

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 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, Jim Dunbar, and George "Gibby" Knight.

<i>Mass Intentions for March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup></i>	
3/29 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	Regina Stein
3/31 Tues – 5 p.m.	Brandon Lee Farrell (Living)
4/1 Wed – 5 p.m.	Edward Barczak
4/2 Thurs – 5 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
4/4 Sat – 8 p.m.	Pam Pentkowski
<i>March 22, 2026 Offertory</i>	<i>\$3,143.00</i>
<i>March 22, 2026 Catholic Relief Services</i>	<i>\$460.00</i>
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

Friday † April 3, 2026

## Come Walk the Way of the Cross

Good Friday, 12:00PM, Rain or Shine  
St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery  
38888 Doctor Johnson Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659



## HOLY WEEK 2026

Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week:  
Mass at 5 PM

### The Sacred Triduum

#### Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – 5 PM  
Adoration at the Repository  
following Mass until 10 PM

#### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Liturgy for Good Friday – 6 PM

#### Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Confessions 4 to 5 PM  
Solemn Easter Vigil – 8 PM  
(No 5 PM Mass on Holy Saturday)

#### Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Masses at 8 AM and 10 AM

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Join us for the Holy Week liturgies. They are unique compared with all the others throughout the year. Palm Sunday we process into the Church commemorating The Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist, adoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament following Mass for a prolonged time of Adoration. Good Friday we hear the recitation of the Lord's Passion and venerate his Holy Cross. Holy Saturday we keep the great Easter Vigil, hearing the readings from scripture that tell of God fulfilling his promises.

These are the holiest days of the year. Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection make up the central reality of our Salvation. They are the foundation of all of our Hope and the promise for us of a blessed eternity.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

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***Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night*** – Join us on Sunday, April 26, 5 to 6:30pm at St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, Prayer and Procession. Music provided by: Fiat! Contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139 also visit us at: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).



***One-Day Middle & High School Youth Group Retreat at Immaculate Conception*** – All students in grades 5-12 are invited to a one-day retreat on Saturday, May 2, from 7-9 PM at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. To learn more or to register please visit <https://icchurchmd.org/> and click on the Youth Group tab at the bottom of the page. You can also register by scanning the QR code. We look forward to seeing you there!

***St. Mary's Chapel Fundraising Gala*** – Have you ever wanted to leave your mark for future generations? Well, you may have an opportunity during the Gala supporting the construction of the St. Mary's Chapel for perpetual adoration on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. During the Gala there will be a chance to buy a beautiful stained glass window to be used in St. Mary's Chapel. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit [www.StMarysChapel.net](http://www.StMarysChapel.net)

***9th Annual "Walk in the Park" 5K Fun Run/Walk*** – Join us at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 25, 2026 for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. This run/walk is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. and run/walk participants group start is at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 which includes a custom tee shirt. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration and even online giving is available in the vestibule and on our website: [www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org). When using the online giving option, be sure to select Walk in the Park. Donations are always welcomed.

