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## MAY 1, 2022
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**WEEKEND MASSES:**
**Saturdays:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (Rosary at 4:20PM)
**Sundays:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM
8:00 AM at St. Joseph's Monastery (Carmel)

**DAILY MASSES:**
**Monday thru Friday -** 12:00 Noon
7:15 AM at St. Joseph's Monastery (Carmel)
**Wednesday** - 7:00 PM
**Saturday** - 8:00 AM (Carmel), 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**
- **First Fridays**: 6:30—7:30 PM
- **Wednesdays:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** 4:00 - 4:45 PM
- **By appointment**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**
7:30-8:30 PM each Wednesday in the Main Church

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Confessions 6:30-7:30 PM
Mass & Devotions to the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** For children (children younger than 7), parents should fill out the online Request for Baptism form and then **contact Concetta Schmitz** at 301.934.2261 at least one month in advance to schedule a date and attend a preparation class.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**
Couples must contact a priest or deacon at least 6 months before the anticipated date. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Marriage preparation program is required.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**
Please call Mr. William Wannall in the parish office to arrange for the instructions about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:** We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program. K thru Grade 8, meets Sundays, 10:20 - 11:30 AM at ANS, September thru May.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** To arrange for a home "Communion" call please contact Julie Ferrero at 301-752-2377 or call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: To arrange for the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.**

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS:** Weekly during May & October.
Miraculous Medal Novena/Rosary after 9 AM Sat. Mass. Rosary on Saturday at 4:30 PM before 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets September through May.

**YOUTH GROUP:** For students in grades 6-12, see website for calendar events.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome new members to our parish family. Please register as soon as possible. The registration form can be found on our website. To be eligible for admission to our Religious Education program, reception of the Sacraments or to receive testimonial letters for sponsorship outside the Parish, an individual must be a registered participating member of the parish, known to the pastor, attend the sacraments and supporting the ministries of the church.

**ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY**

# *Sacred Heart Church, La Plata*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
7:00AM Repose of the soul of Michael Francis Knecht
8:00AM Intentions of Deacon Matt Laidley
9:00AM Sacred Heart Parishioners
12:00PM Repose of the soul of Martin Shawn Spellacy

**MONDAY, MAY 2, SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
7:15AM Repose of the soul of Bob Rupp
10:00AM Intentions of Amanda Coffin

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, SAINT PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
7:15AM Repose of the soul of Rev. Robert Pittman
12:00PM Intentions of Venessa Rubio Reyes

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:15AM Repose of the soul of William Birmingham
12:00PM Repose of the soul of George Pals
7:00PM Confirmandi

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:15AM Repose of the souls of Fernandez Brothers
12:00PM Repose of the soul of David Parmet

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, FIRST FRIDAY**
7:15AM Repose of the soul of Patrick McGarry
12:00PM Intentions of Yvette Chang-Fisher
7:00PM Repose of the soul of Dean Lynn Gilroy

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, EASTER WEEKDAY**
8:00AM Repose of the soul of Bob Vacin
9:00AM Intentions of Eleanor Burke
5:00PM Intentions of Joseph Norris

Please note that the 8AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15AM daily Mass take place at Mt. Carmel Monastery. All other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart.

### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

**Sunday, May 8,** is Mother's Day. As is our custom here at Sacred Heart, a Novena of Masses, beginning on Mother's Day will be offered for all mothers, both living and deceased, whose names are submitted to us. Special cards and envelopes are available in the Narthex of the church. What a wonderful way to remember your mother on her special day!

***Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards***

Will be available to children of all ages this weekend.
The cards will be available at all entrances of the church.

Please take one

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Fall and Spring Confirmation classes will be confirmed this Wednesday, May 4 at the 7:00 PM Mass. We welcome Bishop Jerome Feudjio who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY.** Devotions will take place here at Sacred Heart beginning with Confessions from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. A rosary is prayed at 6:30PM and Mass is celebrated at 7:00PM, with all night-adoration. All parishioners are encouraged to spend an hour with our Lord. This will be the best time you spend on earth this Advent.!

*"Do you want our Lord to give you many graces?*
*Visit Him often."*
St. John Bosco

**Baby Bottle Campaign will begin on Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Our faith community will participate in raising funds for **the Catherine Foundation.** The Foundation offers help to families and babies in crisis. This fundraiser is an excellent opportunity for families, and individuals to honor the sanctity of human life. It is a practical way for everyone to support a local mission that helps save the unborn and support families with children. Take a bottle home, fill with change, cash or checks ***payable to The Catherine Foundation*** and then return the bottle to the parish office by **Friday, May 27.** Your support of this fundraising effort will be greatly appreciated.

