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Parish Office Hours 9 AM-5 PM (closed 11:45 AM-1:00 PM)

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays: Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (Rosary at 4:20 PM)

Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

8:00 AM (Carmelite Monastery)

#### **DAILY MASSES:**

Monday thru Friday - 12:00 Noon

7:15 AM (Carmelite Monastery)

Saturday - 8:00 AM (Carmelite Monastery), 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND FEDERAL **HOLIDAYS:**

11:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Holy Hour

11:30 AM — 12:00 PM, Confessions 12:00 PM — 12:30 PM, Mass 12:30 PM — 1:00 PM, Confessions

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

(Before and After Most Masses)

- First Fridays: 6:30-8:00 PM

- Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

- By appointment

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

M. Tu. Th. 12:30-8:30 PM. and F 12:30-5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: Confessions 6:30-8:00 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 Christine Bowman at (240) 901-2255 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

Please call Mr. William Wannall at (240) 901-2252 to arrange for instruction about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD): We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program. K thru Grade 8, meets Sundays, 10:30-11:40 AM at ANS, September thru May.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:**

To arrange for "at home Communion," call 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 9:00 AM Sat. Mass. Rosary on Sunday at 8:30 AM before 9:00 AM Mass and Saturday at 4:30 PM before 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Room.

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members to our parish family. Registration forms can be found on our website. For admission to our religious education program, reception of the sacraments, or to receive a letter for sponsorship outside the parish, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the ministries of the church.



#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners 8:00 AM Intentions of Marco Cerritelli

9:00 AM Repose of the soul of Phyllis Marie Schiavone

12:00 PM Repose of the soul of George Pals

### MONDAY, APRIL 29, SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIR-

GIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Betty Jo Hoff
12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Rev. Desmond P.
Murphy

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 30, SAÎNT PIUS V, POPE

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Candido Morrobel and Julio Morrobel

12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Billie Porter

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

7:15 AM Intentions of John Coleman

12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Michael Francis Knecht THURSDAY, MAY 2, SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND

### DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Michael Birmingham

12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Marie Martin

### FRIDAY, MAY 3, SAINTS PHILLIP AND JAMES,

APOSTLES

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Frank Stoltz
12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Marie Martin
7:00 PM Intentions of Msgr. McGready

### SATURDAY, MAY 4, EASTER WEEKDAY; VIGIL: SIXTH

SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM Repose of the soul of Robert Jacobs 9:00 AM Repose of the soul of Marie Martin 5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Rosauro Capulong

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



#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration for our 2024 Sacred Heart Summer Camp is open! Camp runs from June 17 - July 26—6 weeks of fun and faith with different activities each week that focus on a wide variety of interests: art camps, dance camps, sports camps, outdoor camps, science camps, computer camps, and more! Children can be signed up for as many weeks of camp as they want, and Sacred Heart Summer Camp is open to all children ages 4-13 even if they are not members of our parish. No matter what camp they sign up for, they will get to experience times of prayer and faith lessons throughout the week led by our high school and college counselors, as well as local priests and seminarians, plus Camp Mass each Friday morning! For more information and to register, go to <a href="https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html">https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html</a>.

### May Procession and Crowning of Mary May 5, 2024—Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sacred Heart parish is pleased to facilitate a May procession and crowning of Our Lady. We are inviting all children grade K-8 to participate. We invite the children who received their First Holy Communion on April 20th to wear their First Communion attire. All children are encouraged to wear their 'Sunday best.'

Mary is truly our spiritual mother. We are happy to honor her, and express our love for her through this sacred tradition!

- Children should sit with their family during Mass, and will be directed to go to the back of the church after Mass.
- Members of the Sodality will give each child a flower to place in front of Our Blessed Mother and one girl who was confirmed this year will be asked to crown Our Mother.
- Sodality members will assist the children with the procession.



Sunday, May 12 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.

The novena will begin on Sunday, May 12th and conclude on Monday, May 20. Special cards and envelopes will be available at all entrances beginning today, **Sunday**, **April 28th**. This is a wonderful way to remember our mothers, grandmothers, friends, and relatives living and deceased.

Please submit your envelope with the name(s) no later than **Thursday**, **May 9**, to the office or through the offertory collection. All envelopes will be placed in the sanctuary next to the Blessed Mother statue during the novena of Masses.

THIS WEEKS SECOND COLLECTION is for CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL WITHIN THE US. Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the

Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services including evangelization, religious education, the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. Thank you for your support and generosity.



THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY. Devotions will take place here at Sacred Heart on Friday, May 3rd, beginning with confessions at 6:30—7:30 PM and Mass celebrated at 7:00 PM with all-night adoration. All parishioners

are encouraged to spend an hour with our Lord.

