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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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA



SUNDAY, MAY 15, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00AM Sacred Heart Parishioners 8:00AM Repose of the soul of Peter Keschl 9:00AM Mother's Day Novena 12:00PM Repose of the souls of Yvonne &

Eugene Kirscht Sr.

MONDAY, MAY 16, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Genival Belo Cesar

12:00PM Mother's Day Novena
TUESDAY, MAY 17, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Intentions of Gregory John McGinley 12:00PM Intentions of Jacqueline Lovins

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, SAINT JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR

7:15AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00PM Repose of the soul of James Barney 7:00PM Intentions of Crystal Wedding

THURSDAY, MAY 19, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Intentions of Ray Penland

12:00PM Repose of the soul of Christine Edward and

Gerald Kubiak

FRIDAY, MAY 20, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Intentions of David and Beth Skonleczny
12:00PM Intentions and healing for Murat and
Alcindor Families

SATURDAY, MAY 21, EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00AM Repose of the soul of Rosemary Droze 9:00AM Intentions of Dr. Ronald Gripshover 5:00PM Repose of the soul of Catherine Mayer

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.

Grounds Apostolate Seeking Men Volunteers

The Sacred Heart Grounds Apostolate was established six years ago as an opportunity for men of the parish to help maintain the church grounds. Volunteers help with snow removal from the side-walks in the winter and with cutting the grass in the spring and summer.

While this effort saves the parish money from not having to pay someone to do this work, it was mainly instituted to encourage men to take some ownership in the life of the parish.

If you are willing and able to help please contact Deacon Matt via email mlaidley@sacredheartlaplata.org or on his cell at 301 643-1683

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Please pray for the students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion.





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 church or parish office by **Tuesday**, **May 31st.** Your support of this fundraising effort will be greatly appreciated.

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 favorites 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

NEW GROUP FORMING

Caregiver Support Group "Caring for the Caregiver"

A caregiver support group is forming and the first meeting will be June 26th at 2pm in the Friendship Room at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Anyone caring for a parent, spouse, child or friend is welcomed. This group will give anyone a chance to ask questions, seek help in the resources available in the county, share their stories and seek comfort in this most challenging time. Through prayer, sharing and in receiving comfort all will find some respite and strength to carry forward. Anyone interested or needing more information please contact Kathy Greene at kdgknitter@gmail.com or call 240-416-1122.

ALTAR FLOWERS

I would like to have flowers placed on the altar

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Please drop this form in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office. Flowers are not placed on the altar during Advent or Lent. $Suggested\ Donation - \$40.00$

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar each week can be donated in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion in our lives. Please fill out the form below. Return to the parish office.

Priest's Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

This weekend we welcome the first of the six seminarians who will be with us this summer. I know you're thinking, "Six seminarians?" Yes. We have Danny Morrison whose two older brothers are already priests of the Archdiocese, and he is assigned to our parish for two months by the Cardinal. Then we have Gregory Lawrence and Dalton Newsome both newly accepted seminarians who will be helping with our discernment program for guys considering priesthood. And then we have Marco who is from our parish and has finished his first year as a Seminarian, and he will be working at our summer camp as a counselor. Last but not least, we have been sent two more newly accepted seminarians who are leaving careers to enter seminary at the end of the summer, and they will also be working at our summer camp.

In addition to these men, we are blessed to have four other young men who will be working in our parish in the Summer Discernment Program. This is a program I felt the Lord call me to start about 10 years ago to assist men in discerning a potential vocation to the priesthood by living as much of the life of a priest as is possible by spending the summer assisting me in the parish ministry. They visit the sick, help at the school, help with youth programs and young adult activities, and assist at Masses, weddings, and baptisms. They do manual labor at the parish, homes of the elderly and widowed, and starting last year they help some at the Carmel Monastery. Through this program, while most simply grow deeper in their love of the Lord and in their commitment to the faith, a number of men have entered the seminary, which is where they discern more deeply the call to the priesthood.

You might now be wondering where are you going to house all these seminarians and discerners? Fortunately, two families from our parish have again come forward this year to offer to house them, while a few of the seminarians will stay in the guest rooms of the rectory. How will they be paid? Fortunately, there have been some very generous donors who have offered to provide funds to pay them for the summer do they can fully give themselves to the service of the parish and to discerning their vocations.

