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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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WHITEMARSH BRANCH

Masses For The Week

MONDAY JANUARY 11
6:30 Regan Family (L)
8:00 Jim Svoboda

TUESDAY JANUARY 12
6:30 Portner Family (L)
8:00 Bruno Seppi

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13
St. Hilary
6:30 Walls Family (L)
8:00 Patrick Dunn

THURSDAY JANUARY 14
6:30 Jim Svoboda
8:00 Jack Flanagan

FRIDAY JANUARY 15
6:30 Fatzinger Family (L)
8:00 Helen Rozanski

SATURDAY JANUARY 16
9:30 Jack Flanagan

All daily and weekend Masses are celebrated in the Church. Adoration on Tuesdays in the Chapel from 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS

During the month of January, we will be collecting items to pass out to the homeless. The items we will be collecting include: **NEW** Socks (all sizes), toiletries, and blankets (gently used or new). These are the most needed items by the homeless. Your donations may be dropped off in the bins provided in the main church, or at the CCD office in the Hogan Center from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. All items donated will be distributed throughout the Washington, DC area. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hager at 301-262-1221.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please plan to spend some quiet time with the Lord! We need people to sign-up and commit for a regular weekly time, especially the 1:30-2:30 p.m. time slot. Please contact the parish office at 301-262-0704 if you can commit to a weekly time slot.

All ladies of the parish are invited to **Our Lady's Sodality** monthly Rosary and Mass on Monday, **January 11**, in the Chapel. The Rosary will be recited starting at 1:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 1:30 p.m. For more information about Our Lady's Sodality, contact Rosemary Morson at 410-721-5756 or Pat Campbell at 410-721-6646.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the flowers that decorated our Church and Chapel this Christmas. These plants can be picked-up on Sunday, January 10, after the 12 noon Mass in the Church or on Monday, January 11, in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Also men and women volunteers are needed to help undecorate the Church and the Chapel on Monday, January 11 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

Monday 9:00 a.m. - Undecorate Church & Chapel
1:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Sodality Rosary - Chapel
1:30 p.m. - Our Lady's Sodality Mass - Chapel

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC
9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Adoration - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Walking With Purpose - WMH
7:30-8:30 p.m. - CCD Grade 8 - HC

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

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC

Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m. - CCD Grade 2 - HC
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.

Weekdays after 8 a.m. Mass - Coffee, Tea, etc. - HH

PARISH REGISTRATION: New families are welcome! It is important that you **REGISTER** in a parish since weddings, baptisms and other parish services such as sponsor certificates or letters of good standing require membership in a parish.

To register, please contact the parish office at 301-262-0704.

Your generosity to the weekly POOR BOX has allowed us to make the following distributions in December 2020:

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry	$300.00
Sisters Servant of the Lord	$250.00
Mary's Center	$200.00
Gabriel Network	$500.00
UMD Catholic Student Center	$500.00

As always, thank you for your kindness to others.

House on the Hill is open on the following days and times:
Tuesdays - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Thursdays - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Donation Shed open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The House on the Hill is accepting only winter clothes, coats, blankets and linens at this time. Due to limited storage space we ask that you hold donations of spring and summer clothes until a later date.

Remember to contact the Parish Office with any changes in your mailing address, email address or phone number. We appreciate your help in keeping our records accurate. Contact us at 301-262-0704 or parishoffice@sacredheartbowie.org.

NEED A STATEMENT OF 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS?
Call the Parish Office at 301-262-0704
Monday-Thurday, 9:00-4:30; Friday, 9:00-1:00
or email us at
parishoffice@sacredheartbowie.org.

From the desk of Father Ronald A. Potts:

Today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we recall this manifestation of the Lord and the beginning of His public ministry. This feast proclaims the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River. This salvation event is the last liturgy of the Christmas season as we celebrate the gift of baptism as it elevates us to the status of God's daughters and sons.

As we listen to the prophecy of Isaiah, we are filled with hope at what the Lord promises. The point is really to "listen, that you may have life." The one who invites—"Come to me"—will Himself take the initiative that will ensure the possession of all goods: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant." If we come, if we hear, if we listen, this mutual confidence will be established. Yesterday, there was uncertainty about tomorrow: now, we can be confident of the future, since the covenant will be eternal. Gradually, unity between all people will be established "because of the Lord, your God." The covenant made previously with David will take on a new, unheard of extension. The radiant manifestation of the "splendor" of God will shine upon us. The Lord promises "my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy because He is the most perfect Word spoken by the Father.

In our second reading from the Letter of St. John, we find a very rich message. His thought develops and progresses around this central idea, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him." Love of God consists of keeping His commandments; this faithfulness verifies the true love for the children of God. To recognize that Jesus is the Son of God is to participate in His victory over the world that He has accomplished through His passion, death, and resurrection. It is on the witness of the Spirit—which is truth—and the Father that faith in Jesus as the Son of God stands. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God because God Himself witnesses to Him.

In today's gospel, Mark presents the Baptism of Jesus as the inaugural event of the mission of Jesus. This event is situated in line with the prophecies that announce the coming of John to the coming of Jesus. Jesus is baptized by John and on coming up out of the water—Jesus sees the "heavens being torn open." Here the theophany is directed to Jesus Himself. It is He who sees the Spirit descend, and He again who hears the voice say, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Yes, God has descended, and in Jesus we recognize the Son of the Father who has clothed Himself in our humanity. As Jesus is baptized, we understand the unique and intimate relationship that unites Jesus to the Father.

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Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center has announced upcoming 2021 dates for the Marriage Preparation Program, Three to Get Married. The Center has scheduled both in-person and virtual weekends to accommodate the needs of many. For more information and to register for a weekend, visit the website: https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/marriage-prep. Weekends fill up quickly, so reserve today!

Woman's Retreat: Stress Resilience and Hope. February 5-7, 2021 at the Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Faulkner, MD. Registration fee is $245.00. For more information, visit loyolaonthepotomac.com/retreatsprograms/retreat-programs/womans-retreat-stress-resilience-and-hope/

ARMED SERVICES: Katie Stafford, 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.*

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PLEASE PRAY for the **SICK** of the Parish especially Cathy Burlaga, Sophia Walker, Sabrina Loftis, Donna Bray, Kathy Italiano, Jayne Cassella, Len Ceruzzi, Tom Smith, Bill Mecca, Bernie Toth, Matthew Chamberlain, David Manahan, George Smith, Rick DeCicco, Richard Harris, Jim & Barbara Reilly, Sister Ignatia, Evie Leckie, William Flanagan, Reba Waple, Mary McDonough, Maxine Gorman, Wilda Raffensperger, Karen Larson, Rosamond MacDonald, Adeline Grima, Lileen Schwarz, Mark Rose, Jeanne Danko, Leona Kilday, Jennifer McClure, Matthew Leake, George Murphy, Jr., Patrick Ledger, Brendan Farr, Carol Fitzgerald, Joseph Flanagan, 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, Bernadette Braswell, Carolyn Kassabian, Bill Murphy, Raymond 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, Mary Krok, Mary Beth Fitzmaurice, Rachel Euber, Rene Roach, Robbie Svoboda, Linda & Pat McKenna, John Kylus, Ann Leister, Dawn Chapdelaine and Joni Seith.

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

Please remember in your prayers the souls of the **FAITHFUL DEPARTED** especially Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Deacon James Somerville, and Betty Ann Sullins.

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