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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, JULY 3, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

7:00AM	Repose of the soul of Crystal Wedding
8:00AM	Intentions of Marian Rose Brown
9:00AM	Repose of the soul of Keith Hettel
12:00PM	Repose of the soul of Justin Dean Santiago

MONDAY, JULY 4, WEEKDAY; INDEPENDENCE DAY

7:15AM	Repose of the soul of Ruth Runyan
10:00am	Repose of the soul of Ruth Runyan

TUESDAY, JULY 5, WEEKDAY

7:15AM	Intentions of Fr. Sam Plummer
12:00PM	Intentions of Carole Cacacio

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, SAINT MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN

AND MARTYR

7:15AM	Vocations to the Carmel of the Port Tobacco
12:00PM	Repose of the soul of Tom and all who suffer from dementia
7:00PM	Newly Ordained priest of the ADW

THURSDAY, JULY 7, WEEKDAY

7:15AM	Repose of the soul of Ruth Runyan
12:00PM	Repose of the soul of Gilbert Hoffman, Jr.

FRIDAY, JULY 8, WEEKDAY

7:15AM	Intentions of Betty Coombs
12:00PM	Repose of the soul of Robert Mitchell

SATURDAY, JULY 9, WEEKDAY

8:00AM	Repose of the soul of Eleanor Gibbons
9:00AM	Intentions of Susan Mecteau
5:00PM	Repose of the soul of Robert Turgeon

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.

FAREWELL FOR FR. JACK TODAY—SUNDAY—JULY 3

Come send Fr. Jack off with your prayers and best wishes. Stop by the Friendship Room and have donuts/coffee following ALL Sunday Masses TODAY and wish Fr. Jack the best on his new assignment as Administrator, St. Edward the Confessor in Bowie.

THIS MONDAY, JULY 4, IS INDEPENDENCE DAY, A FEDERAL HOLIDAY. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM (Carmel) and 10:00AM (Sacred Heart). The parish office will be closed, but if an emergency situation should arise and you need to contact a priest simply dial **301-648-8783**.



**Synod
2021
2023**

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

On February 19, 2022 a meeting was held as requested by Pope Francis to discuss the Synod questions provided by the Archdiocese. The "Synod" is worldwide Catholic initiative to better understand the needs of the Parish communities with the ultimate goal of increasing broad church participation by all members. The meeting was productive. Over 30 parishioners were in attendance, and we collected over 100 ideas and comments.

As a parish, we decided to focus on the below listed items. These issues were deemed to have the greatest impact on our parish participation and faith journey. We hope to initiate the following this year:

Effective ways to get more youth involved in the parish

Youth adoration time, with direction from the priests

Start a mom's and kids' lunch, where mothers with young children can get together

Help the parish go deeper in understanding of the mass by preaching about it in the fall

Post parish council meeting dates and minutes on the website &/or bulletin

Ministry fair, where the parish can learn about the different ministries and who is involved

Make our parish more welcoming to old and new members

Evangelization classes, to help the parish better understand how to talk about our Faith with others

Meet yearly for feedback session to review changes made and discover any additional needs to be addressed.

This list is not all inclusive of everything brought up, but these are some ways we can begin to grow as a family. We all need to be involved to grow our parish and make it a holy, reverent, and exciting place to meet the Lord. Your participation is encouraged to help us grow in these areas. If you would like lead one of the above efforts or be involved as a volunteer to implement the idea, please call or email Concetta at the church office.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRIESTS CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the most difficult things to do as a priest is to say good bye to a parish. This parish may be harder for me to say good bye to than most for many reasons. These last two years have been difficult in a number of ways, starting with coming to the parish during COVID, continuing with a pastor switch, and losing two major pillars of the parish in the past few months. But I will carry with me the great many graces I have received in my time here. I cannot count the number of sacraments that have been conferred. I will remember the very many expressions of love that you have shown me. But most of all this parish is difficult to say goodbye because of all of you. This parish has shown its desire to know and love our God so clearly and wonderfully, it is truly a great place to be a priest.

