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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 22, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00AM Repose of the soul of William D. Jung

8:00AM Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00AM Repose of the soul of Eugene & Marie Barrett

12:00PM Intentions of Vivian Brown

MONDAY, MAY 23, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul Connie Harris 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Mary Karotko

TUESDAY, MAY 24, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Intentions of Gregory John McGinley 12:00PM Intentions of Dr. Ronald Gripshover

<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, EASTER WEEKDÂY</u>

7:15AM Intentions of James Passmore 12:00PM Intentions of Mike and Sherri Hancock

7:00PM Intentions of Fr. Scott Woods

THURSDAY, MAY 26, SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Robert Turgeon

12:00PM Intentions of Alexa Howard FRIDAY, MAY 27, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Gordan Jackson 12:00PM Healing and forgiveness for Murat and Alcindor Families

SATURDAY, MAY 28, EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00AM Souls in Purgatory

9:00AM Intentions of Dr. Ronald Gripshover

5:00PM Sacred Heart Parishioners

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.

Attention Veterans of Sacred Heart Parish. Please join Deacon Matt in the Friendship Room immediately following the 10AM Mass on Memorial Day for a brief meeting regarding the forming of a Sacred Heart Veterans Group. Spouses are encouraged to attend as well as active duty personnel. Please RSVP to Deacon Matt Laidley by May 27, 2022 via e-mail at mlaidley@sacredheartlaplata.org

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS. The Memorial Day Mass at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. We are pleased to announce that Rev. David W. Beaubien, pastor at St. Aloysius in Leonardtown, will be our main celebrant. Mass is offered each year at this time for the deceased members of the parishes of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties and especially for those who have passed away during the past year. Commemorative reading of the faithful departed will begin at 9:15 a.m. The cemetery is located in Helen, MD on Doctor Johnson Road adjacent to the Mother Catherine Spalding School (Route 238). An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. If you need additional information, your may contact our office at 301-475-5005 or (301) 932-1766.

End of Life Presentation Tuesday, May 31 –7:00PM—Friendship Room

Come and be informed about Catholic end of life issues. What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about the end of life? What is ordinary versus extraordinary means of medical care? This is an opportunity to prepare for the end of life for your loved ones. Presentation given by Fr. Scott, Fr. Jack and Laura Wannall.



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.

St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel. © LPi

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

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 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

Priest's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On Saturday many of our 2nd graders and some of our 3rd graders will make their First Holy Communion. This great sacrament will be their second sacrament of initiation, leaving just Confirmation to complete their sacramental initiation in the Church. And we shouldn't ignore the 23 young people who received confirmation just a few weeks ago. Or the 8 people who received the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. In the past month alone another 9 people have requested Baptisms for their newborns and there are several marriages happening here over the next few months!

I give that quick sacramental update to hopefully inspire a little hope in the current spiritual situation in the parish. And that doesn't include the numerous confessions that are heard throughout the week nor does it include the many people who are returning to Mass after not being able to come these past few years. It is a great sign of the Holy Spirit moving people to return to the Lord or to find Him for the first time! We ought to praise God for that!

But we know that no one comes to the Lord alone. Jesus came to earth in the flesh once and continues to be in-carnate ("in the flesh") to this day. He desires for us to help each other find Him. We must return thanks to God for these souls who are fed in the Eucharist, cleansed in Baptism and Confession, and strengthened in Confirmation. But we should give thanks also to the many people who have helped them along the way.

Primarily to the parents who have instilled faith in them and who gave them life. But also, to the many members of this church community - especially Bill Wannall, our Pastoral Associate, to Anna Albrittain, our youth minister and confirmation coordinator, to the office staff who has done so much to organize and direct those seeking sacramental graces, and to the numerous catechists who have sacrificed so much time in order to form these young Catholics. All of them have done a wonderful job teaching the faith since their year started in September and have earned a prayer of gratitude.

But they also witness to the reality that God wants us to be a part of others' conversions. We need to take seriously the call of Christ to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We, in a mysterious way, take on the flesh of Christ when we invite others to Mass, even those we know will probably say no. We do an act of mercy when we help others to find what they seek, which is ultimately the Lord. So, as we celebrate these wonderful accomplishments, let us also seek to build upon them and build up the Kingdom.

God Bless, Fr. Jack

The flowers placed in the sanctuary this weekend were donated by *Amy Doutt*In Honor of

Genevieve Elder



Please pray for our sick

Ruth Runyan, Deacon Tony Barrasso, Kristina Graham-Wilk, 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, 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.

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

CEMETERY NEWS



- Volunteers are needed to do some sprucing up of the Glen Albin entrance, June 11 @ 10am. Please consider helping
- Do not place any decorations in the ground from April 1 Oct 31. 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
- 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

Blessing of the Child in the Womb



This special blessing will be offered to all mothers for the child within her womb at all Masses on May 28th and 29th. We recall how the Blessed Mother visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and how her child leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's greeting. We celebrate the feast of the Visitation on May 31st.

End of Life Presentation will be held on Tuesday

evening, May 31st, at 7pm with Fr. Scott, Fr. Jack, and Laura Wannall.

In light of the promise of sharing in divine life, which Christians believe will reach its full realization in eternity, life on earth is not our final destination. Nonetheless, life remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.

A desire for good health and a long life are aspirations common to almost everyone. Advances in medical technologies bring with them new promises of curing disease and living longer, healthier lives than ever before. But new medical capabilities can also be the source of heightened patient anxiety about a needless prolonged, painful, and expensive dying process. Medical advances bring with them new and complex questions regarding medical treatments and moral decision making.

It is important not to let the questions raised by new technologies eclipse what should be transcendent and grace-filled moments in the dying process: attending to spiritual needs, healing broken relationships, and saying goodbye. Our Catholic faith offers both a long tradition of reflection and a wealth of teaching to help guide us through these complicated issues.

Difficult decisions about the use of medical technologies at the end of life may be made easier if we take the time to express our wishes about end-of-life treatments before illness strikes. In order to make wise decisions about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches, and to discern what kind of advance medical directives to prepare, it is important that Catholics be familiar with what our faith teaches about human life.

Please join us for this faith-filled presentation.

Next weekend, May 29 the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places where they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your generosity.

Couples Reflection on Marriage and the Family

Come close out the Year of the Family with a Deacon-led Morning of Reflection as four local deacons provide talks on marriage and the family. Target audience is married couples of all ages. Holy Hour from 8:00-9:00AM, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:00AM, Talks from 10:00AM-12:00Noon. Please join Deacon Jim Tittinger, Deacon Ron Burns, Deacon Bill Scott and Deacon Matt Laidley on **Saturday, June 11** at Our Lady Help of Christian's in Waldorf, MD. Please RSVP to mlaidley@sacredheartlaplata.org by June 8, 2022.

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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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

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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.

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