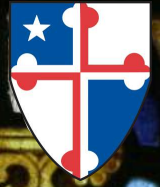


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May 3, 2020 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Livestream Schedule

Daily Mass

Sunday — Friday
at 9:00 AM

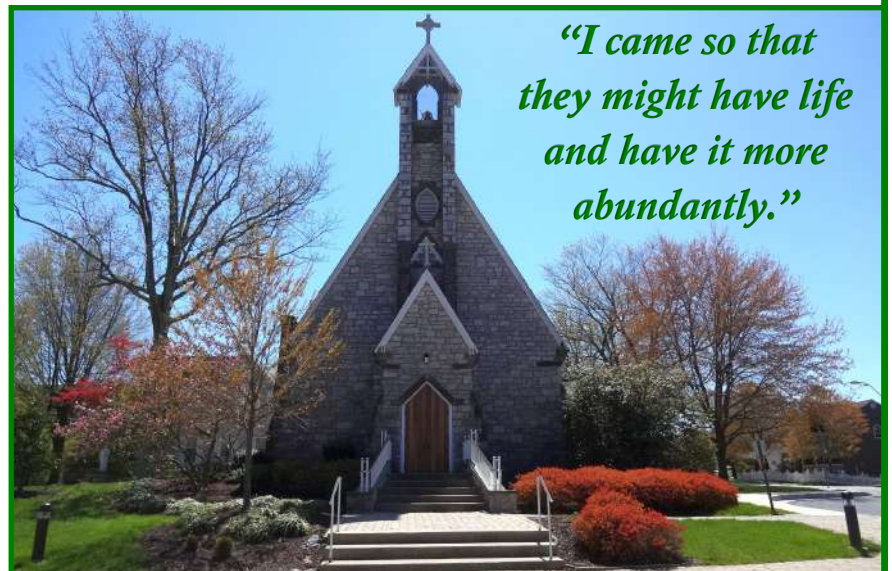
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Jueves y sabado
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Rosary

4:00 PM each day

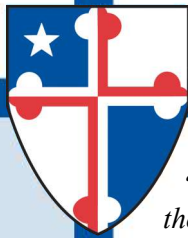


*"I came so that
they might have life
and have it more
abundantly."*

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Rev. James Proffitt

Dear Parishioners,

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day." That was quite an RCIA! The evangelization we hear happening in Acts of the Apostles is remarkable, yet we have experienced that in our Church as well when missionaries came to the United States, Asia, Africa, and South America. Thousands of people listened attentively and eagerly to their message and came to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. What has happened? Well, it seems as societies become more prosperous, wealthy, and privileged, they tend to turn away from the need for religion, faith, and even God. Poland is our latest example. Under Communist rule the Catholic Church thrived. When the practice of religion was forbidden or greatly discouraged, secret Masses were celebrated, seminarians were trained in underground seminaries, and vocations as priests, sisters, and brothers thrived. Two of our most recent and powerful Saints came out of these times — St. John Paul II and St. Faustina. Yet, now that Poland is free, Mass attendance is down, vocations are declining in number, and people are less devout. We know the situation in the U.S. We need to reinvigorate our belief and live it out in new ways to inspire people who are hopeless, disenfranchised, or self-satisfied.

Jesus proclaims, in the Gospel, that He is the gate for the sheep. All who enter through Him will be saved. Yet how many of our relatives have not even done the basics like baptizing their children or grandchildren — not out of objection, but just because they have become lukewarm. It is no longer a priority. Well, if we believe that Jesus *is* the gate, we'd better get them moving! Jesus *is* the way and He challenges us to go out and evangelize the nations — that begins with our family, friends, and neighbors. Then, perhaps our RCIA will have more than 1 or 10 or 30 candidates. What an Easter Vigil that would be!

Fr. Jerry Francik



Livestreamed Services

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Sunday — Friday at 9:00 AM

Saturday at 8:00 AM

Misa en español

Jueves y sabado a las 7:00 de la noche



Rosary

4:00 PM each day

Catch **"Java with Fr. Jerry"** on Mondays around 2:00 PM by livestream. **"Coffee with Fr. Canisius"** and **"Mocha with Maurice"** pop up on other days!

Scripture Readings for May 10 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 • 1 Pt 2:4-9 • Jn 14:1-12

We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" (2) called to place our faith (3) and trust (Ps) in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith (1).

How to Join Us by Video

"Live" at Facebook

Masses are livestreamed at Facebook each day. You can tune in "live" at their scheduled times or watch any recording later.

