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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

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104 Port Tobacco Road - (301) 934-9595 or (301) 870-3679
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203 St. Mary's Avenue - (301) 934-3386
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Deacon Anthony T. Barrasso, *Dir. of Religious Education*

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

YOUTH MINISTRY:
Sacred Heart Convent, 104 Port Tobacco Rd. - (301) 934-5400
Mrs. Mary G. Portner

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
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Mr. John Hayden, Director

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Mr. Bill 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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:00 AM Sharon & Weldon Wood
8:00 AM Intentions of Ellen Saunders
9:00 AM Mary DeNittis
11:30 AM Mary DeNittis

MONDAY, OCT. 12, WEEKDAY; COLUMBUS DAY
7:15 AM Intentions of Melanie Roberts Datcher
12:00 PM Intentions of Jeff & Trish Lane

TUESDAY, OCT. 13, WEEKDAY
7:15 AM June Racey
12:00 PM Intentions of Fred Settle

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, WEEKDAY; ST. CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR
7:15 AM Frank A. Kline, Jr.
12:00 PM Bernadette Lucy Forbes

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, ST. TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
7:15 AM Deceased, Charles County Catholic Cemeteries
12:00 PM Intentions of Marissa Laidley

FRIDAY, OCT. 16, ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
7:15 AM James Mudd
12:00 PM Mary DeNittis

SATURDAY, OCT. 17, ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR; VIGIL: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM Intentions of the Restorers of Carmel; Both Living & Deceased
9:00 AM Kiera Ashley Brien
5:00 PM Mary DeNittis

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.

ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
Religious (1647—1690)

In the seventeenth century, many Christians in France were being taught that perhaps only a few people could ever reach heaven. This false idea was called Jansenism. At just the time when this idea was doing its greatest damage, Margaret Mary, whose image is depicted on the large stained glass window of our own church, and other people came to a special understanding of God's mercy. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in a small town in Burgundy, France. She had many difficulties in childhood, including the death of her father, a serious illness, and trouble with relatives in the family. When Margaret Mary was 20, she joined a convent of the Visitation sisters. During prayer she saw the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus filled with mercy for every human soul. This was a much different understanding of Christ than the one taught by the Jansenists. Margaret Mary felt called to let people know about this love. She suggested ways that people could show devotion to the loving heart of Jesus, and she suggested that a feast day in honor of the Sacred Heart be started. After some initial doubts about whether or not Margaret was imagining things, the convent began to observe a feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Later a chapel was built there to honor Christ under that title. Other visitation convents began to keep the feast, and before long the dioceses of France did so as well. Another person who helped to spread this devotion was John Eudes. After Margaret's death, the observance became a feast of the whole church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Those wishing to arrange for a baptism during the month of November are asked to call the parish office before the end of October. Please keep in mind that those presenting their children for baptism must be active participating members of Sacred Heart Parish who have been registered and attending Mass on a regular basis for a minimum of three months.

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" — Mk 10:21c-23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2015
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, and Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

THE ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY BAKESALE to benefit Fr. Robert Pittman's Body of Christ Farm in Malcolm, Maryland, will take place next Sunday, October 18, following all Masses in front of the church. Anyone wishing to contribute baked goods may also drop them off before the Masses.

FAITH DIRECT: Why not make a change this Fall in the way you support Sacred Heart Church? Sign up with eGiving through *Faith Direct,* which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Sacred Heart Church. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through *Faith Direct* will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit *Faith Direct's* website at www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **MD244** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office and return it by mail to *Faith Direct.* Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time, talent and treasure!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Friendship Room. Anyone interested in joining this seasonal choir is most welcome. The Christmas Concert this year will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 5:30 PM in the church, with the Parish Open House to follow in the Friendship Room. No auditions required! For more information, contact Trish Lane in the parish office.

Rev. Cary Hill, Sr. Ann Parker, IHM, Deacon Al Graham, Deacon Al Feneis, Rose Radcliff, Maddie Grace Major, William John Blake, Ann Chadwick, Tommy Willey, Barbara Lewis, Barbara Vinson, Ken Chandler, James Rosier, Mary Carter, Ryan Murray, Matt Pineda, Lois Pessagno, Fritz & Jane Hoffmann, Marvin Pitts, Eleanor Hancock, Joe Gardiner, Cindy Brigman, Mitchell Runyan, Maggie Wyman, George Jackson, Dan Bowes, Dave Forbes, Samuel Posey, Ann Yates, Mary Barkofsky, Margie Simpson, Gianna Grace, Jamie Seith, Randy Martin, Judy Clopton, Bobby Jacobs, Maria McGuigan, Miriam Cappers, Cecelia Kozlowski, Mary Ellen Starkey, Norma Hancock, David & Kathryn Newman, Tim Knecht, Audrey Ellis, Lisa Frazer, Mya Gahan, Mary Dunbar, 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.

