think before we act.

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

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.

St. Mary's Youth Memorial All Souls' Day Candlelight Vigil – St. Mary's Youth Memorial will hold a Candlelight Vigil, Monday, November 2nd, 7 pm at the Memorial, 20016 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills, MD, 20634. All are welcome to support those who lost dear young family members and friends. In case of inclement weather, the service will take place at Holy Face Church, 20408 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills, MD, 20634. Email any questions to: smymemorial@gmail.com.

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.