

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

ADORATION

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ronald A. Potts, Pastor
Rev. Michael Russo, Parochial Vicar
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

Contact the Parish Office.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD)

Coordinator: Mrs. Jessica Ptomey
CCD email: ccdsacredheart@gmail.com
CCD meets September through May:
Tuesday: Grades 5 to 8 7:30-8:45 p.m.
Saturday: Grades K to 4 9:00-10:15 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Ministers: Kari Flynn, Danny & Alexandra Baxter
Email: sacredheartbowieyg@gmail.com
Youth Group (Grades 6 to 12)
Youth Group meets Sunday, Thursday, Friday
As announced

ORGANIST

Dr. Henry Wroblewski

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mr. Joseph Bottner

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Mr. Frank Figlozzi, Mrs. Betsy April & Mr. Basil Parlett

LECTOR COORDINATOR

Mr. Steve Bast (301-464-8782)

WEBSITE - www.sacredheartbowie.org

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WHITEMARSH BRANCH



Masses For The Week

MONDAY DECEMBER 5

6:30 William Keebaugh
8:00 McGinnis Family (L)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas

6:30 Brayden & Nicholas
Singleton (L)
8:00 Benjamin Esguerra

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose

6:30 Rich Mulhare
8:00 Garcia Family (L)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Fran Marshall
8:00 Michael Counter

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:30 Clay McCarty
8:00 Catherine Breyer

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

9:30 Jeffrey Harash

Rosary is recited after the 8 and 9:30 a.m. daily Masses.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8 - 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m.

All Masses are in the main Church.

The altar flowers for the
Immaculate Conception Masses are

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Angel Trees: Wrapped packages with tags on the outside MUST BE RETURNED THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 3/4. If you have any questions or are unable to follow through on your purchase, please contact Mary Walsh-Coe at 301-262-0704 (O) or 301-805-2985 (H). Help is needed after all Masses to transport the gifts from the Church up the hill to the Hogan Center.



All women of the parish are invited to join **Our Lady's Sodality** on Monday, **December 5** in the Chapel at 6:10 p.m. for the Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. After Mass there will be a meeting in Whitmarsh Hall, followed by our Christmas potluck social with holiday food and caroling. For more information, contact Ellen Ewing at 301-789-7127.

SIMBANG GABI (Advent Evening Masses) is a nine-day Novena and Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary to spiritually prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Sacred Heart Church will host the Simbang Gabi on **December 18, 19, and 20** at 7:00 p.m. We need volunteer ushers, ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, altar servers and offertory sponsors. For more information or to volunteer, email Beth Maqui at macbethphil@gmail.com.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sunday Donuts & Coffee after 8 & 10 a.m. Masses - CH
4:30 p.m. - Advent Family Storytime - WMH
5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Chapel

Monday 7:00 p.m. - RCIA - HH
Our Lady's Sodality:
6:10 p.m. - Rosary - Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. - Meeting & Social - WMH

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Adoration - Chapel
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Walking With Purpose - WMH
7:30-8:45 p.m. - CCD Grades 5-8 - HC

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Walking With Purpose - HC
10:00 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - WMH
7:00-8:00 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC
6:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group - WMH
8:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday 6:00 p.m. - St Peter the Rock Christmas party - WMH
8:30 p.m. - AA Meeting - CH

Saturday 7:00 a.m. - Men's Group - HH
9:00-10:15 a.m. - CCD Grades K-4 - HC
11:00 a.m. - First Penance - Church
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Confessions - Church
5:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group - WMH

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

The second collection next week is for the
Retirement Fund for Religious brothers and sisters.

On Saturday, December 10, our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep these young boys and girls and their families in your prayers.



Everyone is invited to **Solemn Vespers** each Sunday in Advent at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Vespers (Evening Prayer) consists of an offering of psalms and canticles, a scripture reading, petitions and the Lord's Prayer.

Advent Family Storytime will be held each Sunday in Advent at 4:30 p.m. in Whitmarsh Hall (before Vespers). Bring the whole family! We will highlight various prayers, saints, liturgical symbols and traditions of Advent each week. Who knows, some saints might show up too. When we are done, you can head over to the Chapel for Vespers.



Senior Catered Luncheon—Wednesday, December 14, please join us for our Christmas catered luncheon at 12 Noon in Whitmarsh Hall. We are having an Italian lunch catered by Nonna Angela's. Cost is \$15.00 each payable at the door. Kindly RSVP to Mary Walsh-Coe at 301-262-0704 so that we are sure to order enough food and have enough seating. This is a great opportunity to spend time with fellow parishioners!

