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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays: Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (Rosary before Mass)
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
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)
Saturday - 8:00 AM (Carmel), 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS:

As Announced.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily in the Adoration Chapel
7:00-9:00 PM each Wednesday in the Main Church

BAPTISMS:

Last Sunday of the month after 11:30 AM Mass.
Attendance at Baptism Class Required. Contact Deacon
Al Graham at 301-932-0968.

ADULT BAPTISM OR RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Please call the parish office to arrange for the instructions about
our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (October thru May).

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION:

- **First Fridays:** 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- **Wednesdays:** 7:00—9:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- **By appointment**

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact a priest or deacon at least six months
before the anticipated date. Please do not make any other
arrangements until a date is set with a priest or deacon.
Participation in a preparation program is required.

PASTORAL STAFF & OFFICES

REV. LAWRENCE C. SWINK, *Pastor*
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PARISH OFFICE:

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ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL:

104 Port Tobacco Road - (301) 934-9595 or (301) 870-3679
Grades Pre-K thru 8. After school day care.
Mrs. Linda Bourne, *Principal*

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203 St. Mary's Avenue - (301) 934-3386
(Office located in lower level of the Church)
Deacon Anthony T. Barrasso, *Director*

MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND, HOSPITAL & NURSING HOMES:

205 St. Mary's Avenue - (301) 934-2261
Deacon Walter G. Rourke, *Director*

YOUTH MINISTRY:

205 St. Mary's Avenue — (301) 934-2261
Ms. Anna Albrittain, *Director*

YOUTH NIGHT:

(Grades 6-12) Second Saturday, Sept. thru May, 4:00-8:00 PM

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Music Office - 205 St. Mary's Avenue - (301) 934-2261
Mrs. Patricia Lane, *Director*

CHURCH PLANT MANAGEMENT:

205 St. Mary's Avenue - (301) 934-2261 or (301) 870-3895
Mr. John Hayden, *Director*

LANDINGS (Ministry to Inactive Catholics):

Mr. William Wannall, *Director* — 240-416-3407

FIRST FRIDAY:

Confessions 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Mass & Devotions to the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:

Weekly during May & October.
Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary after 8 AM Mass each
Saturday.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

K thru Grade 8, meets Sundays, 10:15 - 11:15 AM at ANS,
September thru May. Confirmation students in grades 7 & 8
contact Religious Education Office for schedule.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, September thru May.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please
register as soon as possible. To be eligible for admission
to our CCD 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, attending the sacraments and
supporting the ministries of the church. When moving from the
parish, please notify the office.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 9:00 AM TUESDAY!

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Marie Smith
8:00 AM Special Intention of Mother Virginia Marie
9:00 AM Phyllis Miller
11:30 AM Charles Gallagher

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, WEEKDAY

7:15 AM Frank and Eunice Wyvill
12:00 PM Charles Gallagher
7:00 PM All Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY

7:15 AM Deceased Relatives, Benefactors & Friends of Carmel
12:00 PM All Souls
7:00 PM Ellen Schmitz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, ALL SOULS DAY

7:15 AM Deceased Relatives, Benefactors & Friends of Carmel
12:00 PM All Souls
7:00 PM All Souls

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, WEEKDAY

7:15 AM Deceased Relatives, Benefactors & Friends of Carmel
12:00 PM All Souls

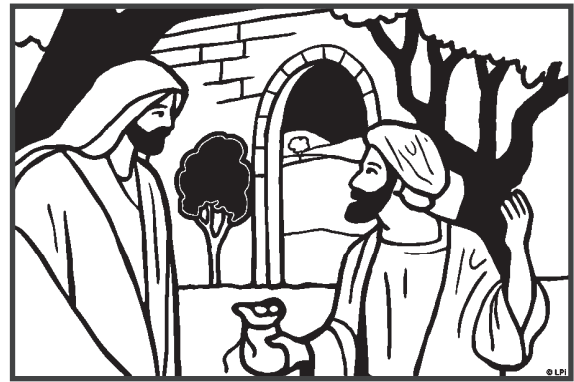
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

7:15 AM Fernandez Brothers
12:00 PM All Souls
7:00 PM Intentions of Fr. Martin Flum

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, WEEKDAY; VIGIL 31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Deceased Relatives, Benefactors & Friends of Carmel
9:00 AM All Souls
5:00 PM Mary Forney

