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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

(RCIA): 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.

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00AM Sacred Heart Parishioners
 8:00AM Living and Deceased members of the Hernandez-Morrobel Family
 9:00AM Repose of the soul of Cyrus Salazar, Jr.
 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Paul Miller, Sr.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Betty Coleman
 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Jeff Lane

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Josephine Dalton Triska
 12:00PM Repose of the souls of Smith & Barney Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Vocations to Mt. Carmel Monastery
 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Jonathan Cane
 7:00PM Sacred Heart Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Repose of the soul of Gordan Jackson
 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Sophie Pierce

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, EASTER WEEKDAY

7:15AM Living and Deceased members of the Hernandez-Morrobel Family
 12:00PM Repose of the soul of Fr. Richardson

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00AM Intentions of George Jackson
 9:00AM Repose of the soul of Jeanne Hagar
 5:00PM Repose of the soul of Bob Rupp

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.



Mass followed by healing prayers will be celebrated by Fr. Scott Woods and Fr. Larry Swink on **April 17, 2024**. Mass at 7:00 PM and Confessions begin at 6:30 PM.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Psalm 30:2

“Pain of Grace: Living and Suffering with Dignity”

*Join us for a morning event to hear
 Joni J. Seith speak on the beauty of union with Christ
 and redemptive suffering expressed in her new book.*

Pain of Grace: Living and Suffering with Dignity is precisely as the title proclaims – and then some. This is a most engaging story of a life suffused with physical pain and spiritual suffering, but even more so with God’s grace and love. Every reader should resonate with Joni Seith’s heartfelt reflections, from early memories of her family of birth, to those of the loving wife and mother across decades of struggles and triumphs as her children grow to adulthood as children of God. Every reader with a serious physical illness should obtain special solace, motivation, and even good laughs in this beautiful story of how all kinds of adversity can be transformed by God’s grace to the benefit of those who suffer and to all who are blessed to share their lives with them. A glorious read!” – Kevin Vost, Psy., D., author

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Sacred Heart Church
 201 Saint Mary’s Ave
 La Plata, MD 20646

April 20, 2024

All are welcome!

9:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
9:30 AM	Miraculous Medal Novena, Rosary & Confessions
10:00 AM	Light Refreshments in Friendship Room
10:15 AM	Joni Seith presentation
10:45-11:00 AM	Q & A
11:00-11:30 AM	Book Sales and book signing

RSVP: Please text Phyllis Laidley @ 301-643-7328



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 church. 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 <https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html>.

Financial Information

Offertory for March 2024

\$55,943.04 (\$943.04 Above Budget)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRIEST'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Recently I was having a tougher day than normal with many unexpected problems, request for meetings, delays, frustrations, and the like. Soon I found myself telling a staff member my tale of woe in all its intricate details when the person I was speaking to said, "Father, remember that Christ is risen!" to which I had already programmed myself to respond, "Truly, He is risen!" Very quickly I found my mind awakened to this life changing reality that was like the Sun (or the Son) breaking through the clouds of my negative emotions and once again reminding me that this one fact is larger, and greater, and more long lasting, than all that had led me to feel so overwhelmed and frustrated.

This reminded me that this is another good reason that the church celebrates Easter for such a long time. That we might not only take in the mystery and majesty of our Lord's resurrection but that we may be inundated with it! That we might overflow with it in thought, word, and deed. Then we can radiate with the same hope, the same joy as the first Christians on that Easter morning.

This reminder of the Lord's rising did not cancel the meetings or take away the problems I was having, but it did change the way I saw them. I had a hope that reminded me that these too would be for good one day and a trust in the presence of the Lord with me in that moment and every moment to come, that He would sustain me and even grow me in and through these things. Now every time I'm starting to feel overwhelmed, frustrated, or drained I remind myself out loud, "Christ is Risen!" And then I respond "Truly He is Risen" and so will I one day and all those I love who have died with this hope and faith. But also I will rise with and in the Lord now! And I will rejoice in the great things the Lord has for me now and has awaiting for me then! This is not just a thought but a Promise!

Your Brother and Father in Christ, the Risen Lord,

Fr. Scott

RELEVANT RADIO PILGRIMAGE TO Poland and Prague with Fr. Scott Woods as the chaplain. Dates for this pilgrimage are **September 24 — October 3, 2024**. Go to the following link for more details: <https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=73631>.

Pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus

Join Fr. Harry Stokes and Fr. Ray Schmidt as they lead us in the Footsteps of St. Paul. We will tour many holy sites in Greece and then set sail on a 4-day cruise to visit several Greek islands and the Blessed Virgin's home in Ephesus. September 27 – October 7, 2024. Cost—\$4,811.00. For more information contact Margaret at stjoepa@comcast.net or register at <https://sq408nio.paperform.co>



Please pray for our sick

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, Kazel R. Mutombo, 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 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.