COLUMBUS DAY: This Monday, October 12, is Columbus Day, a Federal holiday. Masses will be celebrated at 7:15 AM (Carmel) and 10:00 AM (Sacred Heart), and the parish office will be closed. As always, if an emergency situation should arise and you need to contact a priest, please call the parish office number and follow the telephone prompts to be connected with the priest on duty.

OUR SACRED HEART MOTHERS GROUP will meet this Friday, October 16, at 10:30 AM, at a member's home. Feel free to join us! Contact Daina Currano at 301-910-6203 or dainacurrano@gmail.com for the meeting location. Mothers of babies, preschoolers and school-age children are welcome to join us for prayer and conversation, by themselves or with children of any age. We will also meet in Sacred Heart's Friendship Room on November 6 and 20, and December 4 and 18.

THE ABC'S OF DIVINE MERCY: All are cordially invited to attend a one-day retreat presented by Bro. Leonard Konopka, MIC to learn and understand the basics of Divine Mercy in preparation for Pope Francis' upcoming **Year of Mercy.** It will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, MD, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. **There is no charge for the retreat, but registration is required.** To register, email J.Kestel@hrs-ken.org or call 301-933-2333, ext. 201. Please include your phone number.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: In today's gospel, Jesus challenges us to live as God calls us to, not the world. Have you allowed the world's way to detract from your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 6-8, 2015 in Rockville, MD. For more information and to apply online, please visit welovematrimony.org, email applications@welovematirmony.org, or call 301-541-7007.

PARISH FAMILY COLOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Two days remain to sign up for a photo session which will start this coming **Tuesday, October 13 in the Friendship Room.** Please be sure to keep your appointment. You will receive a reminder telephone call from LifeTouch **3 days before your appointment.** Thank you for participating. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Brosco at 301-934-1620 or email gerricho@verizon.net. See you in the Friendship Room!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

Our Lord says this after the rich man walked away "sad, for he had many possessions." He did not just OWN THINGS, they owned him. He struggled with greed.

What is greed? Greed is the disordered love of riches . . . When enough is never enough.

What is the problem with greed? We are called to ADORE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, and USE THINGS to help others and get through life. Yet, we live in a culture that IGNORES GOD, USES PEOPLE and LOVES THINGS. The problem with greed is it makes one's heart unfree to follow God like this rich young man in today's Gospel.

Secular studies have been done on the correlation of money and happiness. It turns out that more money can make you much happier — if you live in abject poverty. If you do not have clothes to keep you warm, if you have no food for your children, and no roof over your head at night, money for these basic provisions greatly improves reported happiness. However, once you have enough money to provide food, clothing and shelter, increases in money are unrelated to stable increases in happiness. In other words, once a person has the basic necessities, more money does not lead to more happiness (see "Lottery Winners Come Down to Earth," p. 25).

What matters most and brings happiness are (according to secular studies): (1) good relationships with others; (2) strong religious ties; (3) meaningful activity; and (4) personal control. This can be translated into the four following Gospel imperatives: (1) love thy neighbor; (2) love of God (strong spiritual life); (3) corporal and spiritual works of mercy; and (4) doing good and avoiding evil.

Some questions for reflection: "Do I create needs for myself? Do I spend money unnecessarily out of vanity and caprice? Do I wait to buy things when I can afford them rather than put them on credit cards and pay twice as much because of interest? Am I generous to the charitable organizations and the Church? Do I take care of the possessions I have so they can last? DO I OWN THINGS OR DO THEY OWN ME?

