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MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH

Weekends

Saturday — Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

Weekdays

Mon -Wed, Fri -Sat — 9:00 am

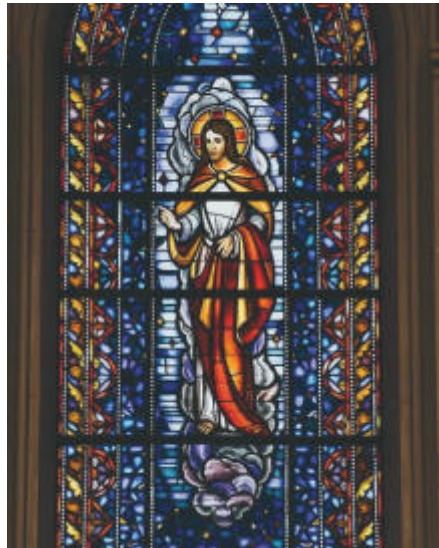
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ALL CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE CHURCH

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri — 8:40-9:00 am

Tuesdays — 5:45-6:45 pm

Saturdays — 8:40-9:00 am; 3:00-3:30 pm



MASS INTENTIONS (MAY 31-JUNE 6)

Monday (9:00 am) +Gervacio Sarra

Tuesday (9:00 am) +Dale Jolliffe

Wednesday (9:00 am) +Kevin Ludden

Friday (9:00 am) Fr. Carter Griffin

Saturday (9:00 am) Special Intention

(4:00 pm) +Frances Meredith

Sunday (8:00 am) Parishioners

(10:00 am) Special Intention

(12:00 pm) Sodality

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age

Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

—Greetings from Fr. Tim—

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Often called "the preacher's nightmare" because of the difficulty of commenting on this mystery, which proclaims that God is "three in one," fortunately, there is one way of understanding it that is rather accessible: namely, "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). The fact that God is a Trinity -- Father, Son, Holy Spirit -- means that God is not a "solitary" Being, enclosed in on Himself, but a "Communion of Persons," in which there is love and relationship. The foundation of all reality is love.

This is also important for our understanding of ourselves. Since we are created in God's image and likeness, we come from love and made for love. "Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself," said Vatican II (*Gaudium et Spes*, 24). Such "love" is not simply human love, but charity: divine love, the love of God Himself, which transcends our often fickle and selective human love (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

Our fundamental question in life is therefore not so much, "What do I want?" -- a question that often turns us in on ourselves -- but, "How can I give? How am I called to give?" Marriage, consecrated single life, religious life, all states of life are fundamentally different answers to this question.

God bless,

Fr. Tim

TRINITY SUNDAY



Vaccination appointments in Bowie: The City of Bowie is now offering vaccine appointments to all County residents, age 16 and up. Getting vaccinated at the Bowie Senior Center is quick, simple, and it's close to home. The clinic operates three days a week on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays. We have approximately 750 openings available each week. Individuals who pre-register on our website (www.cityofbowie.org/vax<<http://www.cityofbowie.org/vax>>) will receive a call from one of our schedulers usually within 24 hours.

Diaper Drive ends TODAY! Ascension's American Heritage Girls Troop MD0340 is collecting donations of baby diapers and baby wipes to gift to the Gabriel Network and to the Bowie-Crofton Pregnancy Clinic, which serve and house local women in crisis pregnancies and their babies. **All diaper sizes needed—especially *new-born, 4, 5, & 6***

Please place donations in the portable crib in the vestibule by today. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
uscgb.org

Share Food Menu for June:

- Value Package (\$22): 3lb. Package of Chicken Drumsticks, 13oz. Smoked Kielbasa, 1lb. Ground Beef, 1 lb. Pollock.....plus 8-10 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Premium Beef Box (\$38): 6 1/3lb. Burger Patties, 2 8oz. Sirloin Steaks, 4 5oz. Petite Sirloin Steaks, 1 24oz. Chuck Roast
- Seafood Box (\$29): 6 3oz. Lobster Cakes, 1.5lb. Grouper, 1.5lb. Tail-on Shrimp
- Surf & Turf (\$27): 2 5oz. Grass-fed antibiotic-free Filet Mignon, 2 3.5oz. Lobster Tails

All Orders are due by Noon, June 11. Order pickup is from 8-9am, June 26. Contact Anne Powell at 301-464-5668 or gpowell6@aol.com with orders or questions.

Maryland Catholic Conference: Visit mdcatholic.org/endoflife

Want to control your healthcare decisions? The Catholic Advance Health Care Directive is a tool to help you discuss your wishes, to designate who will speak for you, and to talk about the kinds of care you want. Pray about it. Talk about it. And write your wishes down.

Have You Had the Conversation? 95% of Americans want to talk about their wishes at the end of life – but it is hard to talk about. It can be scary. Our faith gives us hope in the Resurrection. It is important to have conversations about what your healthcare at the end of life will look like, glorifying God in this life and celebrating with Him in the next. The Conversation Project can help you start talking about healthcare and your wishes for the end of life with your family.

Support for Caregivers Caregiving is stressful in the best of times. If you help an ill or disabled adult with daily tasks, you might feel overwhelmed, depressed, tired, or just burnt out – and you might feel guilty for feeling this way. You are not alone. One in 12 Marylanders are caregivers - and you deserve support.



**Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is
the Building Fund!**

Registration for the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp has begun! We are preparing for our twentieth summer in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. The registration form can be downloaded at <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Please direct any questions to Jamie Morris at (240)389-2267 (voice or text) or kofccamp@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Francis Barnes, Mary Ann Boyer, Mary Burton, Laura Chesnick, Rosita Dietrich, Cynthia Graham, Larry Hudson, James Kaufman Jr., Beverlee Lee, Ida Mullikin, Jean Mosby, Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Earl Perry, Norma Perry, Norma Raffaele, Geralyn Roberson, Mickey Ryan, Barbara Shipp, Doreen Darzinski, Bert Nemeth, Becky Goodman, and Shirley Mackessy.

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