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Tuesday - Friday
9:30 to 12:00 noon &
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Office is closed on Monday

Bulletin Deadline
All bulletin requests
are due by Monday
2:00 pm – Email to
Office@stjosephva.org



Electronic Giving: For more information or to sign up for electronic giving to St. Joseph, go to the website of FAITHDIRECT at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA561.



Sunday Masses

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Livestream for 11:00 am Mass only

Weekdays (In Chapel)

Monday: 7:00 pm - Holy Hour & Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:30 am - Mass

Confessions: Sundays, 8:00 am & 10:30 am and upon request

Baptisms: See inside of the bulletin for the schedule of the Baptism classes. Baptism will be scheduled by the Deacon.

Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least six months prior to your desired wedding date. Do not set dates until you have a meeting with Deacon or Father.

RCIA: Becoming a Catholic: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is or who has mentioned it to you? Have them contact Janell Cline.

New Parishioners: We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members of our congregation. Call the Rectory, or email Office@stjosephva.org. Register online, www.stjosephva.org.

Our Mission at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a historically African American Catholic church... is to praise the Lord and embrace the future while engaging and transforming the community.

Our Values are:

Catholic Spirituality Stewardship Fellowship Compassion
Inclusion Heritage Serving the Community Family

All are welcome!

“Our sole wish is to do the will of God.” — Mother Mary Lange

April 21, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph's parish
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Bro. Marx Tyree SSJ
Monday: 7:00 p.m. No Holy Hour this evening
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Don Chandler
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. JoAnn and Gary Graeb
Thursday 8:30 a.m. Maxine and Jim Senge
Friday: 8:30 a.m. Robert Matthews
Friday Noon Mass - Dick Williams
Saturday Noon Mass - For Vocations
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - For the People of St. Joseph's parish
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - Fr. Fest by Pat Hilgard

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today *Both Masses* - Deacon Ricky Malebranche preaches. - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 24 – 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation/Bible Studies

April 25 – 7pm to 9pm - Begins 40 Hours Devotion
- 7:00 p.m. – Opening talk by Deacon Malebranche

April 26 – Noon to 9:00 p.m. – Continue 40 Hours Devotion
12 Noon – Mass

- 7:00 p.m. Reflection talk by Deacon Malebranche

April 27 – Noon to 7:00 p.m. Continue 40 Hours Devotion

- 12 Noon Mass

- 7:00 p.m. – Reflection talk by Deacon Malebranche
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closing 40 Hours

April 28 – 8:30 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass

May 5 – After 8:30 Mass–May Crowning of the Bl. Virgin

Mary - After both Masses today – Ministry Fair in the Hall

May 11 – Spring Clothes Giveaway - *outside*

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 19 – The Feast of Pentecost

May 26 – Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - "Trinity Sunday"

June 2 – Feast of Corpus Christi

June 9 – Return to "Ordinary Time" – 10th Sunday Ord. Time

June 16 – Father's Day

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Today – The Catholic Home Mission Appeal

April 28 – Enrollment for Mother's Novena of Masses

May 5 – Josephite Monthly Share in Mission Appeal

May 12 – Special Parish Needs collection

May 19 – Catholic Communications Annual Campaign

~ Welcome Deacon Ricky Malebranche ~

Sick & Shut-in



PARISH SICK AND SHUT-INS:

We list them here to not only keep them in our prayers, but also to remember them with

occasional cards, phone calls and visits. They are Herve & Betsy Aitken, Sr. Katherine Brent OSP, Phyllis Bickham, Florence Calloway, Maria Calloway, Theresa Carroll, Juanita Carter, Maurice Crump, Doretha Delandro, Helen Desfosses, Therese Didon, John Cannady, Dorothea Campbell, Vernessa Carter, Hazel Edelin, Bobby Giggetts, Patricia Hilgard, Harold Jackson Sr., Antionette Jones, Calvin & Dora Jones, Ed Jones, Ben McCarter, Bro Sean McLaughlan, Linwood Smith, Brenda Stewart, Don & Gwen Washington, Julia Williams, Norma Williams and Leander Wick.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS:

The next Baptism preparation class is May 7 in the Parish Hall. Class dates after that are June 4, no class in July etc. All classes take place in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please note: **You must email the rectory to register for these classes and then you will receive a confirmation email allowing you to attend.**

FAITH FORMATION/BIBLE STUDIES PROGRAM

Please contact Desiree Brooks, 571 212-8923 or email desinmk2@cox.net on how to register and join us by Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Our format: we open the session allowing anyone to ask questions about our faith, after discussing that, we watch a video then have a discussion on what we have seen. Sessions are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to join, must register first.

