

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 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.

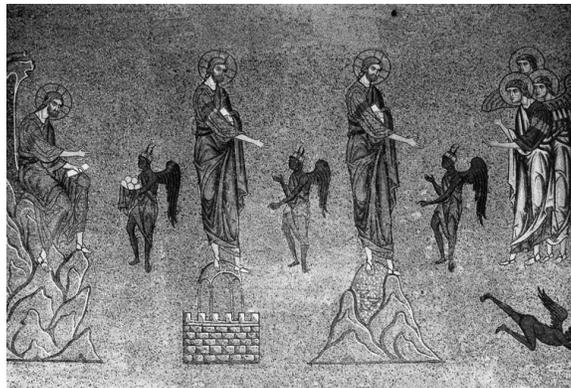
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**Women's Evening of Recollection** – All women of the parish are invited to join for the next Women's Evening of Recollection this Tuesday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

**Mass with Cardinal McElroy** – His Eminence, Robert Cardinal McElroy, Archbishop of Washington, will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, March 10 at 5 p.m. After Mass, all are welcome to join for a Taco Tuesday potluck in the hall! If you would like to bring a dish, please sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BABA929A3F58-62470746-taco#/>

**Stations of the Cross** – On Fridays for the remaining weeks of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at 5 p.m. in the church. May you have a blessed Lent!

| <b>Mass Intentions for February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup></b>  |                              |
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| 2/22 Sun – 8 a.m.   | <i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i> |
| 10 a.m.   | The Shane Family             |
| 2/24 Tues – 12 p.m.   | Nora Shanahan (Living)       |
| 2/25 Wed – 5 p.m.   | Richard R. Stein             |
| 2/27 Fri – 12 p.m.  | Keri Farrell Thomas (Living) |
| 2/28 Sat – 5 p.m.   | Levi Tyson (Living)          |
| <b>Offertory amounts will be posted next week,<br/>thank you for your generosity!</b> |                              |



## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

We hear, in the account of the Lord's temptation in the desert, where our Forty Day Season of Penance originates. Jesus, by his fasting, purifies our fasting. Christians imitate the Master and by our discipline we likewise vanquish the attempts of the evil one.

It's a holy thing to resist the devil. By resisting our own disordered appetites we prepare ourselves well for any eventual attack of the devil. We conquer now, in little things. We prove ourselves faithful in small matters knowing that the Lord has greater responsibilities that he wants to give us. What are earthly pleasures worth compared with heavenly rewards?

We also enter into this season conscious of times when either we let the evil one get the better of us or when we ourselves failed to order our passions rightly. God made us for a noble purpose not for sin. Turning away from our sins and from everything which may hinder the growth of our Love firstly of God and also of our neighbor is of prime importance these days.

Go to confession. Do penance. Avoid whatever may be an occasion of sin. Now, while there's still time. Then we will be better prepared to approach the Holy Mysteries we celebrate.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Mattress Sale to Feed Hungry Children*** – St. John's Summer Program will host a Mattress Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Church Hall/Gym. Shop top-name brand mattresses at significant savings, with financing available, while supporting a great cause—all proceeds benefit Mary's Meals, helping feed hungry children around the world. Don't need a mattress? Consider donating one to the Caritas Resource Center at St. Mary's Ryken. Caritas provides vital support to individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to housing in the St. Mary's County community by offering a range of essential items, including furniture and clothing. Come purchase a mattress and make a meaningful difference.

***Pilgrimage Opportunities*** – Experience the spiritual richness of a Catholic pilgrimage led by SoMD priests and lay ministers. In 2026, AMDG Travel is offering pilgrimages to the saints and shrines of Great Britain, Northern Italy, and Rome & Southern Italy. Visit [www.AMDGTravel.com/pilgrimages](http://www.AMDGTravel.com/pilgrimages) for details and registration.

***St. John's Summer Program 2026*** – St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. 85 unique camps are being offered this summer, with many of them being new camps for 2026. The Program aims to help children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an engaging and fun summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland-licensed summer camp. Please visit [www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com](http://www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com) to view the new summer schedule and to find more information.

***Holy Angels Church Drive-Thru Spring Dinner*** – On Sunday, March 22, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until sold out Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be having a Drive-Thru delicious Spring Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Beets and Dinner Roll. The cost of the dinner will be \$30.00. There will be a delicious homemade Bake Table. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, please call the rectory at 301- 769-3332 or email [holy01angels@aol.com](mailto:holy01angels@aol.com).