

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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 25th through October 31st

10/25 Sun – 8 a.m.	Roy & Dawn Williams (Living)
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10/27 Tues	No Daily Mass
10/28 Wed	No Daily Mass
10/30 Fri	No Daily Mass
10/31 Sat – 5 p.m.	Wayne Six
Offertory amounts will be posted next week, thank you for your generosity!	



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.

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off this Weekend – Bring your favorite homemade chili to share this 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,

The order of Charity. If we are able to desire and somehow to communicate a good thing towards another with whom we share the bond of friendship, it is to God that we must first order our efforts. After God, that is once we have rightly fixed God as the priority of our love, then we can love ourselves the way that God wants us to. We cannot love ourselves rightly without firstly loving God. Finally, loving our neighbor after the manner in which we love ourselves becomes possible once we have placed God first.

Consider how often we love in a disordered manner. How often is God displaced by lesser loves? How often do we prioritize self-love over our love for God and so consequently fail utterly to have any real concern for our neighbor.

This is the problem which us all, especially those who are privileged to be loved by God with such a careful predilection.

Jesus will simplify this right ordering of charity when at the last supper he says “As I have loved you, love one another.” Let’s never forget it.

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

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country, November 1-7, 2026. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. Visit <https://dcpriest.org/vocations-events/> for local priesthood discernment events.

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.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on November 14, 2026 from 10:15am – 5:15pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through October 5 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/washington or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.