

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 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.

First Sunday Potluck – All are welcome to join the parish family for a potluck after the 10 AM Mass this Sunday, November 1, instead of our regularly scheduled coffee and donuts. Please bring a dish to share and/or simply join us for the fellowship!

Thank you! 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off – Thank you to everyone who made our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off a delicious success!

All Souls’ Day Remembrance – If you would like to have your deceased family members, friends, and loved ones remembered in Masses throughout 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.

Back From the Dead – Our Lady’s Church Leonardtown is having a family friendly event to celebrate All Saints and All Souls. Participants will be guided prayerfully through the paved sections of the parish cemetery where they will hear from saints and others who each have an important message to share. Performances are (Sat & Sun) November 7th and 8th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM and start every 15 minutes throughout that time.

Retired Priests Collection – Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let’s join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity through support of the annual Retired Priests Collection. You can give by taking one of the Retired Priests Collection envelopes in the back of the church, the envelope you received from Our Sunday Visitor, or online at: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp60ef45f160617/user/guest>

Mass Intentions for November 1st through November 7th

11/1 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	The Nelson Family
11/3 Tues	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
11/4 Wed	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
11/6 Fri	<i>No Daily Mass</i>
11/7 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole “Donie” Alvey
<i>October 18, 2026 Offertory</i>	
<i>October 18, 2026 World Missions</i>	
<i>October 25, 2026 Offertory</i>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

\$3,185.00

\$558.00

\$2,305.00

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

“Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number!”

The celebration of All the Saints should be for us an incentive to a great mobilization. We have got to get ourselves to such a place that we are in fact numbered among the saints.

I've heard it once that we should live as though we could be “canonizable saints.” While, I appreciate the spirit in which this is intended to motivate each of us to find inspiration in the saints we venerate and to follow their example, I've come to find the “canonizable” part, practically distracting. The vast majority of the saints, of those who are in “that number” are those whose stories are untold in this life. Indeed “no one could number” them. And yet they are saints. I don't want to misplace my efforts simply to be known in this life. I want to be known by God to be in that number in eternal life.

The Saints intercede for us all the time, mostly in the untold moments of our lives. Let's aim first to correspond to God's call there.

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.