From the desk of Father Ronald A. Potts:

In our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, God's people are in great difficulty because King Ahaz has brought the country to the brink of ruin. It is a scandal and a time for faith. All is not lost and the prophet proclaims words of hope, "a shoot shall sprout . . . a bud shall blossom." From seemingly dead stock God will bring out a shoot, a prince, who will prove himself an ideal king. The promise of the Messiah of Peace is given.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he reminds us that our instruction comes from the Scriptures that we might have hope. God has remembered and fulfilled His promise by sending Jesus to be our Messiah and Redeemer. We are called to follow the example of Christ by serving one another and praising God. He reminds us to welcome each other as Christ welcomes us. In doing this, we search out the face of Christ in each other and serve Him in each other and obey the great commandment to love one another.

In today's gospel passage from Matthew, we hear John the Baptist preaching the message of repentance. We find John wearing camel's hair and eating locusts like the Prophet Elijah—remembering that Elijah was to come at the time of the Messiah. John the Baptist is revealed as the true Precursor—he is not the Messiah. He has been sent to baptize with water but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. He admits, "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." John is a model of precursors because of the manner in which he shows himself receptive to all who, with a sincere heart, acknowledge their sins, that they may receive the mercy and grace of God. We listen to John's message and examine our own hearts to see if we are truly living and loving as Jesus calls us to everyday. In realizing our own sinfulness, we come to Jesus asking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the Lord who forgives our sins and heals us with His grace.



Everyone who has consecrated themselves to Mary is invited to renew that consecration on Sunday, December 11, after the 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass in the Church.

Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 17 ~ 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #2577 is sponsoring a Children's Christmas Party. Children should come dressed in their pajamas and breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Sharon Paternoster (240-223-7067 or samptrnstr@verison.net) by December 10 with the names and ages of your children and the number of adults to attend.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Orders are being taken at the cost of \$10 per plant. Envelopes are at all entrances of the Church and in the back of the Chapel. You can also order Christmas flowers on the parish website.

The **Sacred Heart Prayer Shawl Group** meets the first Wednesday of the month. The group knits and crochets shawls to be given to individuals experiencing a hardship. New members welcome! Come join the group **Wednesday, December 7** at 10:00 a.m. in Whitemarsh Hall. If you know someone going through a tough time and could benefit by having prayers wrapped around them, contact Pat Steelman at 410-721-0109.



Please join us for a **Mother/Daughter Cookie Exchange** on Sunday, December 11, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in Whitemarsh Hall. Bring packages of 6 cookies/treats per container. You swap and take home the amount you bring. Questions? Contact Sam Fatzinger at 301-832-2216.

House on the Hill is in need of winter clothes—all sizes, as well as blankets, quilts, and linens. You may drop off your items at the donation shed which is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Remember, the House on the Hill primarily gives away clothes. There is limited storage space, so we cannot accept large household items. Please take those items to Goodwill or another charity. Thank you for giving to others.



PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the **ARMED SERVICES**: Thomas Allan, Marie Blair, Daniel Hugh, Larry Seppi, 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, Joe O'Connell, M. K. Harris, Justin Burns, Steven P. Maqui, Andrew Rodriguez, Damian Pedersen, Jim Ballagh, Jr., Michael Sierco, Stephen Prevo, James Pritchett Tim Vaughan, Kelly Shelton and Thomas Leffel. *Please notify the Office of family members that can be included or removed.*

PLEASE PRAY for the **SICK** of the Parish especially Jeanne Krivak, Kathleen Parlett, Joy Bohan, Ryan Compton, Brittany & Leo Diaz, Carlena Haas, John Bagwell, Julia Poole, Tracie Schmidt-Craig, Francisca Escribano, Joanna Compton, Carol Ceruzzi, Janet & Jim Braswell, Enis Bente, Jacob Klingensmith, Carolyn Anthony, Carole Blitva, Sabrina Loftis, Trish Frisbee, Peggy DeMaio, Carol Sotelo, Jeanne & Ed Danko, Sr., Kim Doering, Carol Brown, Daniel McNeil, Joan Fedorkowicz, Tina Palandati, Terri Gibson, Joan O'Reilly, Siobhan Saunderson, Ginny Tucker, Dana Rodriguez, Peter Monahan, Maria & Dennis Casaday, Bill Bagaria, Michael Davis, Jeffrey Ruth, Jacqueline Hebron, Nicholas Hardin, Terry Briscole, Matthew Chamberlain, Renee Smigielski, Frances Cicero, Rick DeCicco, Wilda Raffensperger, Rosamond MacDonald, Joseph Flanagan, Jennie Guilbaud, Susan Swick, Regina Madigan, Thomas Lumsden, Bernadette Braswell, Carolyn Kassabian, Raymond Wehrmeister, Teri Mignosa, Jamie April, Margaret LaFerrara, Betty Dyer, Jeanette Harris, Karly Szostak, Ivan Cobo, Monica Diaz, Mary Krok, Mary Beth Fitzmaurice, Rachel Euber, Robbie Svoboda, Ann Leister, Evan Saunderson, Sandra Witherspoon, 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 Antoinette Lazarus and Harry Kessler.

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