Sacred Heart Parish Website

Links and our most recent videos are at www.shgparish.org/videos.aspx and also on the [website home page](#).

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

Videos are uploaded and available afterwards on [our YouTube channel](#).

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón

IV domingo de Pascua — 3 de mayo de 2020

Misa en español (Facebook)

Jueves y sábado a las 7:00 de la noche

Creo Señor, pero aumenta mi fe!

Éste es uno de los milagros más resonantes que realizó Jesús y de los que entrañan más profundas lecciones, sobre todo para nuestros días.

Nadie niega que el demonio de la incredulidad se ha echado sobre el mundo: un demonio sordo, que ha taponado los oídos de la gente para que no escuche la Palabra de Dios, y demonio mudo que cierra los labios para que nadie se dirija al Dios que salva.

Siempre en la Iglesia hemos tenido como señal de salvación la afición y el amor a la Palabra de Dios y a la oración. Quien escucha a Dios que nos habla interiormente por sus inspiraciones, por la lectura de la Sagrada Biblia y por la predicación de la Iglesia, ése está en canino seguro de salvación. Y se está en camino segurísimo cuando a la escucha de Dios se une la oración confiada. El oído y la lengua juegan un papel decisivo en el problema de la salvación. Por eso nos volvemos a preguntar: ¿Escucha hoy el mundo a Dios y reza todo lo que debe?... ¿Sigue actuando todavía el demonio sordo y mudo?...

Entonces, lo que más necesitamos todos es más fe y más oración. El mundo sólo se salvará cuando crea y rece. Y los que trabajamos por la salvación del mundo, no le arrebatemos al demonio su dominio sobre las almas, sino cuando echemos mano de esas dos armas que ha manejado siempre la Iglesia con maestría: la oración y la penitencia, nacidas de un profundo espíritu de fe.

La Virgen nos lo vino a recordar en Fátima, y su lamento fue el mismo de Jesús en el Evangelio: no se convierten las almas y se pierden porque no hay quien ruegue y se sacrifique por ellas.

Nosotros tenemos fe, pero, como el buen hombre del Evangelio, reconocemos que nuestra fe en Dios es muy tibia a veces, y por eso hacemos nuestra y repetimos mil veces la súplica angustiada: **Creo, Señor, pero aumenta mi fe!**

Oración Para las Vocaciones

*Te damos gracias, Dios nuestro,
por tu llamada del Bautismo a ser tu pueblo.*

Te respondemos otra vez con nuestro "Sí".

*Danos fidelidad para tu causa
y para nuestra vocación.*

*Renueva con un espíritu de entusiasmo a todos
los que se dedican al servicio de tu pueblo.*

*Da a nuestros jóvenes el deseo de dedicarse
a este servicio en la vida religiosa,
en el sacerdocio, o como diáconos
y ministro laicos.*

*Llena sus corazones con tu Espíritu de
Sabiduría para que proclamen tu evangelio,
y den testimonio de tu presencia entre nosotros.
Amén.*



Recursos en Español:

www.archbalt.org/coronavirus-response-hispanic-ministry-resources/

USCCB » Bible » Lecturas Del Día

3 DE MAYO 2020

IV Domingo de Pascua
Leccionario: 49

Sacramental

Bautizos: Se celebran cada segundo sábado del mes (excepto durante la cuaresma). Los padres y los padrinos requieren asistir a una clase de preparación que se realiza el tercer domingo de cada mes y los padrinos deben haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana (Bautizo, Confirmación y Eucaristía). Favor llamar a la oficina para mayor información.

Matrimonio: Las parejas que están planeando en casarse deben contactar el sacerdote o el diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha planeada para este sacramento. Todas las parejas comprometidas deben de tomar el cursillo prematrimonial.

Unción de los Enfermos: En caso de emergencia llamar a la oficina parroquial o a la rectoría. Por favor notificar a la oficina si sabe de alguien que se encuentre en el hospital y necesite de este sacramento.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación:

El sacramento de la confesión se celebra los sábados de 5:30 p.m. a 6:45 p.m.



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Bulletin Deadline

Announcements are due one week before the requested bulletin date. Send notices to jment@shgparish.org.

