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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.

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WHITEMARSH BRANCH



Masses For The Week

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18
6:30 No Mass	6:30 Father Bernard Ihrle
8:00 John Ryczak	8:00 Frederick Policelli
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16	FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19
6:30 Lauro Rochino	6:30 Clarence Coley
8:00 Kathleen Berganski	8:00 Len Abbott
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20
ASH WEDNESDAY	9:30 Marguerite & Ralph Collins
6:30 Father Charles Green	
8:00 Elizabeth Capiolo	

*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.*

MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ASHES will be distributed during all Masses.
All Masses are in the Church.

THE PURPOSE OF ASH WEDNESDAY'S ASHES

The Church extends to all Catholics an invitation to receive ashes. The rite of administering ashes has been created by the Church as a *sacramental* to make us conscious both of the reality of death and of the necessity for penance and contrition. The effect of this rite depends upon the prayerful purpose of the recipient.



Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **abstinence** and also days of **fast**. All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence**. **Abstinence** requires that Catholics 14 years and older refrain from eating meat. **Fasting** requires that Catholics 18-60 years of age partake of one full meal and two lighter meals only.

Sacred Heart will be hosting a **Baby Bottle Campaign** for the **Gabriel Network** beginning next weekend, **February 20/21**. Baby Bottles will be available after all Masses. Filled baby bottles should be returned the following weekend (February 27/28). For those parishioners still not attending Mass in person, Gabriel Network has set up a virtual link. The link to donate is <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sacredheart>. The money collected will help serve the mothers and families who call Gabriel Network for help. Gabriel Network is a faith based, non-profit organization that serves women throughout Maryland and DC who are facing crisis pregnancies. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to Gabriel Network!

The "**Vocations Tree**" in the back of the church has cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Pray for those whom God calls to give their lives in service of His Church. In addition to the printed cards, parishioners can choose a seminarian from the following two sites:
<https://dcpriest.org/vocations-tree-project>
www.saintjohnneumann.org/vocations-tree



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	Parish and CCD Offices Closed
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	Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule (See Column One) Confessions after 7:00 p.m. Mass - Church
Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel
Friday	7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
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.*

On Monday, February 15,
in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday:

Only one daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Church,
Parish and CCD Office will be closed.

There will be a special collection on
Ash Wednesday, February 17,
for the Church in the Developing World.

2021 Lenten Activities at Sacred Heart

Confessions	Wednesdays	7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel
	Thursdays	7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chapel
	Fridays	After 7 p.m. Stations - Church
	Saturdays	3:00-4:00 p.m. - Church
Stations of the Cross	Fridays	7:00 p.m. - Church
Scripture Study	Wednesdays	10:30-11:30 a.m. - WMH
Adoration	Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Chapel



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel on **Tuesdays** from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sign-up for a specific time frame by calling the parish office at 301-262-0704. We need adorers during the hours of 11:30-12:30 and 12:30-1:30.



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From the desk of Father Ronald A. Potts:

In today's passage from the Book of Leviticus, we find the teaching regarding people with leprosy. We find that they were declared unclean and were isolated from the rest of the community. They were to dwell "apart . . . outside the camp." Their lesions were not just a sign of a terrible disease, but were a reminder of the boils afflicted upon the Egyptians and their cattle. This was the punishment against Pharaoh for opposing God's will and not releasing His people from the bondage of slavery. As the Israelites recall how God spared them, Deuteronomy says the Lord would send these same lesions on His people if they were unfaithful to His law.

In St. Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, he answers a very specific question, "Is it lawful to eat meat sold in the market place that had been sacrificed to a pagan god?" Paul answers the question clearly by saying the idols are nothing and therefore the meat may be eaten without difficulty. Those who understand this can eat the meat without scruple but they must renounce this if others in the community would be scandalized. Paul's principle is simple: everything that is permissible is not always becoming or edifying. Everything we do—eating, drinking, whatever else—we must do "for the glory of God." We must not forget that the concern for God's glory must make us careful to act in a way that others, in particular the weakest, may be encouraged to also give glory to God. Otherwise, freedom becomes a lack of respect and an obstacle to some people. The immediate interest of others takes precedence over our personal interest.

In today's passage from Mark's gospel, a leper comes to Jesus to be healed. We marvel at the courage of the leper as he approaches Jesus and kneels down saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus does not reject him or send him away but stretches out His hand saying, "I do will it. Be made clean." This gesture and word illustrates for us the pity and compassion of Jesus not only for this leper but for all of us. Jesus asks the man to keep the news of his healing quiet and go immediately to show himself to the priests. The man cannot contain his joy and shares the news of his healing with everyone. Jesus can no longer avoid the enthusiasm of the crowds, but more importantly the overt opposition to His person and authority as the Son of God. The authorities will begin to scrutinize Him and ultimately call for His death.



The City of Bowie will be holding a **free online Workforce Development Training Program** this Spring to improve the career planning, employment potential and employment retention skills of Bowie residents ages 15 to 25. The program will include two modules. The first will take place in April 2021 and includes four sessions with information on

STEM-oriented careers and life skills training. The second module will focus on entrepreneurship and innovation and include two sessions in May 2021. All sessions will take place over Zoom and include interactive lectures and activities. The application period is February 1—March 19, 2021. Bowie residents between the ages 15-25 can apply online at www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining. There will be two online public forums regarding this Training Program. Those public forums will be on February 10 and February 24 from 7:00 –8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Kay Starr at worktraining@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009.



The Sacred Heart Prayer Shawl Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Whitmarsh Hall. Their next meeting is **Wednesday, March 3**. New members welcome to help knit or crochet shawls. If someone you know is facing a serious illness, hardship in life, or needs "God's love wrapped around them". Give them a prayer shawl. Contact Pat Steelman at 410-721-0109.



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.*

PLEASE PRAY for the **SICK** of the Parish especially John Ashley, Richard Normandin, Theresa Farr, Herbert Williams, Frances Cicero, Julia Echipare, Marcy Ann Gaines, 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, William Flanagan, Reba Waple, Mary McDonough, Maxine Gorman, Wilda Raffensperger, Karen Larson, Rosamond MacDonald, Lileen Schwarz, Mark Rose, Jeanne Danko, Leona Kilday, Matthew Leake, George Murphy, Jr., Brendan Farr, Joseph Flanagan, Kristen Vicencio, Jennie Guilbaud, Paul Ford, Bill Hardin, Susan Swick, Regina Madigan, Luis Martarano, 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, Marianne VanOverwalle, Ivan Cobo, Monica Diaz, Mary Krok, Mary Beth Fitzmaurice, Rachel Euber, Rene Roach, Robbie Svoboda, Linda & Pat McKenna, 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 Laurie Smith and Doris Farrell.



Warm Nights 2021: Due to COVID-19, Sacred Heart will not be hosting guests on-site this year; however, we have committed to providing lunches, assorted supplies and financial support to the guests. We are looking for volunteers to provide lunches each day for the week of **February 21-28** (looking for 5 individuals a day to make 20 lunches each). We also welcome any financial donations—you can give through Faith Direct or make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and drop them in the collection box or in the parish office. Be sure to print Warm Nights in the memo field of the check. Other items needed are cleaning supplies, shower gel, toothpaste, female hygiene, socks, men and women underwear, towels, wash cloths, laundry baskets, and queen-size sheets. Items can be dropped off in front of the church on February 20, from 8:00-9:30 a.m. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Brendan Gaeng at 410-980-3975 or gboyslax@gmail.com.

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