



# SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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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.

### ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL

104 Port Tobacco Rd, La Plata - (301) 934-9595 or (301) 870-3679  
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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday thru Thursday, 12:30-8:30 PM  
Friday 12:30-5:30 PM

**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

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & FEDERAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**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  
**Saturday Vigil**—5:00 PM, Sacred Heart  
**Sunday**—7:00 AM (No Music), 9:00 AM,  
& 12:00 PM, Sacred Heart  
8:00 AM, Mt. Carmel Monastery

### 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 Pastoral Associate 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**  
- **First Fridays:** 6:30-7:30 PM  
- **Saturdays:** 4:00-4:45 PM  
- **By Appointment**

**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.

### OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:

Classes are held every Sunday September thru Easter from 10:30-11:30 AM on the church campus. Register on the parish website. For more information, or for those with schedule restrictions, contact the Pastoral Associate.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:45 AM in the Friendship Room Conference Room.

### POPE ST. JOHN XXIII FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

This family-based catechetical program teaches the entire family. Parents, guardians and children meet two Sundays a month for an hour from 10:30-11:30 AM on the church campus from September thru May. Register on the parish website; contact the Pastoral Associate with inquiries.

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

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES ARE NORMALLY 12 NOON ON MONDAYS.**

# SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

## Mass for the Week

### **SUNDAY, May 24, Pentecost Sunday**

- 7:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners
- 8:00 AM Intentions of the Bowman Family
- 9:00 AM Repose of the souls of Helga Burns and Janet Sullivan
- 12:00 PM Repose of the souls of Peter and Beverly Murphy

### **MONDAY, May 25, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

- 7:15 AM Intentions of Christine Bowman
- 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of George Baciao

### **TUESDAY, May 26, St. Philip Neri, Priest**

- 7:15 AM Intentions of Debra Piccirillo and Fabiano Pinho Pessoa
- 12:00 PM Repose of the souls of Joseph and Helena Gardiner

### **WEDNESDAY, May 27, Weekday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

- 7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Gordan Jackson
- 12:00 PM Repose of the soul of Jerry Barrett

### **THURSDAY, May 28, Weekday**

- 7:15 AM Intentions of Lucy Reilly
- 12:00 PM Deceased of Charles County

### **FRIDAY, May 29, Weekday, Saint Paul VI, Pope**

- 7:15 AM Repose of the soul of Rev. Yvon David Brault
- 12:00 PM Intentions of Caitlin and Chris Milby

### **SATURDAY, May 30, Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary;**

### **Sunday Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**

- 8:00 AM Conversion of Souls
- 9:00 AM Intentions of Mike and Sherri Hancock
- 5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Betty Rose Wood

**Feel free to come by the parish office to request a Mass intention!** Note that the 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15 AM daily Mass are celebrated at Mt. Carmel Monastery (MC), and all other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart (SH), unless otherwise noted.

## Anniversary Edition Cookbook!



Sacred Heart's *125th Anniversary Parish Cookbook* will be on sale beginning May 30th and 31st after all Masses. The cost of the cookbook is \$20.00. **Please bring cash or check.**

You will be delighted with this cookbook and the new recipes!

## 125 Hours of Adoration

Join us to commemorate our **125th Anniversary with 125 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** in the old adoration chapel in the Church starting after the noon Mass on Sunday, June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi until our parish feast day Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 12th. Below is the sign up address.

<https://adorationpro.org/sacredmd>

It is our hope and prayer that many of you will help us realize this expression of love to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.  
—Sacred Heart Clergy

## Sacred Heart's 125th Anniversary Parish Directory Keepsake

Every family or individual who completes a photo session will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait, and a FREE printed parish directory—no photo purchase necessary. Please sign up today and help us reach our goal!

**FINAL Photo Date: June 17**

Visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click Photography Session Sign Up; enter Church Code: md217; enter Church Password: photos; and, then follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. Questions, contact Angela Lindsay [heartofmaryhandsofmartha@gmail.com](mailto:heartofmaryhandsofmartha@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Weekday Schedule Changes —St. Catherine of Alexandria—

Reminder: Effective Thursday, May 28, 2026, there will no longer be Weekday Daily Mass, Weekday Confessions or Weekday Holy Hours

NOTE: These changes only impact the WEEKDAY schedule at St. Catherine of Alexandria. The weekend Mass/Confession schedules remain unchanged.

## Join Sacred Heart La Plata's 125th Anniversary Mass & Celebration!

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
**Friday, June 12, 2026, 6:00 PM Mass**

with Principal Celebrant & Homilist  
Cardinal Wilton Gregory and **Reception to Follow**  
**RSVP for Food Count—301-934-2261**

## 2nd Joint Eucharistic Procession!



Join St. Joseph (Pomfret) and Sacred Heart (La Plata) parishes on a Eucharistic Walk with Jesus on Saturday, June 6th. All are invited!

