ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 20H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00AM  Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners
8:00AM  Vocations to the Carmel of Port Tobacco
9:00AM  Repose of the soul Alek Michael Richardson
12:00PM  Repose of the soul of Virginia Rehovich

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, SAINT PIUS X, POPE
7:15AM  Repose of the soul of Matha Parrish
12:00PM  Repose of the soul of Robert Rohovich

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:15AM  Repose of the soul of Donald Coleman
12:00PM  Repose of the soul Joe Baciao

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN
7:15AM  Repose of the souls of Maria Tereza DeMiranda Cesar
12:00PM  Intentions of Finn Cusick
5:30PM  Intentions of Jerry Barrett

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
7:15AM  Repose of the soul of Donald Coleman
12:00PM  Intentions of the Ethel Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, WEEKDAY
7:15AM  Repose of the soul of Mother Mary Joseph
12:00PM  Intentions of Dawn Deurell

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, WEEKDAY
8:00AM  Intentions of Henry L. Font, III
9:00AM  Repose of the soul Carole Humphrey
5:00PM  Repose of the soul George Baciao

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.

Matthew 25:35 “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

Guardian Angels Needed

The Angels’ Watch Shelter Ministry at Sacred Heart Church is looking for new members. We are in need of volunteers to help provide meals for the Angels’ Watch Shelter now located in Waldorf. The shelter provides holistic care to highly vulnerable populations, including survivors of domestic violence. It is a family facility. Our volunteer members are divided into 12 teams that are assigned one day one month a year to prepare a meal and deliver it to the shelter on the first Friday of that month.

Sacred Heart Church volunteers have been involved in this ministry for forty years. We are very much in need of new members willing to devote one day a year to feed those in need. We are inviting you to join our volunteers team and make a significant contribution to help those less fortunate and to grow in your relationship with Christ.

If you are willing to answer God’s call to join this ministry or just would like more information, please contact: Linda Ross at lrevoross@yahoo.com or 301-934-8438 or 301-885-7907

Is Gossip a Sin? Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?
Answer: To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.” In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious. First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week’s Gospel gives a “limit” case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. “My daughter is tormented by a demon,” she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don’t think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God’s family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord’s table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter’s, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir

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The Cemetery Committee needs your help to complete the cemetery fence. The project calls for 600' of fencing at approximately $28/foot. Donations towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

Call Catholic Cemeteries at 301-932-1766 if you are interested in a gravesite or reserving a niche in the columbarium of our parish cemetery.

Cleanup schedule for our parish cemetery:
- Week of August 20 South side
- Week of August 27 North side

Cemetery Guidelines thru October 31
Decorations and flower arrangements should be placed on the base of the stone or on the headstone itself. Up to 2 solar lights are now permitted, but they must be placed next to the headstone or the head of the gravesite if there is no stone. No glass decorations as it poses a hazard to landscapers. Guidelines are posted on sign in cemetery.

Call or text Gene Ambrogio 240-416-3748 or email geneocyte@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
Pro-Life Rosary - Glorious Mysteries
The Resurrection - For our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones, especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted, or stillborn, they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.
The Ascension - For our brothers and sisters who struggle with addictions, that through Christ’s triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.
The Descent of the Holy Spirit - That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of our brothers and sisters who reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of the Church’s teachings concerning human life.
The Assumption of Mary - For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God’s peace.
The Coronation of Mary - For all mothers, they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.
Mary’s intercession has tremendous power over evil. The presence of Her image at abortion facilities, Planned Parenthood facilities, and pregnancy resource centers drives demons away and brings down palpable grace from heaven.
As disciples of Jesus, we can bring Jesus, through Mary, to all people in America through the power of prayer, especially the Rosary. Mary, whom the archangel Gabriel called “full of grace”, will end abortion. We are guaranteed victory if we persevere in faith. Please pray the rosary for a culture of life in America.

Christian Outreach Ministry Opportunity
If you ever thought of serving in a jail ministry, now is your chance to join a Christian Prison & Recovery Ministry. Grace Lutheran Church & School is looking to train lay or ordained Christian caregivers to become one-to-one mentors for people who are incarcerated or in a recovery program. If interested, please contact Paul Lenker at 814-574-8810 (cell) or dcmnistry@growingwithgrace.org. If calling and there is no answer, please leave a voicemail.

Hebrews 13:3 RSV-C Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Bryantown, MD is seeking a Part Time Science Teacher for grades 6-8. This position could be full-time, if needed by also facilitating STEM classes for grades 3-5. This teacher will follow the Archdiocese of Washington Academic Standards for each grade level.
For more information, please contact Catherine Silverstone, Principal, at silverstone@bryantown.org, or 301-932-6883.

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL
ANS is currently enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the admissions director, Mrs. Elaine Cadrette at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org for more information and to schedule a tour.

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information please contact the school office-office@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-9595.

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for aftercare workers for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information please contact the school office-office@archbishopnealeschool.org or call (301) 934-9595.

St. Joseph’s Women’s Group in Pomfret, MD is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. “Miracle of Christmas” Dec 6, 2023 Cost: $140 Bus boards: 7am from St. Joe’s Join us for an awe inspiring Christmas show. Hurry before your seat is taken. Write your name and phone number on an envelope with your payment inside and drop it in the collection basket or drop it in the office. Call or text Georgiana Navarro, 301-643-0948.

PARISH COUNCIL...Mr. Perry Giovacchini is the Chair for the Parish Council. The Council meets every third Sunday, at 10:30 AM. If you have a concern that you would like addressed at the Parish Council and brought to the attention of the Pastor, please email pmsgiovacchini@gmail.com on the Wednesday before Sundays meeting.

Memorial of Blessed Michael McGivney
Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Since August 13th falls on a Sunday this year, his memorial may be observed on August 12th or August 14th. Many favors have been granted through his intercession. Please continue to ask for his intercession and to pray for his canonization.

Grand Knight Justin Meeder may be contacted at meeder17@gmail.com or 301-539-9002.
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