

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 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.



**Care Net Baby Bottle Blitz** – Care Net SoMD is a Christ-centered organization that offers no-cost support and licensed medical services to women facing unplanned pregnancies in Southern Maryland. Your spare coins can change a life, transform a family, and impact generations. Take a baby bottle home, pray for Care Net SoMD and the women and families that they serve, fill the baby bottle with coins, cash, or checks (or scan the QR code to give online), bring the bottle back to church by Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21, 2026. Thank you for your support!

**Funeral this Tuesday** – There will be a funeral Mass this Tuesday, May 19, at 10 AM. There will be no daily Mass that day.

<b>Mass Intentions for May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
5/17 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	KC Schnitker
5/19 Tues	<b>No Daily Mass</b> , Funeral Mass at 10 AM
5/20 Wed – 5 p.m.	Patricia Royals
5/22 Fri – 12 p.m.	KC Schnitker
5/23 Sat – 5 p.m.	Franklin Bailey
<b>May 10, 2026 Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,038.00</b>
<b>May 10, 2026 School Support</b>	<b>\$596.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

## *From Father's Desk*

My Dear Parish,

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. His departure from his disciples after 40 days of being with them gives us an assurance of where we belong as well as a hope of being with him. We belong in heaven and the highest heavens. That's where our Lord ascended, at the right hand of the Father. He will come back again and then take us there to himself with his Father and the Father's house. We love our earthly home, we are not meant to be here forever. To the contrary, we're meant to leave here and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him. Our citizenship is in heaven. The Feast of the Ascension reminds us of this and inspires us to pass the remaining time that we have down here in a way which pleases the Lord so that we can be with him forever in heaven. Let's celebrate today with great joy.

With paternal affection,  
Fr. Drew

**\*Location Change\* Eucharistic Adoration & Worship** – Join us on Sunday, May 17, 5 to 6:30pm at \*Immaculate Conception Mechanicsville\* for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, Prayer and Eucharistic 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).

**St. Mary's Bryantown Praise & Worship Service Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Join our Praise and Worship leaders Rita Dent and John Dement for a Praise & Worship Service on Thursday May 21st starting at 7PM in our school hall. Healing Prayer teams will be available at 8:10pm. Please come and experience the joy and peace of the presence of God.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – Support The Journey High School Pilgrimage by attending a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bushwood. Dine-in and take-out options are available. Presale tickets are available through Friday, May 29, with tickets also sold at the door. Proceeds benefit The Journey Pilgrimage to St. Clement's Island. Register and purchase tickets at: [saintaloysiuschurch.org/dinner](http://saintaloysiuschurch.org/dinner).

**Grief Support Workshop at Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville, MD** – Grieving with Great Hope is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including miscarriages), grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters (via DVD) will include Fr. Mike Verschaeve and Fr. Joe Dailey as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Contact Tina (301-481-1961) to sign-up or for more information. The workshop will start Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center (28299 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville, MD).