"Jesus Himself is calling you to spend one special, specific hour with Him each Week." (St. John Paul II)

### Gospel – John 15:1-8—April 28, 2024

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in med will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### GOSPEL MEDITATION—ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 28, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth which they happily did telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would <u>never</u> prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2). I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

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### Please pray for our sick

Mary R. Farmer, Mildred Samuel, Margie Simpson, Joey Simpson, Tyler Zacchero, Kristina Graham Wilk, Destiny Puleio, Mary Ann Lyles, Laura Farmer, Tom Hicks, Antwuan Knott, Rose Radcliff, Andre Barnes, Dana Fowler, John Wills, Msgr. Oliver McGready, Fr. Rory Conley, Fr. Mike King, Fr. David Brault, Fr. Larry Swink, Fr. Ron Potts, Janet Proctor, Paul Eric Neal, Jr., Lorenzo Neal, Randolph Androsik, Anthony Pruett, Elroy Hemsley, Theodore Cooper, Mary Watts, Beverly Brown, Joycelynn Monica Androsik, Marilyn Edelen, Brenda Monshower, Tyrone Mason, Mike Runfola, Hugh C. Gardiner, III, Joanne Doyle, Monique Lamoureux, Roy Tolson, Hamilton Mason, Kathy Greene, Agnes Theresa Proctor, Mary Krug, Bill Harker, Linda Welch, Dr. John Lucero, Sr., Caeli Gloriae, Brian Wasko, Rick Cerza, Jean Lawrence, Joe Gardiner, George Jackson, David Hoffmaster, Wes Dintaman, Jimmy Richards, Jr., John Hoza, Pam Hanes, 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.

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#### SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 5—May Procession and Crowning of Mary— Following 9:00 AM Mass

June 17-July 26—Summer Camp

### Solemn Profession and Veiling

Mark your calendar for the Solemn Profession and Veiling of Sister Dolores Peter of Jesus Crucified and the Precious Blood on **Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** Reception will follow.

### **Cemetery News**



If you are interested in purchasing a gravesite or columbarium niche in our parish cemetery contact Catholic Cemeteries, 301-932-1766. There are approximately 650 gravesites and 15 niches left.

During the mowing season please refrain from placing decorations on gravesite grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

### St. Gianna Beretta Molla

### RESPECT LIFE

- St. Gianna Beretta Molla is a modernday saint for the sanctity of human life. Here are ten things that you should know about St. Gianna Molla.
- 1. St. Gianna's feast day is today, April
- 28, the day of her birth into her new life in Heaven. She is known as the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.
- 2. St. Gianna grew up in a large family of 13 children though only eight survived to adulthood. Her parents were both members of the Third Order of Saint Francis. One of her siblings, Enrico Beretta, is a Servant of God.
- 3. St. Gianna was always devoted to her faith and had a heart for service. She was involved in Catholic Action and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She loved to care for those in need especially the elderly.
- 4. St. Gianna was a pediatrician. She opened her own pediatric practice. Her dream was to offer gynecology services to poor women alongside her missionary brother, but due to her own chronic health issues this dream was not possible.
- 5. St. Gianna married Pietro Molla in 1953. She referred to her marriage as a "Sacrament of Love" and knew it was her path to Heaven. Pietro died in 2010 but he was alive as Gianna was canonized!
- 6. The Mollas had four children on earth and two miscarried babies in Heaven. Three of their children, Pierluigi, Laura, and Gianna, are still alive today! Their second child, Mariolina, died at age 7.
- 7. St. Gianna had a very difficult fourth pregnancy and was advised to abort her child. She had developed a fibroma on her uterus and opted to remove the fibroma rather than have an abortion or a hysterectomy.
- 8. St. Gianna died one week after giving birth at the age of 39. Though her daughter, Gianna, was delivered safely, St. Gianna's health took a turn for the worse after the birth.
- 9. St. Gianna was canonized on May 16, 2004. The miracle that was attributed to her canonization was a mother who prayed desperately to Blessed Gianna to save her baby. The baby was miraculously delivered in perfect health despite the lack of amniotic fluid in the mother's womb.
- 10. The first pro-life women's healthcare center in New York is named after St. Gianna. There are three center locations handling infertility, pregnancy, and teaching the Natural Family Planning ("NFP") method.

On this feast day, St. Gianna Molla, pray for us!

### **Angels Watch Meal Donations Needed**

In addition to Sacred Heart providing meals on the First Friday of each month, Angels Watch is looking for additional donors, who are looking to share their blessings and talents with the most vulnerable members of our community. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joe Ward at 301-870-8724.

### ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL ANS NEWS

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for aftercare workers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Margaret Morrismmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-7005.

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact the school office-office@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-9595.

ANS is currently enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact the admissions director, Mrs. Elaine Cadrette at <a href="mailto:admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org">admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org</a> for more information and to schedule a tour.

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Philip and James, also known as St. Philip the Apostle and St. James the Less, were two of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. Although they are often overshadowed by some of the more well-known apostles such as Peter, Paul, and John, Philip and James played important roles in the early Christian church<sup>1</sup>. Let's delve into their stories: **James**, Son of Alphaeus. We know little about this man except his name and the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, which is His Church. He is not the James of Acts, who was the son of Clopas, a "brother" of Jesus, and later became the bishop of Jerusalem. The traditional author of the Letter of James is also a different James. To avoid confusion with James the son of Zebedee, who was also an apostle and known as James the Greater, James, son of Alphaeus, is sometimes referred to as James the Lesser. Philip: Philip hailed from the same town as Peter and Andrew: Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, and Philip, in turn, sought out Nathanael, telling him about the "one about whom Moses wrote." Like the other apostles, Philip took time to realize who Jesus was. For instance, when faced with the challenge of feeding a great multitude, Philip responded practically, calculating the cost of buying enough food for everyone. On another occasion, Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, to which Jesus replied, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." (young-catholics.com)



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