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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
(Babysitting available during 10:00 a.m. Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday - 9:30 a.m., Chapel
(Church during the CCD year)

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

CIVIL HOLIDAYS

Any change in the weekday schedule will be announced.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday - 3:00-4:00 p.m. or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First, Second and Third Saturdays - 10:30 a.m.
Contact and coordinate with the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OR HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass

R.C.I.A. - INQUIRY INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

For Catholic and non-Catholic adults inquiring about the Catholic faith. Contact the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday, 4:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ronald A. Potts, Pastor
Deacon Dan D. Abeyta
Deacon Bob Seith

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Parish Community.
Office Hours - Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

The first Sunday of each month (except May, July and August) in Carroll Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD)

Coordinator: Mrs. Mary Hager
Home School Contact: Mrs. Sam Fatzinger
Youth Ministers: Mr. Danny Flynn & Mrs. Kari Flynn
Youth Group email: sacredheartbowieyg@gmail.com
Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CCD SCHEDULE - (SEPTEMBER TO MAY)

Sunday:	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)	
	As Announced	
Tuesday:	Grades 5 to 8	7:30-8:45 p.m.
Saturday:	Grades K to 4	9:00-10:15 a.m.

ORGANIST

Dr. Henry Wroblewski

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LECTOR COORDINATOR

Mr. Steve Bast (301-464-8782)

WEBSITE - www.sacredheartbowie.org

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WHITEMARSH BRANCH



Masses For The Week

MONDAY JULY 20

St. Apollinaris

6:30 Mark Connolly

8:00 Msgr. John Hogan

TUESDAY JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:30 Margaret Block

8:00 Joe Patanella

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 Joseph Maria

8:00 Farinholt Family (L)

THURSDAY JULY 23

St. Bridget

6:30 Bill Henry

8:00 Bonnie Hager

FRIDAY JULY 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

6:30 Will Kogler

8:00 Karen Himmel

SATURDAY JULY 25

St. James

9:30 Jerry Markey

All daily and weekend Masses are celebrated in the Church, except on Tuesdays where the 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. Masses and Adoration will be celebrated in the Chapel.

Pray for Priests



We will have 24-hours Adoration for the priests of the Archdiocese of Washington, beginning Monday, August 3, at 8:00 p.m. and continuing through Tuesday, August 4, at 8:00 p.m. August 4 is the Feast of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests. Without our priests, there would be no reconciliation to restore our souls and no Holy Eucharist to nourish our Spirits. You can [sign-up for a specific time slot](#) or just drop in and spend some time praying for our priests.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) provides for in-depth discovery of Catholic life. Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Church? Your invitation to someone who seems to be searching for a faith to believe in may be just the encouragement needed to come and learn about the Catholic faith. The R.C.I.A. program is also intended for those Catholics seeking to "brush-up" on the faith. Adults seeking information regarding joining the Catholic Church and Catholics seeking to enhance their understanding of the Catholic faith are invited to attend R.C.I.A. classes which will begin in the Fall and conclude at Easter. If interested, please call the parish office at 301-262-0704.



SUNDAY MASS WHEN ON VACATION



Vacations are a very important part of our life. They are the stuff that re-creation is made of! But to leave God out of that re-creation is to leave out a vital element - the One who creates! We are bound by the Third Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath and we are obligated by Church Law which states, "On Sunday and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." The availability of Sunday and holiday Mass is an important consideration when you are planning a vacation. Part of it is spiritual, let us not forget to nourish and rejuvenate that spiritual part as we enjoy the physical and mental respite of our vacations this summer! Wherever you are in the U.S., you'll find the nearest Church and Mass schedule at www.masstimes.org.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

CH=Carroll Hall (basement of church) --HC=Hogan Center (hill)
WMH=Whitemarsh Hall - HH=Hogan Hall (both in HC)

Sunday No Babysitting - Carroll Hall Closed

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Adoration - Chapel

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Confessions - Church

The Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. for individual prayer time.

CCD NEWS

CCD registration is now available on the parish website -

sacredheartbowie.org.



The registration link can be found under Faith Formation. It is unclear at this time what our CCD program will look like. Families will be updated as these decisions are being made. Questions? Please call Mary Hager at ccdsacredheart@gmail.com or 301-262-1221.

2020 Jubilarian Mass: Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **November 22, 2020**. To register, call the parish office at 301-262-0704 before September 23.



Did you know that you can give to Sacred Heart Church on-line through Faith Direct. Enrollment is easy. Simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use the **Sacred Heart church code MD929**. Be sure to include your Sacred Heart Check of the Month envelope number too. You have the option to have your contributions either taken out of your bank account or a credit card account. Giving through Faith Direct allows you to never miss a monthly contribution. You can also make donations to the second collections, poor box, or other Sacred Heart charities.

Defend Life "Face the Truth" campaign will

be in the Bowie area on Wednesday, **July 29**. They will meet at Routes 450 and 3 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Mass will following in the Chapel. After their Mass, breakfast will be served at the picnic area behind the rectory. Anyone wishing to help with the food for the breakfast should contact Rosemary Morson at rmorson@verizon.net or 410-721-5756.



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What are the Spiritual Exercises?

The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and encounter Jesus Christ in a more profound and personal way. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God's will, and the decision to follow Christ our Lord more closely. Find out more about Spiritual Exercises and virtual retreats at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center website.