In Christ, *Fr. Larry*

TALK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON END- OF-LIFE ISSUES. Illness and death—whether our own or that of a loved one—are issues many of us avoid thinking and talking about until they are immediately confronting us. Too often we are unprepared for the questions that arise and find ourselves making difficult decisions in the midst of a crisis, without the benefit of time and reflection. Maryland's bishops have released a pastoral letter, *Comfort and Consolation,* on care for the sick and dying to encourage Catholics to take that time now, before facing a crisis, so that when illness and death inevitably come, we can face them with the comfort and peace of understanding our faith, and knowing Our Lord is there to embrace us in our hour of need. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdcathcon.org/comfort for downloading copies or to order.

SCHOOL NEWS

GET THOSE GIFT CARDS & HELP ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL! The Royal Tea Room $25 gift card, as well as 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.

INFORMATION SESSION/OPEN HOUSE AT ST. MARY'S RYKEN HIGH SCHOOL, Monday, Oct. 12, 8:30 AM. A brief presentation at 8:45 AM for parents of prospective students to include an overview of the school and the admissions process. Following the presentation, a current student will escort you on a tour of the college-like campus and share what it's like to be a part of the St. Mary's Ryken community. A perfect opportunity to see the school in action, as school will be in session.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross here at Sacred Heart on Sunday, October 25, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Blood reserves are low in the Mid-Atlantic area. Please donate your blood and time for this worthy cause. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Sacred Heart Church La Plata" to schedule your life-saving donation. If you need any additional information, help with signup to donate, or would like to help with the blood drive, you may also contact Pete Czupryna at 301-934-2975.

86TH ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY DINNER at St. Mary's in Barnesville — Saturday, October 24, Noon to 6:30 PM. Full course dinners served inside are $16 for adults, children 8 and under are free. Carryout is $16 for all ages. Good food and fellowship is the focal point of the day. There will also be a craft table, baked goods, cake wheel, Christmas shop, hay rides, pumpkins, cider and more. St. Mary's Church is located at 18230 Barnesville Road, Barnesville MD. For more information, call 301-972-8660. Credit cards accepted.

PRIVATE RETREAT SPACE CLOSE TO HOME: Need to unplug from your busy life? Find the quiet you need to enter into deeper communion with God through a personal retreat at the Hermitage, a single-person retreat house on the peaceful grounds of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC. It can be reserved for one or more nights. Wheelchair accessible. Details are online at myfranciscan.org (under "Facilities") or call 202-526-6800.

PLEASE NOTE: Will the person who spoke to Deacon Walter Rourke concerning **"Colonel Marcus, formerly of the Israeli Army"** please contact Deacon Walter at his office 301-934-2261.

COMMUNITY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

FRIDAY NIGHTS: The former "No Fun Club" has a new name, "The Cornerstone Club". The Cornerstone Club will be open from 7:00 to 11:00 PM every Friday except for the weekend of Youth Night on the second Saturday of each month. This is a social gathering for all High School youth of the parish and their friends. Admission is free. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. Adults are needed to help as chaperones. If you would like to work with our youth, please contact Kitty Adams at 240-320-7344.

UPPER ROOM RENOVATIONS: We are planning some much-needed renovations and updates at the Upper Room, our youth ministry teen center. Donations of needed items or financial gifts will be gladly accepted. A new or like-new full size refrigerator/freezer is one of the largest items on our wish list. New carpeting or time is also desperately needed in several of the rooms. If you are able to help us out or have questions about how you can help, please call Mary Portner at 301-848-9648 or Kitty Adams at 240-320-7344.

Follow us on Instagram @ ccymcharlescounty.
You can also check out our website at http://ccymcharlescounty.wix.com/ccym.
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 ccymcharlescounty@gmail.com or call/text Mrs. Portner at 301-848-9648.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS & DINNER: Ever considered the priesthood? You are invited to a Men's Discernment Mass & Dinner with Cardinal Wuerl to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington, DC area, at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill on Sunday, November 1, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. RSVP to the Office of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or email Traci O'Neill at oneillt@adw.org.

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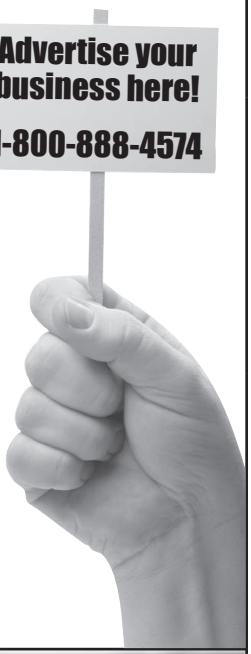

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