This past week was Good Shepherd Sunday where the church has traditionally asked us to pray for priests and for more vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for these young men (both those already in seminary and those open to being called to enter seminary) throughout this summer. They will all be arriving in drips and drabs over this month and next and I will introduce them at Masses and have them up in our new vocations section of the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. We are very blessed as a parish to be able to help these young men who are here to discern a potential call to the priesthood. I hope everyone gets to meet them and that their time with us this summer may help them to experience the same welcome and kindness I have experienced in my ten months as your Pastor. Finally pray that Fr Jack and I may be good examples to them of the priesthood to inspire them and aid in their discernment of God's will in their lives.

Your Father and Brother in the Risen Christ, Fr Scott



Please pray for our sick

Charlie Tynysson, 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, 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.

Men's Discernment Mass and Brunch-Men who are college age or older and interested in the priesthood are invited to this event on Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Saint John Paul II Seminary in D.C. The morning will include Mass, brunch, and a chance to talk with priests, seminarians and other young men about vocations. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. There is no cost to attend, but you must register at https://dcpriest.org/2022mens-discernment-mass-and-brunch.

CEMETERY NEWS



- Decorations from the Spring cleanup will be discarded after June 30
- Do not place any decorations in the ground from April 1 - Oct 31. If they are they will be removed and placed in a labeled bin located

in the northeast corner of the cemetery. You can retrieve them until January 31, after which they will be discarded

- Online giving through OSV is a good way to contribute to projects to improve the cemetery, thank you for your support
- If you are interested in information on our columbarium, 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



What Happens if the Supreme Court Reverses Roe v Wade?

With ongoing court action surrounding this summer's anticipated decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization about Mississippi's Gestational Act protecting unborn children after 15 weeks, there is much speculation in the press and among pro-

abortion groups about the future of Roe v Wade and the post-Roe landscape in the nation.

While we are still awaiting a final decision from the Court, media outlets have opined about the landscape in the event of Roe's downfall.

While most pro-abortion organizations adopt a "sky is falling" stance claiming that if Roe were overturned by the Court, abortion would be illegal in a majority of the country; the reality is actually more complicated. Some states have laws protecting unborn children that predate Roe v Wade; other states have taken steps to pass "trigger laws" that would become effective to protect unborn children in the event of Roe's reversal. A plurality of states, including Maryland, either by state court decision or legislative action, would allow abortion on demand within their border.

In Maryland, Democratic lawmakers, 60% of whom were endorsed in the last election by the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), are acting in the best interest of the abortion industry, not Maryland women and families. Maryland was one of the first states to codify Roe v Wade in 1992, which means abortion will remain legal in Maryland unless the legislature repeals that law.

The Maryland primary election in July is the best opportunity for Maryland voters to cure the government of its abortion extremism by electing more pro-life legislators. Now is the time to educate yourself about every candidate's pro-life stance. Your vote does matter and is important.

One more request, pray for the safety of our Supreme Court Justices and their families as they render the final decision. Pray for peace in our nation and that every child may celebrate a birth day!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send our laborers for his harvest." Mt 9:37-38

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Holy Hour for the Intentions of the Ordinandi" and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Wednesday, June 8, Mass at 7:00PM and Holy Hour following Mass from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21—First Holy Communion—5:00 PM Vigil

June 5—Pentecost Sunday June 8—Holy Hour /Mass for Vocations—7:00PM

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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 Protection.

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!

Attention Homeschoolers!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Homeschool Group is proud to host an upcoming local Catholic Homeschool Conference for the second year! Registration for the Conference is now open! Enjoy inspirational talks, used book/curriculum sale, and a chance to win amazing door prizes! Gain inspiration and motivation that will help you prepare for the school year ahead. If you would like to help sponsor the conference, monetary donations can be made out to Saint Anthony Catholic Church with" conference event" on the memo line. If you have questions or items for the used book/curriculum sale, please contact Stephanie Vendetta (stephanie.vendetti@gmail.com) or drop them off in the Saint Anthony parish office. The talks from last year's conference are available and will be sent to those who participated. For those interested that were unable to attend last year, the talks are available for a suggested donation. Please contact Stephanie to get more information.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Homeschool Conference— Saint Anthony Catholic Church, King George, Virginia June 4, 2022 10am-4pm



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