

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 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.

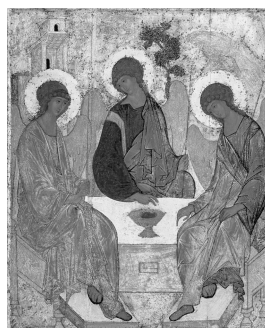
Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Billy Joe Hill, Joseph Tippett, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, Max Long, Gailann White, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph “Zip” Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, Grant Bidle, Mary Helen Knight, Billy Patton, Jim Dunbar, George “Gibby” Knight, and Anna Bush.

May Crowning – We will do a May Crowning of Mary this Sunday, May 31, after the 10 AM Mass. Please join us in the hall afterwards for a potluck!

St. Joseph’s Ladies Sodality – Our next meeting is Saturday, June 6, at 9 a.m. in the church hall. The St. Joseph’s Sodality welcomes new members. If anyone is interested in joining the Sodality or has questions, please contact a sodalist or join us at a meeting.

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!

Mass Intentions for May 31st through June 6th	
5/31 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
10 a.m.	John F. Adams
6/2 Tues – 5 p.m.	Rose Balicheski
6/3 Wed – 5 p.m.	James H. Brown
6/5 Fri – 5 p.m.	KC Schnitker
6/6 Sat – 5 p.m.	Carole “Donie” Alvey
May 24, 2026 Offertory \$2,095.00	
Thank you for your generosity!	



From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

This Sunday is the last day of the Month of May, a month which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We're concluding the month with a simple procession to Our Lady's statue in front of the rectory at the conclusion of the 10 AM Mass. We'll sing hymns and recite a prayer asking Our Lady to intercede for our families and for our parish.

This pious action of begging Our Lady's intercession is ancient and honorable. Some Protestant friends of ours may not understand why anyone would pray in any way other than directly to God. We respond that that asking Our Lady to pray to God for us is completely consistent with praying to God. And a completely natural way to ask for anything. The more people ask God for a thing the more God is honored. And when the Mother of God herself is asking for the same thing, the more God is honored.

Our forebears in our beloved home county knew this well and dedicated this entire place to her name. May Saint Mary, the most blessed ever-virgin Mother of God intercede for us all that we may obtain the joys of everlasting life through the merits of her Risen Son.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

The Heart of the Father – Saturday, June 13, 8am to 1:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville. Prayerfully consider joining us for Mass, two talks, small group discussions and more! A suggested donation to cover cost is \$15 and includes a Continental Breakfast. For your convenience we have three ways to Sign-up, go to: <https://breadoflifecenter.flocknote.com/signup/258682>, call (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents during store hours Tuesday through Saturday. This event is sponsored by Bread of Life Center for Peace, all inquiries should be directed to us. To learn more about us go to: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

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).

Giorgio's Giants Beach Day – Catholic families are invited to join for a beach day on July 25, 10 AM, at Elms Beach Park. For more information or any questions, please contact giorgiosgiants@gmail.com.

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's – Gear Up & Discover Chesterton Event. Date / Time: Wednesday / June 17, 2026 / 6-8PM. Location: 28299 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. RSVP and Info: chestertonstmarys.org/events