**ANGEL'S WATCH SHELTER:** This **Friday, May 6** is once again Sacred Heart Parish's day to deliver a meal to the women and children at the shelter. Donations for the meal may be delivered to the Friendship Room on Friday by 4:00 PM. ***Mike and Laura Schreyer*** are the group coordinators for the month of **May.** Many thanks to all those who continue to faithfully support this cause!

### SACRED HEART SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Sacred Heart Summer Camp is now open! We will have 6 weeks of camp beginning June 20, with some new and exciting camps alongside some of our favorite from last year. All children ages 4-13 are welcome. For rates, camp options, registration, payment, and volunteering opportunities, visit our website: https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html

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## Priest's Corner

Dear Parishioners—For six years now, I've had the tradition of leaving the day after Easter for vacation with a number of friends. As their families grow so do the size of the house, we stay in. Normally there are three families with children who are older and now they are also grandparents, and five of the families are young couples just having started their families in the last six years or so. Each day of the trip we have mass and later in the day we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with each family getting their own half an hour with Jesus. Because of the Presence of the Lord in the house and the friendships that have been enriched by a shared faith and love of the Lord it is always a very peaceful and enriching trip for us all.

Every year I feel that as a spiritual father I get a front row seat to see not only their children grow but I get to see the young parents grow into better spouses and parents as well. I get the perspective of seeing the older couples watch the younger ones and see where they use to be, and I get to watch the younger couples look at the more senior couples and see where they hope to be in their marriage and in their family life. It's simply beautiful, and a little loud at times, especially with 8 babies and toddlers. Yet watching the loving way in which the toddlers, moms and dads took turns caring for their children (and each other) while simultaneously offering to help other families with watching kids and cleaning messes made me think of the prayer of Jesus from the cross "Ut Unum Sint", "that they may be One".

The Lord desires that we all be united as members of the One Body of Christ, and that this not just be on the exterior level but the interior. When I see a marriage centered in Christ, I notice this happens more and more. When a family is united in prayer in the home as well as at church this happens more and more, and when friendships with fellow Christians help us grow closer to the Lord through good conversations and acts of service this happens more and more.

These couples and their children are not perfect, they have many of the trials, difficulties, temptations, and failings of everyone. Yet their faith endured and strengthens them in the resolve to persevere and to praise the Lord in the storms of life. What they also have is a strong community of Christian friendships that encourage them and inspire them to grow more in and with the Lord. It was a great blessing to spend these six days with them. Now I return back to our parish hoping to help all of you create here in this House of the Lord some of the strong marriages, families, friendships and fellowship I experienced with them down there. Yes, there are so many more people, children, and activities. Yet if each of us does our part, we may yet all become even more so "One in the Lord"! May it be so!

Your father and brother in Christ the Risen Lord, Fr Scott

## Please pray for our sick

Harry & Rosa Wacke, Alberta Keys, Joe Lawrence, Marlene Sprouse, Ruth Watson, David and Cathy Osborne, Susan Murphy, Michelle Goldsmith, Harry Fraunfelder, Rachael Weaver, Bob Turgeon, Mary Charlotte Yates, Teresa Shutters, Jim Isaac, Ralph Johnson, Calvin Ware, Wanda Woodland, Paul Wills, Louisette Lamoureux, Eleanor Hamilton, Rebecca Morris, Mary Barrasso, Janice Valdisera, Joan Johnson, Frances Franch, Brian Stack, Noel Edelen, Carol Humphrey, Mary Hammond, David Jones, Paula Miles, Monique Lamoureux, Pat Howell, Jeni Carrier, Jan Bond, Margie Simpson, William Jung, Brenda Carignan, Kass Harker, Toni Gallagher, John Bawner, Dave Forbes, Elroy Hemsley, Elva Yates, Julia White, George Jackson, Gianna Grace, Jamie Seith, Randy Martin, David & Kathryn Newman, Mary Krug, Marilyn Hoffmann, Carolyn Posey, and Mikey Raymond.