Wedding Banns — Second Time

Aurelio Neri Casa Blanca and Teofila Acosta Acosta, both of Sacred Heart Parish

Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers

Lucy Angerer, Gary Bady, Andy Berendt, Mary Ellen and Mike Berry, Georgeanne Bond, Abby Renehan Cafiero, Gloria Cyford, John Dotson, Maria Ekavhiare, Theresa Eyler, Sandy Gamber, Troy Heiner, Sam Hibbard, Gerry Kleiman, Loretta McCusker, Carlyle Montanye, Scott Moser, Elaine Ortiz, Judy Schaefer, Mel Serio, Ryan Shriver, George Stifler

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 • Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.



For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.



First Prayer to Our Lady by Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Second Prayer
to Our Lady**
(a longer prayer —
[click here to view it](#))

Our Stewardship

Weekly Offering — April 26, 2020

Offertory	\$10,274.00
Maintenance	\$80.00
Catholic Education	\$458.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$62.00
Easter	\$2,220.00

Electronic Fund Contributions 4/20/20 – 4/26/20

(Not included in above total)

Offertory	\$6,356.80
Maintenance	\$262.00
Catholic Education	\$300.00
Easter	\$135.00

2020 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

We would love to see 100% participation in this year's Annual Appeal! Please help us meet and exceed our parish's goal of \$141,441. Half of all donations received above our goal will be returned to Sacred Heart. Appeal rebates are essential in keeping our ministries vibrant and strong! If you have yet to give, please go online to www.archbalt.org/appeal/give.



Parish Support

Thank you for your much-needed offertory contributions, prayers, and support during the pandemic. We are grateful for those who have been able to increase their giving on behalf of those who might have to reduce contributions due to recent financial hardship or inability to work. The parish continues to keep expenses as low as possible during this challenging time while still continuing the work and ministry of the Church.

Online Giving

www.shgparish.org/parish-support.aspx

Your offertory can also be dropped in the mail slot at the Parish Office or mailed to this address:

Sacred Heart Parish
P.O. Box 3672 • Glyndon, MD 21071-3672

Wisdom Sayings from the Sisters of St. Joseph

– Sisters Cealy, Helen, Karen, and Mary Beth

Maxim of Love 9:7

“Let your love be active, that is, let it keep on loving and impelling your heart to work for God and the promotion of God’s glory.”



Parish Prayers and Service

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will begin on **Tuesday, May 5** at 7:00 PM. It will be held for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings, concluding with the novena prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, June 30**. Take-home copies of the novena are available to anyone wishing to complete or continue the novena at home.

*Tentative scheduling update: if we are still under a “stay-at-home” order, the Novena prayers and music will be **livestreamed** on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. If the order has been lifted, the Novena will be in the Little Church.*



Our Daily Bread Casseroles — April 29 Update

There was another outpouring of generosity from our Sacred Heart community with the delivery to ODB on April 29. We continue to be comforted by the love in people's hearts! Our drivers — Tom, Bobbie, and John — dropped off the following:

- **85 casseroles**
- 13 lbs. of lunchmeat
- 5 lbs. of cheese
- Approximately 40 bags, boxes, and drink packs



*Two people told us that they used part of their **stimulus check** to buy items for Our Daily Bread!*

At the same time, many of these folks also donated a whole cart of dry-good groceries for our Sacred Heart families in need!

We look forward to next Wednesday and see if we can keep **this curve** (# of weekly casseroles) still going up!

Casseroles and other donations are delivered to **Our Daily Bread** from Sacred Heart **every Wednesday morning** until we can resume more normal activity. Drop off your items with the parish volunteers between 8:00 – 9:00 AM each Wednesday outside of the Parish Center. Contact Mark Grabenstein (410-654-0414 or markgrabenstein@verizon.net) or Vicki Mahr (410-292-5738 or mahrfamily5@comcast.net) for more info.



Please also see the Our Daily Bread weekend update later in this bulletin.

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Normal Sacramental Ministry

Baptisms

Third Saturdays at noon and within the celebration of Mass (except during Lent). Parents are required to attend a preparation class (offered monthly). Contact the Religious Education Office for more details and to arrange for Baptism.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM in the Little Church and by appointment. Parish Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated date and must take a marriage preparation course. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest or deacon.

Communion to the Sick

If someone is in the hospital or homebound and unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Mass is celebrated at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home on the 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

Sacred Heart School

Virtual Welcome Wednesday Coffee Chats

Sacred Heart School is currently closed, but our students are continuing to learn remotely. We want to ensure that our students are growing, prospering, and flourishing during this unprecedented time. We are proud of our students and teachers for their fortitude and dedication to their work! We will get through this uncertain time together with the grace and mercy of our Lord. We are still accepting applications and inquiries for the 2020-2021 school year. We are also hosting **“Virtual Welcome Wednesday Coffee Chats” on May 5, May 13, May 20, and May 27.** To attend, please go to www.shgschool.org and click on the **“Virtual Welcome Wednesday Coffee Chat”** link, fill out an inquiry, and self-schedule attendance at one of the coffee chats to learn more about our school. Hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Georgeann Gurkovich, our Admissions Director, at ggurkovich@shgschool.org. She will be glad to answer any questions you might have or help you through the application process. Our Lord's blessings to you and your family during this difficult time.