From the desk of Father Ronald A. Potts:

In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom, the author confirms what we as believers recognize and confess as God's supreme power, which nothing and nobody can hold in check. We know that the Lord sees everything happening in our world and that no human action or secret of the heart escapes Him and we do not doubt His justice or power. But when we look around or meditate on history, we ask ourselves, "How is it possible that God intervenes so little to put order in our world?" These are the very questions which the author of Wisdom has been asking and today's passage is the answer. Simply stated God is almighty and acts justly. Indeed, He can act with justice precisely because He is strong; He can show patience, indulgence and moderation precisely because He has dominion over everything. We can understand this even more clearly by observing human behavior. When human beings act brutally, they do so because they know they are weak and unsure. They do not have authority since they can assert themselves only by force. They oppress others when their weakness is detected or when they want to hide their frailty. For them, there exists no other consideration, no other justice than brutal force; to show indulgence, consideration, would reveal their vulnerability. God's justice and His patience manifest His supreme power and universal dominion. The patience of God, holy and strong, gives us a "beautiful hope." It is for this reason that we call God our Father in prayer and call upon the power of His mercy.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he expresses a truth regarding our prayer, "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." Our prayer although fervent remains an impulse towards God whom we cannot reach. At this point, the Holy Spirit comes to our aid. The Spirit does not replace us, but takes our prayer, translates it into inexpressible groanings that are not part of the human language and directs it effectively towards God. The Holy Spirit fulfills with us the role given to Him by the Father as our Paraclete—the Counselor—whom the Son has sent to us.

In Matthew's gospel we find three parables this Sunday: weeds and wheat, the mustard seed and the yeast added to the flour. The explanation of the parable of the weeds and wheat throws light on the other two parables of the mustard seed and yeast. The last two in turn shed light upon the first. In the world today, the kingdom is like a seed sown in the earth, a pinch of yeast buried in the dough. This sowing and leavening will not fail to produce effects which seem miraculous, if we consider the disproportion between the smallness of what has been sown or mixed and the magnitude of the result. But we cannot conclude from these comparisons that it is enough for us to passively wait to see what is going to happen. For the parables use images that need to be correctly understood. We have our share of responsibility in what comes to pass. Good seed gives wheat; but the enemy sows weeds in the field already sown. The bush that we are must be willing to grow and blossom. The dough does not always rise well despite the quality of the yeast. Small quantities of flour untouched by the yeast are still visible. The Son of Man will judge these results some day and will call each one of us to account. In the meantime, our patient God refrains from intervening in an untimely manner and does not anticipate the time of judgement.

In Memory of a Loved One...



If you would like to place a memorium, prayer request or spiritual notation for your loved one(s) on the back of the church bulletin, please contact Adam Snyder at asnyder@diocesan.com or 814-771-8628. The Diocesan art department will design a spot for you which will appear weekly in our church bulletin advertisement page. What better way to show your continued love for those special to you and support your church bulletin at the same time. Even at this time when we are not printing the bulletin, it still appears on the parish website.

St. Mary Magdalene is a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. She traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection! She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute, but this is not supported in the scriptures. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. Her Feast Day is July 22. She is the patron saint of contemplative life, converts, penitent sinners and people ridiculed for their piety.



PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the **ARMED SERVICES**: Bill Glynn, Jr., Katelyn Ballagh, Riley Cassidy, Ann Maloney, Jake Rohme, Cody Komala, Joshua Poole, Aidan Reilly, Ethan Copping, Kenton Stacey, Chris Seager, Richie Mulhare, Joe O'Connell, M. K. Harris, Justin Burns, Steven P. Maqui, Andrew Rodriguez, Damian Pedersen, Jim Ballagh, Jr., Michael Sierco, Stephen Prevo, Paul Gannett, James Pritchett. *Please notify the Office of family members that can be included or removed.*

PLEASE PRAY for the **SICK** of the Parish especially William Flanagan, Reba Waple, Joanne Jones, Rene Lacoste, Mary McDonough, Maxine Gorman, Don Hirzel, Wilda Raffensperger, Dana Rodriguez, Robert Shourds, Jr., Karen Larson, Rosamond MacDonald, Adeline Grima, Lileen Schwarz, Mark Rose, Ann Brennan, Maria Dutkowsky, Jeanne Danko, Leona Kilday, Jennifer McClure, Matthew Leake, George Murphy, Jr., Cheryl Sprouse, Patrick Ledger, Brendan Farr, Carol Fitzgerald, Anna Jeanne Judge, Joseph Flanagan, Victoria Ose, Peter Kubic, Kristen Vicencio, Jennie Guilbaud, Paul Ford, Bill Hardin, Susan Swick, Regina Madigan, Luis Martarano, Roberto Cruz, Eric Seith, Kathleen Sierco-Werking, Jim Braswell, Thomas Lumsden, Bill Parent, Bernadette Braswell, Carolyn Kassabian, Bill Murphy, Raymond & Jean Wehrmeister, Hoa My Cai, Teri Mignosa, Renee Smigielski, Jamie April, Lorna Schrom, Margaret LaFerrara, Ruth Hayes, Debra Walter, Betty Dyer, Jeanette Harris, Karly Szostak, Mary Kotarski, Laurie Smith, Marianne VanOverwalle, Ivan Cobo, Monica Diaz, Charles Coley, Mary Krok, Mary Beth Fitzmaurice, Loretta Foley, Rachel Euber, Rene Roach, Robbie Svoboda, Linda & Pat McKenna, John Kylus, Margaret Quarto, Ann Leister, Dawn Chapdelaine and Joni Seith.

Names will remain 3 weeks and can be continued by calling the Office.

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