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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members to our parish family. Registration forms can be found on our web-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 4:30 PM (Sacred

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 DEVOTION: Mass at 7:00 PM followed by devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart and All Night Adoration until 9 AM Mass on Saturday (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

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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: 6:30-7:30 PM (Sacred Heart)
- Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM (Sacred Heart)
- By appointment

CCD—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 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.

OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR

ADULTS: 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.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Weekly Miraculous Medal Novena and 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 12 Noon in the conference room of the Friendship Room.

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, July 27, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners
8:00 AM Repose of the soul of Logan Rice
9:00 AM Intentions of Greg and Sandy Woodward
12:00 PM Repose of the souls of Peter & Beverly

Murphy

MONDAY, July 28, Weekday

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Anastasia Nkamsi
12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Charles Turner

TUESDAY, July 29, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Hilda Hopkins
12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Genevieve Hayden

Elder

WEDNESDAY, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 AM Hernandez & Morrobel Families Living and Deceased

12:00 PM Repose of the souls of Ed & Stella Vollmar

THURSDAY, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Paul Ribeiro 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Charles Richardson

FRIDAY, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:15 AM Intentions of James Stone

12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Fred Grimes

7:00 PM Repose of the soul of Christopher Blanchard

SATURDAY, August 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Repose of the soul of Nancy Perdun 9:00 AM Repose of the soul of LoreLee Francis 5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Margaret Boggs

Please note that the 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15 AM daily Mass are celebrated at Mt. Carmel Monastery (MC). All other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart (SH) unless otherwise noted.



Win Cash & Support Our Parish!

Sacred Heart Cash Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend - <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 26th & Sunday</u>, <u>July 27th</u>. Cost is \$100 each ticket with a chance to win up to \$50,000! Tickets are also available for purchase in the office during business hours.



Pope Leo XIII May 1899 on Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore it is fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart an

act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really truly given to Christ Himself. He also approved the Litany of the Sacred Heart for public use.

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP SUMMER ACTIVITIES



<u>S'mores & Saints for all Middle & High Schoolers:</u>
Wednesdays from 6:30-9pm at the Sacred Heart Fire Pit (next to the parish office), now—July 30, 2025. There will be dinner, a saint discussion, and s'mores. If anyone is able to donate firewood, we would appreciate it!

To keep updated on all of our activities, go to our webpage to register and to see a regularly updated calendar of events. Questions? Contact Anna Albrittain at aalbrittain@sacredheartlaplata.org or 240-901-2254.



Jubilee Year August 1st Saturday Talk

All are invited to attend <u>Mass with Healing Prayers on Friday, August 1, at 7:00 PM, followed</u> by all-night adoration.

On Saturday, August 2, Mass (and confessions) at 9:00 AM, followed by Miraculous Medal Devotion. Join us at 10:00 AM for a talk by Kevin Wells, author of "Coached by the Curé". Venerate the 1st class relic of St. John Vianney from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Free Breakfast at 11:00 AM in the Friendship Room.

We endeavor to bring increased opportunities of evangelization, reconciliation, and healing to all those in the broader Charles County region and the Church.



DEVOTED CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT AUGUST 16, 2025

The dating scene can be hard especially as a Catholic. Speed dating is a cool way to meet new people in a safe and low-

pressure environment. Devoted Catholic Events is excited to invite all interested Catholics to an "In Person Speed Dating Event" on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in the Friendship Room of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata, MD. The 1st Wave of Participants in their 40s, 50s, 60s+ (and older) will meet from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, and the 2nd Wave of Participants in their 20s to 30s will meet from 1:30 PM to 3 PM. Registration is open to the ***First 120 Participants*** per wave; registration deadline is August 6th. Email: devotedcatholicevents@gmail.com for registration and intake form. The cost is \$20 Cash payable at the door; all proceeds benefit Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children.

What is speed dating? Participants are paired up in a series of quick 4 to 7 minute "dates." When the time is up, a bell or timer is rung, and participants move on to their next one-on-one conversation. Phone numbers are not exchanged but rather matches are facilitated through the hosts by indicated interests on intake forms.