Religious Education

Lenten Rice Bowl Collection Update

When we last had religion class with your children, it was still Lent! For those children who collected money in their Catholic Relief Services' **“Rice Bowls”** as a Lenten sacrifice, **CRS offers a message and a way to turn in the bowls at www.crsricebowl.org:**



TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you for journeying with us throughout Lent! Given the realities of COVID-19 and that communities are unable to physically collect CRS Rice Bowls, you can submit your CRS Rice Bowl gift online, by phone or mail. During this difficult time, every contribution will help those most in need in your community and around the world. No matter how you choose to give, 25% of your donation goes back to your diocese to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

May Is the Month of Mary

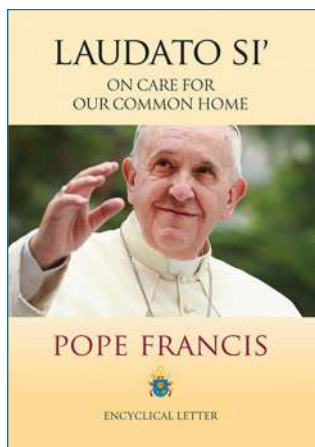
The month of May is the **“month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady.”** Parents, this is a good opportunity to talk about the Blessed Mother and her qualities — how she said “yes” to God's will and how she is an example for us to say “yes” to whatever God asks of us. Also, this might be a great time to set up a statue or picture of Mary at home with some pretty spring flowers, and make a point of saying one Hail Mary together each day as a family, or one decade of the Rosary together, or one full set of mysteries of the Rosary, depending on the ages of your children! (You can join the parish's daily Rosary at 4:00 PM on any day of the week.) You will find the prayers and information on the mysteries of the Rosary in the back of your child's religion “handbook”. Happy Month of Mary! ~ Sister Cecilia



Adult Faith Formation

Small Group Opportunity: *Laudato si'*

A small group is now forming to study and discuss Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato si'* — a beautiful and inspiring document addressed to “every person on our planet.” It is meant to encourage, engage, and call people to reconnect with others and the planet we inhabit together. Join your efforts with those seeking to care for the earth and all the various forms of life upon it. We will begin soon at a mutually agreed upon day of the week and time.



What are the components of the small group?

Groups meet weekly for one hour, using [Zoom](#), over the course of eight weeks (initially) to learn about the encyclical. The first session is an introduction to the encyclical and an introduction to each other in the group. The next six sessions are dedicated to the six chapters of *Laudato si'*. Pre-reading will be required, and the sessions will include reflection and discussion — as well as ideas to help Catholics respond to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato si'*. The last week will be for open discussion about the study and planning for the future of the small group. After the eight weeks, we would like to meet periodically to 1) connect ourselves and others to messages in Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment; 2) discuss ways to incorporate this important Catholic social teaching into our everyday lives; and 3) understand that the Pope is asking us to take concrete action.

Who can participate?

Anyone interested in learning more about our common call to be good stewards of the earth and all who inhabit the earth can participate.

What is required?

You will need access to a computer or other such device with a camera and microphone (for using [Zoom](#)). There will be no cost for the small group study, and [the encyclical can be downloaded by clicking here](#).

What is the purpose of *Laudato si'*?

This inspirational letter calls for us to examine our hearts, transform our social values, and take action for global solidarity. The encyclical captures the interconnectedness of social, economic, and environmental justice in building and protecting Our Common Home.

For more info or to join this exciting small group, please contact Michele Hunter at mhunter@shgparish.org.

Parish Life and Outreach

Sacred Heart Baby Bottle Campaign Update

If you still have a baby bottle from our recent collection, please contact the Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County (PSC) at www.carrollpregnancy.org or call 410-871-HOPE and leave a message asking for directions about how to proceed. Their hours vary now, but you will get a return phone call. Your donations as well as gently used baby clothing, maternity clothes, baby food and formula, diapers, wipes, and prayers give hope to many families in need!