Our Lady Help of Christians Church Seeking Vendors for Craft Fair

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 100 Village Street, Waldorf, is seeking crafters and vendors for a craft fair scheduled for **Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Vendors selling household items, jewelry, gift items, and miscellaneous items are all welcome. There will also be an Attic Treasures section for flea market items.

Tables are \$25 each, and are currently available. For the best spots, reserve a table early. Volunteers, especially youth, are needed to help set up beforehand and clean up afterwards. The organizers are also seeking food donors. Proceeds from the table reservations will be used for Religious Education classrooms.

To reserve a table, or to volunteer, please visit: olhoc.com/craffair. For more information, call Maria Lam at the church office at 301-645-7112.



Cemetery News

The week of April 14 volunteers will be removing decorations from the ground of gravesites as we are now in the lawn mowing season. Items removed will be placed in the area next to the shed in the northeast corner of the cemetery.

The cemetery committee members thank you for your cooperation.

RESPECT LIFE

Spring in the Desert

Spring in the Desert is a ministry that accompanies those couples struggling with infertility by offering a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God’s love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness.

Spring in the Desert is firmly rooted in the anthropology, ethics, and spirituality of the Catholic Church. As such, this ministry yields to the wisdom of the Church on all matters, most especially marriage, sexuality, the dignity of the human person, and her teachings on Artificial Reproductive Technologies. They affirm the goodness and witness of marriage, even when husband and wife experience seasons of infertility or loss. They uphold the giftedness of the child, who has the right to be conceived in the union of self-giving love of his/her mother and father. They reject any means of reproduction that diminishes the dignity of the marriage bond by introducing a third party into the act of conception. By keeping their focus on Christ, not on conception, the ministry gives witness to His divine love and mercy, and the goodness of His plan for our lives.

Spring in the Desert forms community with unique offerings for women, men and couples, meeting them wherever they are on the path of infertility. Through these encounters, space is made for a deeper renewal in relationships with oneself, a spouse, and God.

The ministry also raises awareness about the experience and unique grief of infertility to pastors, diocesan offices, and healthcare professionals, helping them to understand the needs of a couple struggling with infertility, and providing tools and resources to help them minister more effectively to hurting couples. Among pastoral ministers and healthcare professionals, Spring in the Desert is recognized as a trusted resource for couples experiencing infertility. They offer helpful blogs, podcasts, and retreats; they can be contacted at springinthedesert.org.

SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 17—Mass w/Healing Prayers—7:00 PM

April 20—“Pain of Grace: Living and Suffering with Dignity” - Joni J. Seith—9:00 AM

April 20—First Holy Communion—5:00 PM Vigil Mass

April 27—Confirmation—12:00 Noon

June 17-July 26—Summer Camp

Afternoon Tea at St. Joseph Church in Pomfret on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 2:00 pm. \$55.00 per person, children under 10 are \$20.00, and Champagne Tea for \$58.00. Reservations due by April 21st. Call Tammy at 301-928-1796 or email StJoeTea24@gmail.com. Menu: chicken salad with lemon and tarragon, egg salad with chives, cucumber with whipped cream cheese & herbs, baked ham & swiss cheese with poppy seed butter plus desserts and a special children’s menu.

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL
ANS NEWS

Please join us Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 1pm - 3pm for the Archbishop Neale School - open house for the 2024-2025 school year. Meet our wonderful Team of Teachers and Educators. We look forward to seeing you! Many Blessings, Mrs. Teresa Skinner, Principal

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

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

ANS is currently enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact the admissions director, Mrs. Elaine Cadrette at admissions@archbishopnealeschool.org for more information and to schedule a tour.

ANS social media pages can be found by following the links below.

<https://www.facebook.com/archbishopnealecatholicschool/>

https://instagram.com/archbishopneale?igshid=NGVhN2U2NjQ0Yg%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Angels Watch Meal Donations Needed

In addition to Sacred Heart providing meals on the First Friday of each month, Angel 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.

Knights of Columbus

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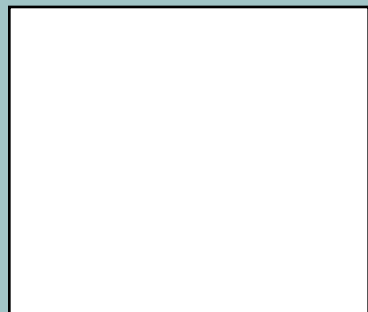
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