2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Every gift is important to the BLA success. If you have not yet made your pledge, ushers have extra pledge cards. Please do so today.

You may mail in your pledge or go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code from the BLA materials. **Without YOU** we cannot have 100% parish participation!

The Legion of Mary meets each Sunday after the 8:30am Mass in the rectory Chapel. All are invited to attend. Come and see.

SAVE THE DATE

May 6 at noon at Market Square, 301 King Street, the City of Alexandria will observe the 35th Annual Ceremony of Commemoration for the Victims of the Holocaust. For additional information, call 703 746-5565 or visit alexandriava.gov/recreation



THE PASCHAL CANDLE REPRESENTS CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. IT STAYS UP THROUGHOUT THE EASTER SEASON.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

After both Masses today we will have a Vocations exhibit set up in the parish Hall. Present will be Sr. Marcia Hall of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and Brother Cursey Calais of the Josephite Priests and Brothers who will share information about Church vocations.



April is National Volunteer Month

The theme for the April 21-27, 2024, National Volunteer Week is Celebrate Service – an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. We are

most grateful to the many people who render volunteer service to make sure our Parish is prepared each week for Mass and all the other many events and undertaking. Thank you to all Saint Joseph parish volunteers! We do it all in service to God.

40 Hours of Devotion – Beginning on Thursday at 7pm until 9pm. There is a signup genius in this week's newsletter to sign up for Adoration on Friday and Saturday from 12pm-7pm.



April is Earth Month and April 22 is Earth Day.

The theme for Earth Day is "Planet vs. Plastics", calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion. Please contact Phyllis Johnson at f2x2freedom@aol.com to help at St. Joseph's on April 22. Bring garden tools and gloves.

The Banneker-Douglass Museum is the State of Maryland's official museum of African American heritage. It is operated by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. It serves to document, interpret, and promote African American history and culture through exhibitions, programs, and projects in order to improve the understanding and appreciation of America's rich cultural diversity for all. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Banneker-Douglass Museum,
84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401, visit <http://bdmuseum.maryland.gov>. Follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

Communications NEWS: Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera or a QR code reader app to sign up and stay informed.

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If you have announcements or submissions, please email: communications@stjosephva.org

Thank you for being an essential part of our vibrant community.



BASH 2024 - Saturday, May 4, 2024

BASH is our largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. We are planning for hundreds of middle school students to gather for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun! If you are interested, please contact the Parish office, 703 836-3725.



*Adoration
Worship
Praise
Prayer*



40 HOURS *Devotion*

- Renewal Through The Eucharist
 - The Body of Christ
 - Evangelization
 - Spiritual Works of Mercy

APRIL 25-27, 2024

- Thursday April 25 begin 7pm with Reflection. Close at 9pm
- Friday April 26 12pm Mass. Reflection at 7pm. Close at 9pm.
- Saturday April 27 12pm Mass Reflection at 7pm. Benediction 9pm.



Guest speaker
**DEACON RICHARD
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St. Joseph Church
Adult Faith Formation Resource

One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

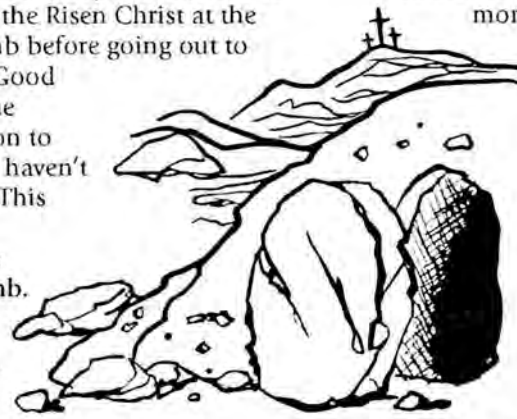
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:84).



This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb. Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his



Why do Catholics need faith?

suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

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