PRIEST'S CORNER

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 27, 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

This week we celebrate a spiritual master! Not only is St. Ignatius Lovola the founder of the Jesuits, but the legacy of his life of prayer -- now called Ignatian spiritualty -inspired believers the world over. Injured as a young soldier, Ignatius spent his time in recovery reading the lives of the saints. They inspired his soul to holy heroism, changing his life forever. Ignatius gathered a group of friends who also desired to be "contemplatives in action," finding God in all circumstances. This became the Jesuits -- a great missionary and teaching order. Ignatius himself was constantly attuned to his own inner promptings. This self-knowledge -- open to the movements of the Holy Spirit -- led him to be an incredibly astute spiritual director. For Ignatius, recognizing God as the first principle of one's life determined everything. How has God changed you?

SECOND COLLECTION—8/3/25

Second Collection on Sunday, August 3, is for Catholic Communication and Human Development.

Thank you for your support.



Please, Pray for Our Sick!

Emaye, Reed Faasen, Charlotte Hemsley, Bill Deer, Lisa Deer, John Gagnon, Monique Lamoureux, Larry Younger, Patrick Simpson, Tina Cooksey, Linda Welch, Kathy Greene, Michael Dobry, Marily Edelen, Evelyn Farmer Brown, Travis Palmer, Rena Bland, Ellison Vanderyt, Zyyonna Warren, Catherine Posey, Jonathan Wilson, Wayne Evans, Virginia Bobbitt, Debby Decker, Fr. Rory Conley, Fr. Ron Potts, Pam Hanes, Mike Runfola, Melissa King, Diane Harmis, Tiffany Swann-Bratton, Gabrielle Hoffmaster, Debbie Boetker, Rosemary Perrier, Charles Scott, Ella Leighton, Carroll Clements, Brenda Monshower, Barbara Bowie, Tim Hicks, Laura Farmer, Michael Haste, Fernande Graham, Ann Marlow, Kristina Wilk, Brian Wasko, Elizabeth Swann, Ann Bluey, Michael Haste, Reginald Zackery, Rose Radcliff, Janet Proctor, Elroy Hemsley, Mary Watts, Beverly Brown, Agnes Theresa Proctor, Dr. John Lucero, Caeli Gloriae, Joe Gardiner, George Jackson, 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

NEW

Have a prayer request that our clergy and parish can pray for? Simply scan the code below!





Cemetery News

To maintain the cemetery's appearance and provide easy access for the lawn mowing crew, volunteers will periodically remove decorations from the gravesite grounds. Please refrain from placing anything on the gravesite grounds. Most items removed can be found in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Thank you for your help and cooperation.



Humanae Vitae (On Human Life)

On Friday, July 25, the Catholic Church recalled the anniversary of Humanae Vitae, Pope St. Paul VI's encyclical on contracep-

tion and reproductive ethics. His writings reaffirmed 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. It Is Not Always God's Will for a Couple to Conceive.
- # 5. Couples May Take Advantage of Infertile Periods Provided by God to Temporarily Avoid Conception.
- **#6.** Artificial Birth Control Is a Recipe for Cultural Disaster. In Humanae Vitae, Pope St. Paul VI states: 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 pray for couples and families to be open to this beautiful, holy message.

Sacred Heart Men's Group (SHMG)

Please consider attending the Sacred Heart men's group and register your contact information with Karl Prigge 301-653-6451 to get on the SHMG WhatsApp chat. Receive a morning prayer to start your day off right.

Where: Friendship Room
When: Saturdays
7:00am-7:30am, Coffee and Donuts
7:30am-8:30am, Priest or Deacon led Discussion

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact the school office by email at office@archbishopnealeschool.org or at (301) 934-9595.

HELP WANTED!

Archbishop Neale School's Aftercare program is hiring group leaders and aides. Be a part of this rewarding opportunity!

Are you...

- •Able to work after the school day for the 2025-2026 school year?
- •18 or older?
- Interested in working with children in grades PreK-3 through 8?
- Ready to be part of a dynamic work environment?
- Someone who enjoys working with children?

If your answer is yes, please get in touch with Margaret Morris. You may reach her by phone at 301-934-9595 or send an email with your resume to: mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org.

Come and share your time and talents with our kiddos. You'll be glad you did!

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St. Mary of the Assumption School is celebrating their 100th anniversary! We invite all alumni, former staff members, and anyone who was once part of our school to our Centennial Celebration on **September 27-28, 2025**. We are also seeking nominations for our inaugural Hall of Fame members. More information can be found at stmaryum.org/centennial.

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