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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.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday thru Friday - 7:15 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery);
12:00 Noon (Sacred Heart)
Saturday - 8:00 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery); 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays: Vigil at 5:00 PM with Rosary at 4:20 PM (Sacred Heart)
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:00 PM (Sacred Heart)
8:00 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

M, Tu, W, & Th, 12:30-8:30 PM, and F 12:30-5:30 PM (Sacred Heart)

FIRST FRIDAY: Mass 7:00 PM followed by Devotional Prayers to the Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE—SACRED HEART:

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

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: To arrange for this Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM: For children younger than 7 years old, parents should fill out the online "Request Form" under Sacraments / Baptism on the parish webpage. For scheduling or questions, call the office manager at least one month in advance of preferred date to attend a preparation class.

HOLY EUCHARIST: To arrange for "at-home Communion," call the homebound coordinator or the parish office.

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.

RECONCILIATION:

- **30 Minutes Before and After Most Masses** (Sacred Heart)
- **First Fridays**: 6:30-8:00 PM (Sacred Heart)
- **Saturdays**: 4:00-4:45 PM (Sacred Heart)
- **By appointment**

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Weekly during May & October. Miraculous Medal Novena/Rosary after 9:00 AM Saturday 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 4th Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Room.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD): We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program for K thru Grade 8 that meets Sundays, 10:30-11:40 AM at ANS, September thru May. Registration available on the parish website; questions, contact the Pastoral Associate.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Please contact the Pastoral Associate to arrange for instruction about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM.

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

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Repose of the soul of David Ross
 8:00 AM Repose of the soul of Josh Lunger
 9:00 AM Repose of the soul of Charles Turner
 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Miller

MONDAY, JULY 29, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Hilda Hopkins
 12:00 PM Intentions of Michael Zabiegalski

TUESDAY, JULY 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 AM Repose of the souls of Candido Morrobel and Julio Morrobel
 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Charles Richardson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, Saint Ignatius of Lovola, Priest

7:15 AM Repose of the souls of Elizabeth and Paul Rakowski

12:00 PM Repose of the souls of Beverly & Peter Murphy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Terry Nichols
 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Charles Russell Lee

FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Joseph P. Quattrone
 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Jennie Costanzo
 7:00 PM Repose of the soul of Helen Payne

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, Weekday; Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Vincent Marie SSND
 9:00 AM Repose of the soul of Carol Humphrey
 5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Rosauero Capulong

Please note that the 8:00 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.



THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY. Devotions will take place here at Sacred Heart on **Friday, August 2nd**, beginning with confessions from **6:30 - 8:00 PM** and the celebration of the Mass at **7:00 PM** followed by all night-adoration. All parishioners are encouraged to spend an hour with our Lord.

*“A Holy Hour of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament opens up the floodgates of God’s merciful Love upon the world.”
 St. Teresa of Calcutta*

In Honor of our Blessed Mother and First Saturday Devotion

FAMILY POTLUCK—Every 1st Saturday beginning **August 3rd, 2024 from 2:30—4:30 PM**, Sacred Heart Catholic Church will host a potluck in the Friendship Room. All parishioners and Catholic families in the Southern Maryland area are invited! Go to www.sacredheartlaplata.org to find the Sign-up Genius for potluck food items requested. Stay for the Rosary at 4:30 PM and attend the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

What is 1st Saturday Devotion?

Offering reparation for the blasphemies and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

How does one honor Our Blessed Mother through this devotion?

On the First Saturday of each month, during any five consecutive months of the year, do these four things, each as a fervent act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the blasphemies and offenses which Our Blessed Mother suffers through the sins of mankind: receive Holy Communion on the 1st Saturday Mass (this does not include the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings); make a good Confession within 8 days of 1st Saturday; recite 5 decades of the Rosary on that 1st Saturday; and, meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary on that 1st Saturday.

Contact James Hojnowski at jhjnnows@kent.edu for more information.

CCD Registration Now Open

Registration for CCD is now open. Please visit our parish website at www.sacredheartlaplata.org to register your child(ren). If your child attends public school, they must be registered in our religious education program to receive the sacraments. **Also please note that ADW requires all families to notify their parish DRE each year with the catechesis program that is being used at home if their child(ren) are home schooled.** Any questions please call Bill Wannall in the parish office.



Join us for the Women’s Book Club this fall. We are reading “I Believe In Love” by Fr. Jean C.J. D’Elbée. This spiritual classic is based on St. Thérèse of Lisieux’s teachings on God’s love and the confidence in Him that should inspire your soul. We meet on the second Tuesday (Sep 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th) from 6:30 - 8:15pm. We’ll be discussing the first 3 chapters in September.

Please contact Traci High traci.high@gmail.com or Dana Fowler dfowler617@yahoo.com for more information.



TEACHINGS ON THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

CCC 1382 *The Paschal Banquet.* The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord’s body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRIEST'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I introduced myself to the summer camp staff and counselors at Archbishop Neale School, and spoke with them about the importance of meditating on scripture and how this leads to drawing closer to the Kingdom of God.

Beginning with a passage from the gospel of Mark, I asked the camp leaders to compare Jesus' words, "to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" – with the scribe's words to love Him, "with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength." I asked them to study the two word sets: 1) heart, soul, mind, strength, and 2) heart, understanding, strength, and after pondering them to determine what two words from group (1) are used to define the word "understanding" from group (2). The student who replied said correctly: "To love God with all your understanding is to love Him with your whole soul and mind." Yes, if we permit Jesus and the Holy Spirit dwelling within our souls to guide our minds, then we love God and our neighbor with complete understanding... and Jesus tells us when we do, we are not far from the Kingdom of God. (Mk 12:34)

Then I asked the camp leaders what they thought Jesus meant when He said in John 9:39-41, "I came into the world for judgement, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Again a student explained correctly that those who see or view things in a worldly way are blinded from the ways the Spirit desires to lead us. But when we choose to allow the graces of the Holy Spirit and Jesus to guide us, what we would otherwise be incapable of seeing becomes clear and understandable.