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



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

ALL SOULS DAY

This is the day we set aside to pray for all the dead who have gone before us. Christians, dead and living, are all one body. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing for the living. To prepare for All Souls Day, graves are weeded and planted with flowers or decorated with gravel. In some places, cemeteries are filled with burning candles. Many families remember the dead each year by giving alms to the poor or by planting a tree or by donating to a hospital. In some places, families have a picnic in the graveyard. Extra portions of food are set aside for the dead to share. In Latin America, the Day of the Dead is not gloomy or sad. It is filled with life. Vendors sell candles in the shapes of skulls, skeletons and coffins. Newspapers have fake death notices for politicians and movie stars as a way to poke fun at people in power. People make little figures of skeletons going about day-to-day activities. People bring candles and foods to cemeteries and spend much time there. A long time ago in England people went from door to door on this day and begged for "soul cakes." The people sang a carol, "Soul, soul, soul cake! Please, good people, a soul cake! One for Peter, two for Paul, three for God who made us all." This may be how the custom of trick-or-treating started. All Souls Day can be spent telling the stories of the dead. Photo albums, scrapbooks and anything that helps spark memories are all part of the celebration. For many Christians in Mediterranean lands, on All Souls Day, the dead arrive with gifts. Children especially receive treats so that they're happy to be visited by the dead. Many Christians set up shrines for the dead. Everything that reminds people of the departed can be collected in the shrine. Chrysanthemums and marigolds and fragrant herbs have a place too. Their aromas are said to assist the memory. All Souls Day reminds us that it's good to speak about the dead, and to remember and to pray. The church continues the remembrance throughout this month of November. Days are short and growing shorter. The growing darkness can remind us of the end of days, when time will be no more. At this season we ask God to speed up the coming of the kingdom, where justice will flower, where life will be lived in all its fullness, where death itself will die.

OUR MEN'S SPIRITUAL GROUP will meet this Monday evening, October 31 at 7:00 PM in the Religious Education Office. All men of the parish are welcome and urged to attend. For more information, please contact Deacon Tony Barrasso at 301-934-3386.

ALL SAINTS DAY is Tuesday, November 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be as follows: Vigil Monday, October 31st, 7:00PM; Tuesday, November 1st at 7:15AM (Mount Carmel), 12 Noon, and 7:00PM. On Wednesday, November 2nd, **All Souls Day**, an additional Mass will be held at 7:00 PM.

ALL SOULS: The Catholic Church has traditionally set aside the month of November as a month in which we remember all our departed loved ones. At this time of the year, days are short and growing shorter, and we ask God to speed up the coming of the kingdom, where justice will flower, where life will be lived in all its fullness, where death itself will die. Here in our parish, one Mass is offered each day of the month for all those whose names are submitted to us on the special All Souls envelopes included in your monthly envelope packets. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church or at the parish office. Please drop these envelopes in the collection basket, mail them in or bring them by the parish office. During the month of November, they will be on display in the sanctuary near the altar and pulpit area as a reminder of our daily remembrance of our departed loved ones in our prayers.



Rev. Cary Hill, Nicki Thorne, Louis C. Swann, Sr., Jerome Stewart, Karen Stewart, Wayne Yates, Clara Thorne, Leo McGinley, Julia White, Nell Schwartz, Elroy Hemsley, Louise Frederick, Dierdre Snyder, Sandy Manuel, Larry Lee, Terry Tedrow, Francis Radcliff, Sr., William John Blake, Ann Chadwick, George Thomas, Christine Bowles, Barbara Segert, Gertrude Warren, Terrie Ballenger-Wilson, Terry Minton, Irene Spalding, Dan Bowes, Jean Middleton, Baby Hayden Clarke Hettel, Julia White, Ryan Lane, Margaret Foster, Rose Radcliff, Leila Hicks, Barbara Mohler, Patty Gyorda, Marie Martin, Fritz & Jane Hoffmann, Marvin Pitts, Joe Gardiner, Cindy Brigman, Mitchell Runyan, Maggie Wyman, George Jackson, Dave Forbes, Samuel Posey, Ann Yates, Mary Barkofsky, Margie Simpson, Gianna Grace, Jamie Seith, Randy Martin, Judy Clopton, Bobby Jacobs, Maria McGuigan, Cecelia Kozlowski, Mary Ellen Starkey, Norma Hancock, David & Kathryn Newman, Tim Knecht, Audrey Ellis, Lisa Frazer, Mya Gahan, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL of *Juliana Montiero.*

THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY. Devotions will take place here at Sacred Heart beginning with Confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The Rosary is recited at 6:30 PM, and Mass is celebrated at 7:00 PM, with a holy hour followed by all-night adoration. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

OUR MOTHER'S GROUP is meeting Friday, November 4, at 10:30 AM at Wills Park, weather permitting. Mothers or caretakers of babies, preschoolers and school-age children are welcome to join us by themselves or with children of any age. To learn more or get on the email list, contact Daina Currano at 301-910-6203 or dainacurrano@gmail.com. We will also meet November 18 and December 2, and 16.

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. To do so, 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 — \$30.00**



Purgatory: It's Not a Dead Issue!

This upcoming month of November in the Catholic Church we set aside as a special time to pray for those who have died. One of the most misunderstood doctrines of the Catholic Church is Purgatory. I would like to talk about three things in today's bulletin: 1) What is Purgatory? 2) Where is it in Scripture? 3) What can we do for the souls in Purgatory?

What is Purgatory?

The Catechism defines Purgatory as:

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

So, Purgatory is a state of being where a soul that does not die in a "perfect state" goes through some painful purification that allows them to "achieve the holiness" to enter Heaven.

Now it is God that does this purification. God's purifying action means getting rid of all impurities. You may find yourself after death still burdened with bad tendencies, e.g. a tendency to get angry or a tendency to be lazy...That is why purgatory is a great blessing. It frees you completely from even the slightest defects, and burns away all evil tendencies.

Where is Purgatory in the Scriptures?

Many non-Catholics say that Purgatory is not real because the word "Purgatory" is not in the Bible. While it is true that the word "Purgatory" is not in scripture, it is not true that a "purification after death" is not in scripture. Listed below are several scriptural verses that speak of a purification after death:

Matthew 5:48 - be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (perfection is to be strived for on earth)

Matthew 12:32 - sin against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, in this age, or the next

Matthew 12:36 - you will have to account for every idle word on judgment day

1 Corinthians 3:10-16 - If someone's work is burned ... the person will be saved, but only as through fire"

Rev. 21:27: "Nothing unclean will enter it" (it meaning Heaven)

Finally, what can we do for the souls in Purgatory?

Pray for them and offer up the Holy Mass for them.

There is a famous scene in the St. Augustine's book "the Confessions" where she (St. Monica) tells Augustine shortly before she dies:

"Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern.

One thing only I ask you,

that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

We do this every November. In the back of the Church this weekend there are envelopes that you can write your deceased family and friends names on. All donations for the Masses will be used for scholarships for Parishioners and needy parents who want to go on the Men's and Women's retreats.

Also, we can offer little sufferings (waiting in traffic, not cutting corners in our prayer, keeping our cool in inconvenient situations). Prayers and sufferings can also be offered for ourselves so that we do not have to spend as much time in Purgatory when we die. So, remember those who have died and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory!

In Christ,

Fr. Larry



SCHOOL NEWS

FUN, FREE PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT ANS

Archbishop Neale School in La Plata is inviting parish families with children ages 2 to 4 to enjoy Mommy & Me (or Daddy & Me) activities twice a month at the school. Little Eagles Gym will feature fun, physical playtime the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m. (except in April). You may also join us for Little Eagles Storytime the first Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (except in March). Both of these opportunities are free and a parent or guardian is required to stay with their children. The first Little Eagles Storytime will be on November 4 at 9:00 a.m. and the first Little Eagles Gym will be on November 9 at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please email library@archbishopnealeschool.org.

GET THOSE GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS & HELP ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL! Safeway, Giant, Food Lion, Hunan Star and BJ's. Also Ledo's, Panera Bread and Starbucks ready for walk-in sales every Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Online are Kohl's, Walmart, Best Buy, Target and all your favorites. Just tell us what cards you want and we will place your order for you. Call the Certificate Office at ANS any Friday, and they will help you get started to order online at www.shopwithscript.com (their non-profit Enrollment Code is **149576L5816**). Card orders placed by Monday will be sent to the school and ready for pick-up on Friday. Just bring your check or cash when you pick up your cards. Please call the school at 301-934-9595.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO): Do you have a child or family friend that is interested in participating in the Diocese of Washington's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) 14U (U=Under) Mid-Atlantic Division Boys' basketball program? Sacred Heart Parish is fielding a Boys-14U team for the 2016-17 season. So, if you belong to Sacred Heart or a Surrounding Parish in Southern Maryland; Attend a Southern Maryland Catholic School with No School Team - you may attend try-outs and demonstrate your skills. **TRY-OUT LOCATION:** Archbishop Neale School Sacred Heart Gymnasium 104 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, MD 20646 | **31 October @ 7PM.** League Play Runs from December 3rd through March 5th 2017 (City Championship) with Holiday Breaks built-in. For additional information, please contact Coach Ernest Chambers Jr. or Patrick Thall at 702-813-3557 or 301-643-5744. You may also email them at sacredheartcyoballers@gmail.com

SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS: Please consider helping two of our young parishioners and altar servers, Hannah and Lily Jane Hoffman, in their Corporal Work of Mercy Mission to collect 1,500 pairs of socks for the homeless in our area. Socks are one of the most needed items in our local shelters during the winter months. They are collecting BRAND NEW socks for babies, women, men, girls, and boys. A box will be placed in the back of the church for drop off. All socks must be collected by **December 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Hoffman at 301-934-7120 or hoffmanvicki@gmail.com.

LORETTA & MARY'S PANTRY will be hosting a food distribution for those in need that will offer various fresh produce items from the Pantry on the Go Program through the Maryland Food Bank this coming Tuesday, Nov. 1, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM here at Sacred Heart. You will be required to sign in at the event. Please bring cloth grocery bags if you have them. For more information, contact John Pugh at 301-643-5708.

FATHER PITTMAN AND THE BODY OF CHRIST FARM want to thank all of you as participants, as bakers, purchasers of baked goods, and donors in last week's Mission Sunday bake sale. Profits here at Sacred Heart were \$1022 which will go to support medical missions to Haiti.

COMMUNITY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Retreat for Young Men

Young men in grades 11 and 12 are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary for the Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat on November 4-6: a weekend of exploring seminary life. Meet the seminarians, plays sports, and hear great talks! Go to <http://www.dcpriest.org/events/all-vocation-events/> to register.

Field Trip with Fr. Stokes!

All young men are invited to join Fr. Stokes on a trip to the Marine Corps Museum on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Contact the youth minister for more information.

Sacred Heart Softball Game

Youth are invited to another Sacred Heart softball game: Team Swink vs. Team Plummer! The game will be Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2:30 pm at Milton Somers Middle School. You can wear your Halloween costume, and the most creative costume wins a Greene Turtle Dinner! Afterwards everyone will meet at the Greene Turtle for drinks and food.

November Youth Night

Mark your calendars for the next Youth Night! Students in high school and middle school are invited on Saturday, November 12 at St. Joseph's! We begin with Mass at 4 pm and then move to the hall for dinner and more! Donations are greatly appreciated – hope to see you there!

Check out www.ccympcharlescounty.wix.com/ccym for announcements, forms, pictures, and more!

Follow us on Instagram @ ccympcharlescounty

Join our Facebook Group: Community Catholic Youth Ministry

Don't forget to register for Community Catholic Youth Ministry on Sacred Heart's Flocknotes

To respond for any event or if you have questions, or want to be added to the CCYM email list send an email to ccym.coordinator@gmail.com.

BISHOP MCNAMARA FALL MUSICAL: Bishop McNamara High School, Fine Arts Department presents "Man of La Mancha." Performances are Friday, Nov. 11th and Saturday, Nov. 12th at 7:30PM; Sunday, Nov. 13th at 6:00PM; Friday, Nov. 18th and Saturday, Nov. 19th at 7:30PM; and Sunday, November 20th at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$10 at www.bmhs.org—On Sale NOW!

SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S CHOIR We are looking for more children to participate in our children's choir at Sacred Heart. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the Month. They are also preparing to sing at the Christmas Concert in December and for the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Music Room (Right past the nursery in the Friendship Room). Any questions, call Trish Lane 301-751-8058.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SACRED HEART We are looking for volunteers who would like to participate in the music ministry at Sacred Heart. This includes pianists, organists, guitarists, vocalists and instrumentalists. We would also like to welcome new ideas regarding music ministry at Sacred Heart. We currently are in need of members for our Gospel Choir, our Traditional Choir and we could use some Sopranos at the 9:00am Mass. Anyone interested or having ideas or questions, please contact Trish Lane at 301-751-8058.



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