**SCHEDULE – RAIN or SHINE\***

- 7:30 AM Rosary & Confessions, St. Joseph Church
- 8:00 AM **Mass—St. Joseph Church, 4590 St. Josephs Way, Pomfret**
- 9:00 AM **Gather—Maryland Readiness Center**  
**6015 Rose Hill Rd., La Plata**
- 9:30 AM **Eucharistic Procession Begins** (2.7 Miles to Rest Stop)
- 10:30 AM Arrive at Rt. 225 & Quailwood Pkwy Rest Stop
- 11:00 AM Depart Quailwood Pkwy
- 11:30 AM Arrive at IHM House, 106 Port Tobacco Rd., LaPlata  
Located on the campus of Archbishop Neale School  
Parking available at the School
- 12:00 PM Depart IHM House (0.75 Miles to Sacred Heart Church)
- 12:30 PM **Arrive at Sacred Heart**  
Adoration of Thanksgiving and Confessions
- 1:00 PM **Fellowship and Lunch Provided, Sacred Heart Friendship Room, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata**

\*\*\*NOTE: All times are subject to change based on walking pace, weather conditions, etc.\*\*\*

**TOTAL WALK = Approx. 4.8 Miles**

Walk the entire procession or begin at a rest stop.

**Transportation provided back to MD Readiness Center.**

**REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR FOOD COUNT!**

**RSVP St. Joseph's (301) 539-3903 | Sacred Heart (301) 934-2261**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## \*\*PRIEST'S CORNER\*\*

Dear Friends,

Pentecost is sometimes called the “birthday of the Church,” but it is much more than a simple anniversary. It is the moment when the risen Christ pours out the Holy Spirit upon His people and sends the Church into the world with power and purpose.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples are gathered together, still marked by fear and uncertainty. Then, the Holy Spirit descends like a strong driving wind, and tongues of fire rest upon them. Suddenly, the same men who had hidden behind locked doors begin proclaiming Christ publicly and courageously.

Pentecost reminds us that Christianity is not merely a system of beliefs or moral principles. It is the very life of God at work within us. The Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, and transforms us from within. Every baptized Christian has received that same Spirit.

This is why the Church speaks of the universal call to holiness. Holiness is not reserved for priests, deacons, seminarians, religious sisters, or canonized saints. It is the calling of every Christian. The Holy Spirit was not given only to a select few. He was poured out upon the entire Church.

Too often, people think holiness means becoming extraordinary in dramatic ways. But usually holiness is formed through fidelity in ordinary life: daily prayer, repentance, charity, patience, sacrifice, honesty, forgiveness, and perseverance. The saints are not people who never struggled. They are people who imperfectly but consistently allowed the Holy Spirit to work in them.

The Holy Spirit also continues to work through the worship and sacraments of the Church. In Baptism, He makes us children of God. In Confirmation, He strengthens us for mission. In the Eucharist, He deepens our union with Christ. In Confession, He restores what sin has wounded. The Church is not simply a human organization preserving religious traditions. She is alive with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

And Pentecost reminds us of one more essential truth: every Christian is meant to be a missionary.

The Holy Spirit was not given merely for personal comfort or private spirituality. The apostles were sent outward. The Church exists to proclaim Christ to the world. That mission belongs not only to clergy or missionaries overseas, but to every baptized person.

Most people will not preach to crowds. But every Christian preaches something by the way he lives. A faithful marriage, patience in suffering, generosity toward the poor, commitment to prayer, and a willingness to speak openly about faith all bear witness to Christ more than we often realize.

This Pentecost, ask the Lord to renew His gifts within you. Ask for the courage, wisdom, holiness, and zeal to be the missionary disciple you are called to be.

Blessings,  
Father Feist



## Please, Pray for Our Sick!



James E. Yates, Garrett Carson, Adley Prator, Tess Franch, Dalton Prator, Marie Scott, Sandy Latimer, Linda Copey, Jamie Klotz, Daniel O’Leary, Michael Scoggins, Bill Young, Bob Farncomb, Gideon Sazynski, Tiffany Bratton, Ann Rees, Heather Muth, Cindy McDonald, Tamaran Howell, Matthew Greene, Joyce Evans, Joey Simpson, Teresa Shuttters, Jessica Williams, Leanne Beutler, Pam Chisley, Rosa Baciao, Belynda Miles, Lou Perry, Cynthia Gray, Brian Wasko, Zoila Montelongo, Samuel Paladino, F. Gary Swann, Sr., M. Samantha Swann, Diane Harmis, Fr. Ron Potts, Laura Farmer, Joyce Lee, Raymond Jones, Charles Scott, William Crouch, Mike Runfola, Reed Faasen, Charlotte Hemsley, Bill Deer, Lisa Deer, John Gagnon, Monique Lamoureux, Tina Cooksey, Linda Welch, Michael Dobry, Marily Edelen, Evelyn Farmer Brown, Travis Palmer, Rena Bland, Ellison Vanderyt, Zyyonna Warren, Catherine Posey, Brenda Monshower, Rose Radcliff, Dr. John Lucero, 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 your request.*

## Have a Prayer Request?

Scan the QR code to submit your intentions.  
Share your prayer requests with us,  
so we may pray for you!



## SACRED HEART MEN’S GROUP (SHMG)

Calling all Men of the Parish!