Lastly, we discussed scripture from Genesis chapter 2-3. After Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit... "The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; [so they covered themselves]." I explained that after their eyes were opened, they became blind to the things of God because of their disobedience... because they engaged their minds as if they were gods and not children of their Creator. If Adam and Eve would have loved God with all their understanding, with all their mind and soul in unison, they would have remained innocent (blind to the ways of the world), and God would have protected their spiritual vision – keeping them in the Garden, unashamed of their nakedness.

I closed sharing my concern over the abundance of imagery – visual and mind-filled – men and woman can access, by the frenzy of communication methods. But reminded them if they love God with all their understanding, with all their mind and soul, then Jesus and the Holy Spirit who reside in their souls will give them the spiritual eyesight to recognize right from wrong and avoid the sins of pornography and lust that wants to penetrate their minds. And Jesus who sees them responding with understanding will say, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Please Pray for Our Sick

Cynthia Gray, Jeff Radosh, Reginald Zackery, Kathy Greene, Mike Scoggins, John Calomeris, Linda Curry, John Norton, Dr. Larry Jenkins, Barbara Bowie, John Gagnon, Mary R. Farmer, Mildred Samuel, Margie Simpson, Joey Simpson, Tyler Zacchero, Kristina Graham Wilk, Destiny Puleio, Laura Farmer, Tom Hicks, Antwuan Knott, Rose Radcliff, Andre Barnes, Dana Fowler, John Wills, 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, Agnes Theresa Proctor, Mary Krug, Linda Welch, Dr. John Lucero, Caeli Gloriam, 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.

Women's Bible Study Save the Date – Monday evenings, Beginning September 9, 2024

The Women's Bible Study Group invites all women to join us for two studies from the Augustine Institute Lectio Series of Bible Studies.

- Ten Sessions - Lectio Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible
- Six Sessions - Lectio Philipians: Life in Christ

IMPORTANT-LOST & FOUND!

LAST CALL—Please check out the "Lost & Found" in the vestibule area of the Church for missing items **by July 31st**. After that date, all items will be donated to charity. Of special note, there are **eyeglasses and an expensive glass case** in the office. Call the parish office to identify and retrieve the items.



CEMETERY NEWS

We appreciate your cooperation in not placing any obstacles on the ground that may impede a lawn mower or string trimmer during the mowing season. Thank you.

Our next project will be to replace the old and decaying 8' tall wooden fence which borders the townhomes in the rear of the cemetery. If you would like to donate to this project please note: **Cemetery's Improvement Fund** on your check memo.



**Humanae Vitae
(On Human Life)**

Last Thursday, July 25th, was the anniversary of Humanae Vitae, Pope St. Paul VI's encyclical on contraception and reproductive ethics. His writings reaffirm long-held Church teachings about human nature and new life, but also explained how this wisdom is to be applied in our modern culture.

#1. God is the author of life, and the lives He creates are sacred. God wills into existence every life brought into the world as part of His plan for creation. We are made in His image and likeness and as the Supreme Creator, it is He who has mastery over life and death. To interfere with life between conception and natural death is in essence usurping God's ultimate authority.

#2. Procreation is the heart of Marriage. The marital relationship of complete love is privileged to be the instrument God uses to bring new lives into the world. Marriage is designed for procreation on both the spiritual and physical levels, and children are the "supreme gift" of marriage.

3. Openness to procreation affirms the dignity of women. Humanae Vitae points out that when a woman's sacred ability to give life is taken away through contraception, her role in a sexual encounter will often be that of an object of pleasure.

4. This does not mean that it is always God's will for a couple to conceive.

5. Couples may take advantage of infertile periods provided by God to temporarily avoid conception.

Both points of #4 and #5 were explained last week through Natural Family Planning (NFP).

6. Artificial birth control is a recipe for cultural disaster. In Humanae Vitae, Pope St. Paul VI writes that moral standards would be lowered, marital infidelity would increase, and disrespect for womanhood would follow.

7. Change the culture, instead of ignoring the moral law that "doesn't fit" our culture. Fertility is not a disease, it is a gift. No solution is permissible if it violates the dignity of man and woman, made in God's image.

Humanae Vitae gives the Church's answer to questions of love and child rearing between married couples, specifically questions that have arisen from the conditions of the modern world. May we be open to its beautiful message! Amen!

**ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL
("ANS") NEWS**

1) Save the date: We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Neale School will be hosting its 10th annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 11, 2024. The Golf Tournament will be held at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club. It will begin at 9:00 AM with a shotgun tee-off. For inquiries, please call Mike Davis @ 240-561-4192, MikeDavis39@gmail.com

2) ANS is currently accepting applications for after-care workers for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Margaret Morris-mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-7005.

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SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING EVENTS!

- August 3—Family Potluck, 2:30-4:30, Friendship Room
- September 9—Women's Bible Study Begins
- September 10—Book Club Begins
- September 28—Ride for Vocations
- October 19—Sodality Day of Recollection at St. Mary's Newport
- November 6—Mass at 7:00 PM—Loss of a Child

Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,
You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces — small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that. Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord. Amen. ©LPi



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