I am very grateful to God for having placed me here in His Providence. I want to express my thanks to Fr. Larry and Fr. Scott for being such wonderful pastors to me during my time here. I also want to thank the Deacons who have faithfully served this parish, Bil Carter, Matt Laidley, and Al Graham. I especially want to thank the entire staff for their great friendship and dedication, each one of them works extremely hard to assist the running of the parish. There are too many volunteers and wonderful parishioners to count, let alone to name them all here, but please know that I am honored to know you and work with all of you.

Please know that as I continue my priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington that I will carry you all in prayer with me. My next assignment will now be as the Administrator at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Bowie. If you would like to remain in contact my email is fatherjack-berard@gmail.com and my mailing address is 16304 Pond Meadow Lane, Bowie, MD 20716

May God continue to bless each one of you,

Fr. Jack

St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal. Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men. After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever. Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.



Please pray for our sick

Betty Barnes, Cynthia Gray, John Goldring, Tayloni Tuttle, Deacon Tony Barrasso, Kristina Graham-Wilk, Charlie Tynysson, Rosa Wacke, Alberta Keys, Joe Lawrence, Marlene Sprouse, Ruth Watson, David and Cathy Osborne, Susan Murphy, Michelle Goldsmith, Harry Fraunfelder, Mary Charlotte Yates, Teresa Shuttters, Jim Isaac, Ralph Johnson, Calvin Ware, Wanda Woodland, Paul Wills, Louissette 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, 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of June 19 thru June 26, 2022

(Weekly Budgeted Amount for Offertory = \$13,076.92)

\$ 6,536.00 (Envelopes, Loose Checks, Cash)
3,984.35 (OSV Online)

\$10,520.35

CEMETERY NEWS



• Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery, LaPlata has the only columbarium in Charles County. For more information call Catholic Cemeteries 301-932-1766

• Please do not place any decorations in the ground from April 1 - Oct 31. If they are found 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 in need of fill dirt it is Free and available for pickup

• Contact Gene Ambrogio 301-934-1607 or genecyte@yahoo.com for more information



A Message from Archbishop William Lori, chairman of USCCB's committee on Pro-Life Activities, on the Supreme Court Ruling

Dear Friends in Christ,

June 24, 2022 has been a monumental day as the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and in so doing affirmed that the constitution does not confer a right to abortion. As Catholics, believers, and people of goodwill, this decision is also a call for us to redouble our efforts to create opportunities that provide women with alternative choices to abortion. It is important that we surround women in difficult pregnancies with love and compassion as well as the services they need as mothers.

So many people have worked and prayed for years that this day would come. We give thanks that those prayers have been answered and that work has borne fruit. At the same time, we must prayerfully consider the challenge with which we are presented. The Court's decision brings this issue back to the states, and in Maryland, abortion, sadly, remains the law of this state. As Catholics, we must now work even harder to win over hearts and minds as we meet the needs that arise for mothers who are tempted to see abortion as their only option. It is our job to convince each person of the sanctity of every life and work to ensure they can see Christ's light and love at work in us.

We also recognize that this will be a turbulent time in our nation. As such, we must continue to pray for peace and civility throughout our country. Working together with all people of goodwill, let us see in this moment a turning point in our work of building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

In Christ,
Archbishop William Lori

This July 4th weekend, let us stand together as proud Americans that the gift of life has been upheld for our unborn children. Let us ask God to bless the USA.

NEW GROUP FORMING

Caregiver Support Group "Caring for the Caregiver"

A caregiver support group is forming and the first meeting will be **July 24 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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ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL – JOB OPENINGS

Archbishop Neale School has the following teaching positions available for the 2022-2023 school year: Kindergarten Teacher and Primary Math Resource Teacher. Please contact Teresa Skinner, Principal, via email at tskinner@archbishopnealeschool.org or by calling the school office at 301-934-9595.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

I would like to have flowers placed on the altar

IN HONOR OF _____

Weekend of _____

Given by _____

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 — \$50.00

Reminder—The rosary will continue to be said on Sunday mornings during the month of July at 8:30 am prior to the 9:00 am Mass. Please join fellow parishioners on Sunday mornings.



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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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