Updated Hours for the Next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday, May 20 • 2:00 – 8:00 PM
Mother Seton Room

Volunteers are welcome! If you are willing to volunteer during some of the hours at our blood drive with the registration process or the post-donation snacks, please send a message to jment@shgparish.org.

Free “Theology of the Body” Virtual Conference

The Respect Life Committee encourages you to participate in the [Free Theology of the Body virtual conference on May 8-10 \(register here\)](#). More than 70 speakers and artists will be sharing the truth and beauty about St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* which outlines the purpose of life, being created in the image and likeness of God, the marital union of man and woman, and more. St. John Paul II emphasizes the theme of love as self-gift, counteracting societal trends which view the body as an object of pleasure. His theology is not only for young adults or married couples but for all ages and vocations, since it sums up the true meaning of being a person.

“Let's Never Go Back to ‘Normal’”, from Crisis Magazine



Fall 2020 Soccer Registration Open Now! Early Bird Discount Extended Through JUNE!

- In-house (coed) and Travel (unisex) options available
- Registration available for U6 – U18 age groups
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches needed (*must be VIRTUS trained, current*)
- Soccer Board volunteers needed (*must be VIRTUS trained, current*)
- Go to www.shgsports.org for more information, or email registration@shgsc.org.





Sacramental Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency call the Parish Office/Rectory at anytime. Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone in the hospital or at home who wishes to be anointed. Masses of Anointing are celebrated several times a year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"Thirsting for God?" Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting, too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

The RCIA is a Church rite for adults pursuing the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, are interested or would like more information, please contact Michele Hunter at 410-833-1696 or mhunter@shgparish.org.

Social Justice — Respect Life



Walking with Moms in Need

The Archdiocese of Baltimore, in union with dioceses all over the nation, is engaging in a year-long initiative called "Walking with Moms in Need," which supports parishes in identifying resources available to families in their pews and in their communities. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the sea of indifference." We encourage you to [pray a special novena with us and Catholics across the country for moms in need during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). We ask for the intercession of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a powerful patron for pregnant and all mothers, during this pandemic. St. Gianna herself lived through a pandemic, the Spanish influenza, which took the lives of three of her siblings. As a physician, wife, and mother, she knew intimately what it was like to struggle with a challenging medical diagnosis during pregnancy. [At www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com), you can sign up to receive the novena intentions and prayers to pray with us each day. We look forward to praying with you, and with St. Gianna, to support mothers in need, and for an end to COVID-19!

Invitation to Make Cards and Pictures for Senior Citizens

"So with old age is wisdom, and with length of days understanding." Job 12:12

The [Respect Life Committee](#) encourages you to invite your children and teens to make pictures and cards for the senior citizens at [FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home](#). You can return these pictures/cards to a plastic container which will be located to the right of the entrance to the Parish Center. Please include a message or Bible verse on the pictures/cards that reminds the senior citizens of God's love for them. Some examples include: *"God loves you."* *"Jesus loves you."* *"You are loved."* Please return the pictures/cards by **Monday, May 18**. The [Respect Life Committee](#) will deliver the box of cards to the nursing home. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with the senior citizens! Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more information.

Please Contact Governor Hogan and Urge Him to Close Abortion Clinics

[Maryland Right to Life](#) shared that Governor Hogan has refused to halt abortions as non-elective procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic, placing women in danger and misusing personal protective equipment during this time of crisis. [Maryland Right to Life](#) is urging us to respectfully urge Governor Hogan and Secretary Neall to issue the mandated closure of abortion clinics and to authorize the enforcement of those closures by state and local law enforcement. The state *must* protect women from needless exposure to COVID-19 and prioritize precious medical resources to save Marylanders' lives during this pandemic. Visit www.mdrtl.org/takeaction.html to access an automated letter-writing tool that will email Governor Hogan directly. May we pray without ceasing that all will respect life from conception to natural death.

USCCB Encourages Us: Demand COVID-19 Vaccine Be Free from Abortion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages us to [contact lawmakers to demand a COVID-19 vaccine free from abortion](#). There is absolutely no reason why a vaccine should be connected to abortion, but that is exactly what may happen in the coming months. Among the dozens of vaccines currently in development, some are being produced using old cell lines created from the cells of aborted babies. There is **no need** to further exploit the bodies of aborted children. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available. In fact, they are regularly used for producing vaccines and are being used by some drug companies to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. The USCCB, along with leaders of many healthcare, bioethics, and pro-life organizations, is urging the Trump Administration to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are developed ethically and are free from any connection to the exploitation of abortion.