***Names will remain on the above prayer list for 60 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request.***

### CEMETERY NEWS

• Our new Sacred Heart statue will be blessed on the feast of the Sacred Heart, more information to follow

• Online giving through OSV is a good way to contribute to projects to improve the cemetery

• Our cemetery has the only columbarium in Charles County. If you are interested in more information call Catholic Cemeteries 301-932-1766

• Free fill dirt is available if you would like some

•Contact Gene Ambrogio 391-934-1607 or genecyte@yahoo.com

### May Procession and Crowning of Mary
### May 1, 2022

Following the 9:00 am Mass, The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sacred Heart Parish is pleased to facilitate a May procession and crowning of Our Lady. Those preparing for their First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA will participate. Mary is truly our Spiritual Mother. If you knew how much she loves you, you would cry for joy. Let us in turn show her our joy and our love for her through this traditional way of honoring Mary in the month of May.

Legislative Update

During the 444th Maryland General Assembly, the powerful pro-life voice of Maryland Right to Life, together with thousands of members, moved mountains! Robust campaigns bore fruit as multiple pro-abortion bills were defeated!

Thank you to all of the advocates who remained vigilant as bills moved through the legislative process. Your voice was heard. Your voice saved lives! HB626/SB669 Pregnant Person's Freedom Act, which would have legalized infanticide, was defeated.

Physician Assisted Suicide was sponsored by Senator Waldstreicher and was drafted but Maryland Right to Life successfully discouraged its introduction. Maryland Right to Life has defeated PAS six times in 8 sessions.

HB0700/SB0315. Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) which would suppress pro-life speech, was defeated three times in four sessions.

Most importantly, HB1171, Right to Reproductive Liberty, which could have created a state constitutional right to abortion on demand, was defeated. It is a testament to the tenacity of the pro-life community that we have been able to defend our state Constitution from radical attacks against the right to life in three of the past four legislative sessions.

HB937/SB890 Abortion Care Access Act. Governor Hogan vetoed this bill. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden and the bill enacted. Abortion Care Access commits public funding of $3.5 million per year to train non-physician abortionists. The number of people who can provide abortions will increase the number of pre-born children being killed and will put more women at risk of substandard medical care, injury, and death. Elections matter and we must hold pro-abortion legislators accountable in November.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Court Neale #753, of the Catholic Daughters of Americas, cordially invites you to attend their Centennial Celebration of 100 years on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the 5:00PM Mass at St. Ignatius Church, 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD. There will be a reception with light refreshments following the Mass. Brochures are available in the back of the church.

(If you plan to attend the reception please RSVP to Dorothy Grimes at 301-346-0065(call or text) or send an email to Drgrimes98@gmail.com by May 11, 2022.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Robert Swann Pittman,** 93, of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, died peacefully but suddenly on April 24, 2022, at Regina Health Center, Richfield, Ohio. In 1981 he founded the love of his life, the Body of Christ Farm Community, where he ministered until a stroke and required supportive health care at Regina Health Center in 2017, where he has lived until his death. His passion was founding the Black Leadership and Christ's Kingdom Society, preparing local children at the farm about the Eucharist, and preparing them for their first reception of Holy Communion. He also instructed many people who frequented the farm about prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and living the Eucharist to bring about justice and unity. He will be missed by his religious community, remaining family and the Body of Christ Farm Community. A memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf, MD on **May 5, at 12:00 Noon.**

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**Substitutes Needed**

Archbishop Neale School is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 301-934-9595 for more information. Any applicant must be in full compliance with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Child.

**Archbishop Neale School is now enrolling students in grades PK3- 8th. To learn more about all that we have to offer or to schedule a tour, please call the school office (301) 934-9595 or email Mrs. Mary Ellen Howard at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org. We would love to have you be a part of our school community!**

Annual Mother's Day Signature Ads

Charles County Right to Life's annual Mother's Day Advertisement and Fundraiser is fast approaching! For a $10/name donation, add the name of your mother, grandmother, spouse, or any special woman in your life who gets the all important title of "Mom." We will publish her name to the full-page advertisement that we run in the Maryland Independent thanking her for choosing life.

Please show your support for CCRTL by going to **http://www.charlescountyrighttolife.com/mothersdayad.html** for submissions.

**Additionally, representatives from CCRTL will be at the entrance of the church after all Masses on April 30 and May 1 to take in-person orders.**

**100 years of service to our Parish!**

We are asking "Servant Leaders" to join us to Support, Help and Serve our Priests and community in any needs or services. Please contact Steve Urso at SJUFIU@MSN.com or call 410-320-7078

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