

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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, Joseph Tippett, 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, and George “Gibby” Knight.

<b>Mass Intentions for April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
4/19 Sun – 8 a.m.	Southern Maryland Priests
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
4/21 Tues – 12 p.m.	KC Schnitker
4/22 Wed – 5 p.m.	Rev. Milton E. Jordan
4/24 Fri – 12 p.m.	Viet-Bao Quach (Living)
4/25 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole “Donie” Alvey

**First Sunday Potluck** – All are welcome to join the parish family for a potluck after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 3, instead of our regularly scheduled coffee and donuts. Please bring a dish to share and/or simply join us for the fellowship!

**First Communion** – Congratulations to all who received First Communion last Sunday, April 12!

**Easter Flowers** – Thank you again to all who donated for our Easter Flowers! We have a few more names to add to our list, who will be remembered in honor and in memory of:

*Mr. & Mrs. George B. Thompson, Sr. Family*  
*Herbert & Agnes Goldring*  
*Mrs. Linda D. Filippini*  
*Geraldine DePriest*  
*Milton Benden*

*Francis & Marion Nelson Family*  
*Louis & Emma Young*  
*Robert J. DePriest*  
*Carl J. Filippini*  
*John Gillito*

*William Wilett Family*  
*Michael Goldring*  
*Jesse DePriest*  
*Ann I. Filippini*

**Second Collection next Weekend: Catholic Home Missions Appeal** – Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. Thank you for your support!

## From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

“The Road to Emmaus” is one name for the story we hear in Sunday’s Gospel at Mass this Sunday. It’s the wonderful retelling of the day of the Resurrection when Christ appeared to two disciples who were traveling from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus. He spends the length of the journey with them—how many hours was it?—discussing with them the great reality which they had just experienced of the previous days of his suffering death and resurrection.

There are so many details that St. Luke includes in this story which help us to understand what God is doing. For one, the disciples are prevented from recognizing the Lord and instead proceed without knowing him, hearing instead him explain that the Scriptures indicated that the weekend’s events would happen.

God unfolds his plan whether we’re aware of it or not. May our hearts burn with the desire to know his will and to do it so that we may return to the company of the disciples and announce the Good News.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

**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.

### Offertory Totals

<i>April 3, 2026 Holy Land</i>	<i>\$433.00</i>
<i>April 5, 2026 Offertory</i>	<i>\$862.00</i>
<i>April 5, 2026 Easter</i>	<i>\$2,605.00</i>
<i>April 5, 2026 Building &amp; Repair</i>	<i>\$637.00</i>
<i>April 12, 2026 Offertory</i>	<i>\$2,600.00</i>
<i>April 12, 2026 School Support</i>	<i>\$351.00</i>

*Thank you for your generosity!*