Get out of your comfort zone and consider joining other men of the parish as we try to grow in the understanding of our faith and draw closer to God.

CALLING ALL MEN!

**Saturday Mornings in the Sacred Heart Friendship Room**  
**7:00-7:30 AM, Coffee and Donuts**  
**7:30-8:30 AM, Priest or Deacon led Discussion**

## Sacred Heart Quilt Raffle

Help support both the Carmelite Sister’s of Port Tobacco and the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception by purchasing raffle tickets to **win a beautiful Sacred Heart Quilt made by the Sisters.** Raffle tickets are **\$20.00 per chance.** Contact **Deacon Matt** at [mldaley@sacredheartlaplata.org](mailto:mldaley@sacredheartlaplata.org) or (301) 643-1683.



## CEMETERY NEWS

Mother’s Day decorations will begin to be removed beginning this week. If you are interested in joining a team of volunteers to help maintain our parish cemetery grounds (no lawn mowing involved) please contact the church office at 301-934-2261 for information.



## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost and respect for life are deeply connected. The Holy Spirit empowers us to boldly defend the vulnerable, breathe life into a cynical world, and recognize the divine dignity of all creation. It is a call to move beyond fear and embrace a transformative love for human life from conception to natural death.

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate “comforter” and “advocate” in a culture where the vulnerable are often treated as burdens. The advocate within us calls for the protection of human life at every stage.

**The Unborn:** The Spirit knits us together in the womb, making every pre-born child a reflection of God’s creation.

**The Sick and Elderly:** Pentecost wisdom enables us to see that every phase of human existence, including the vulnerable at the end of life, offers a sacred opportunity to grow in relationship with God.

Respecting life means recognizing that every human being is a precious gift. When you align your daily actions with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, you receive the divine guidance necessary to honor that dignity.

The Holy Spirit empowers you to cherish life through these specific virtues:

- **Wisdom** allows you to see yourself, others, and all creation from God’s viewpoint, prioritizing love and respect for every person.

- **Understanding** gives you the insight to comprehend the value of human life and to empathize with the struggles and joys of those around you.

- **Counsel** helps you make right choices and offer sound guidance in complex situations, promoting justice, peace, and protection for the vulnerable.

- **Fortitude** provides the moral courage and strength to defend human life and stand up for your convictions, even in the face of adversity.

- **Knowledge** enables you to recognize God’s purpose for humanity and to appreciate the sacredness of the physical world.

- **Piety** cultivates a deep reverence for God, which inspires a genuine love, care, and compassion for all His creation.

- **Fear of the Lord** fosters an attitude of awe and respect for God, ensuring you to treat yourself and others with the honor due to His image.

You can nurture these gifts by remaining open to the Spirit’s promptings in how you treat your own life and the lives of others.

**May the Holy Spirit strengthen God’s people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life, let us pray to the Lord. Amen!**

### St. Aloysius Mental Health Ministries

St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD will host a Rosary every 1st Saturday of the Month for our community in support of persons affected by and living with mental illness and related health challenges. Join us Saturday, June 6th @ 4:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church, Sacred Heart Chapel, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650.

For questions, contact Jessica at (301).475.9885 or email, [Info@stfrancisxavierchurch.org](mailto:Info@stfrancisxavierchurch.org).

## ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, please contact the school office at (301) 934-9595 or [office@archbishopnealeschool.org](mailto:office@archbishopnealeschool.org).

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for Aftercare Workers for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Mandy Wise, call (301) 934-7005 or email [anschild-carecenter@archbishopnealeschool.org](mailto:anschild-carecenter@archbishopnealeschool.org).

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## Annual Memorial Day Mass

**Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

Rev. David Beaubien, pastor at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, will be our main celebrant. This outdoor Mass will be dedicated to honor the deceased individuals Catholic Cemeteries interred during the past year in the diocesan cemetery and in the parish cemeteries of St. Mary’s, Charles, Calvert, and Prince George’s Counties. Prior to the Mass, a commemorative reading of deceased names will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Knights of Columbus offering a ceremonial salute to our deceased veteran armed forces and Taps will be performed.

The St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery is located at 38888 Doctor Johnson Rd, Mechanicsville, MD. An enclosable tent will be erected in the cemetery, so the Mass will be held rain or shine. For additional information, please call (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766.

## 125th Anniversary Museum

In honor of Sacred Heart’s 125th anniversary, your photos and artifacts from 1901-2026 are needed! If you have items to donate or lend, contact Susan Simpson on 301-751-4682 or email [jmsimpson9719@comcast.net](mailto:jmsimpson9719@comcast.net).



## The Knights of Columbus

**Answer the call to lead with faith!**

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Neale Council #2279 is looking for Catholic gentlemen to join our council. If you become a member of our council, you will find that KofC membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. KofC offers growth in faith, service to one’s church and others in need, access to top-rated life insurance, and vetted moral investment products. Join us today, and help us to “make a difference in someone’s life!”

Contact Michael Mickey, Grand Knight, at (240) 210-9009 or email at [michaelkmickey@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkmickey@gmail.com). Register online for free at: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using Local Council #2279 and Referral Code #4913849.



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