

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 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 Tippet, 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, Anna Bush, and Bernard Nelson.

Seven Sisters Apostolate – We have openings for the Seven Sisters Apostolate group at St Joseph’s. Each woman commits to praying a holy hour in front of the Tabernacle on a specific day of the week for one year, in honor of our pastor, Fr. Drew. See sevensistersapostolate.org for more details. Please contact Cookie Pontzer through the parish office to join and be assigned a particular day or to volunteer to be an on-call substitute.

Mass Intentions for July 12th through July 18th	
7/12 Sun – 8 a.m.	Minor Buckler
10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo: LL SMOOCH</i>
7/14 Tues – 5 p.m.	Georgia Mae Nelson
7/15 Wed – 5 p.m.	Rev. Richard E. Gardiner
7/17 Fri – 5 p.m.	Special Intention
7/18 Sat – 5 p.m.	David Arnold Buckler
June 28, 2026 Offertory	\$3,087.00
June 28, 2026 Peter’s Pence	\$427.00
July 5, 2026 Offertory	\$2,516.00
July 5, 2026 Building & Repair	\$475.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

"I don't understand why God would allow such a thing?" This is a common response to life's difficulties. It's not necessarily a bad response at all. In many ways it's simply an acknowledgment of the limitations of our understanding. For sure, we should be careful to guard against becoming angry with God. But confronting the fact that the meaning of divine things are at times unclear to us is a helpful part of growing in our relationship with God.

It can be, as is likely very often the case, that God wants us to remain ignorant of certain divine realities. Too much knowledge of a thing about which we should not fully know could be harmful. For example, we're slow and cautious to initiate children into knowledge of matters which are the purview of adults. This is also the case in the Spiritual Life. There are times when we are spiritually unready and underprepared for knowledge of a divine thing. We will then only proceed in ignorance. That ignorance may itself bring a harm of its own, different from the harm of knowing too much.

As long as we remember that God's will for us is for the Good and that he desires Good things for those who love Him, then we are better able to respond to moments when we encounter our ignorance.

The disciples did not know why Jesus spoke in parables and so they asked him. They learned that he had done it on purpose in order to separate the ones who were better prepared from those who were badly prepared. Our move, when we realize that God is telling us a thing that we don't understand, like the apostles, is to ask him for the Gift of understanding.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

Combat Related PTSD Discussion at St. Aloysius – All are welcome to attend a discussion of the nuances of PTSD versus Combat PTSD. Chris Kotlinski, LtCol USMC (Ret) OIF & OEF Veteran, will speak about his general experience and his journey of recovery on Thursday, July 16th, 2026 at St. Aloysius Church, 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650 in the parish hall. The talk begins at 6pm. For questions email Chris at chris.kotlinski@gmail.com or call 240-572-5864.

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.

Mass at Saint Ignatius, Inigoes – On July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at Historic Saint Ignatius church in Saint Inigoes, Maryland. Address: 47750 Villa Road, St. Inigoes MD 20684. Please see <http://www.historicstignatius.com>.

Bus Trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion – Join Author and Speaker Amy Schisler and the St. Mary of the Assumption Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Saints and Apparitions Pilgrimage. The bus will depart from St. Mary of the Assumption in Upper Marlboro, MD on September 3, 2026 and return September 9, 2026. Cost is \$1,200 per person for double occupancy. See <https://psalm91min.com/2026-pilgrimage-to-champion/> for more information and to register. To Jesus through Mary!