May 3 Is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

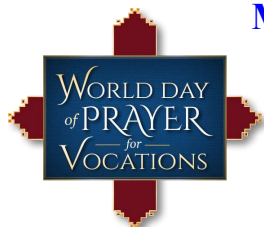
The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the [USCCB Vocations webpage](#) and on the [Archdiocese of Baltimore Vocations webpage](#).

2020 marks the 57th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Message of Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

[Read the full text of Pope Francis' message by clicking here.](#)



"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."

– Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013

Ordination Class of 2020 Study Provides Hope for the State of Vocations in the Church

April 23, 2020 – The release of the study of the Ordination Class of 2020 reveals a great sign of life and hope in the Church in the United States, despite the midst of uncertainty in the world brought by the coronavirus pandemic. At a moment when the faithful are prone to despair and struggle with the sadness of not having the sacraments available and the public celebration of the Mass suspended, ***this profile of the 2020 Ordination Class is a ray of light.*** It is a tangible sign of God's continued care for His Church. As a part of its mandate, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations sponsors an annual survey, in conjunction with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), of the members of the current year's Ordination Class. A few of the major report findings are:

- On average, the respondents were 16 years old when they first considered the priesthood.
- 72% participated in Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis before entering the seminary; 70% prayed the Rosary; 44% attended prayer group/Bible study; and 38% participated in high school retreats.
- 73% served as altar servers before entering the seminary. Half served as lectors. 40% served as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.
- 89% were encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their lives — most frequently a parish priest, friend, or another parishioner.

The full CARA report and profiles of the 2020 Ordination Class can be found by clicking here.

Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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Creator God, we pray for young men and women that they may listen attentively to your call to them. May their hearts and minds be open to hear what you are asking. Inspire them to respond freely and generously to your call. Grant them your graces of openness, courage, and generosity to live the Gospel call. May our community of faith prayerfully support all men and women discerning your call for them. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Click here for more Prayers for Vocations — 42 of them!](#)



Weekend Bulletin Updates



Pray for the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Ed Balcerzak, Rodolfo Go, Nicole Laufert

Join Us Praying and Singing Together — Virtual Holy Hour for Life on Friday, May 8

*Psalm 139:13 "You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb."*

The Sacred Heart [Respect Life Committee](#) invites you to join us for the Holy Hour for Life during Eucharistic Adoration which will be livestreamed from the Little Church via the [Sacred Heart Facebook page](#) on **Friday, May 8** from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Please join us from home for part or all of the Holy Hour as we sing songs of praise, listen to children read prayers and scripture verses, and pray during Eucharistic Adoration. *We pray all will respect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.* The song sheet will be updated and located at www.shgparish.org/holyhourforlife.pdf.

Our Daily Bread Weekend Notes

- If you cannot find the ingredients for the [Zippy Beef casserole](#), please make your favorite recipe of **Macaroni & Cheese** in the casserole pan. Wrap, freeze, and bag the casserole. Thank you!
- [Our Daily Bread](#) has enough deli meats and cheeses for now. They can still use non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, beans, and pantry items. These will be distributed to food pantries in west Baltimore and to some of the long-term shelters and senior communities for folks who are having a harder time getting groceries.

Please know that our volunteer team will continue to put the needs of Sacred Heart parishioners first when they see the items being donated — and they always ask folks if they are okay with us putting donations in both places!

Archdiocese Develops Plans for Reopening

From the Catholic Review: Anticipating the day when the functions of the church can be reopened to the public in a gradual way that protects the health of the general population, leaders of the Archdiocese of Baltimore are developing post-quarantine guidelines and protocols regarding liturgy, the sacraments, and related concerns.

Bishop Adam J. Parker said a subcommittee of the archdiocesan coronavirus taskforce is expected to make its recommendations to the full taskforce in the coming days. [\(Click here to read the full article...\)](#)

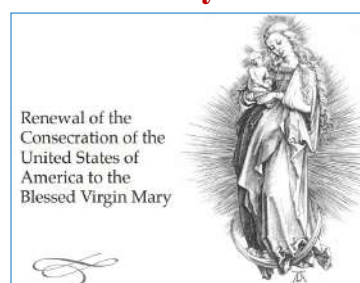


Bishops of the USA and Canada Consecrated Their Nations to Mary on May 1

You can [view Friday's Renewal of the Consecration of the USA to the Blessed Virgin Mary from Los Angeles by clicking here.](#)

Sacred Heart Parish Will Renew the Consecration on May 3

There will be a renewal of the consecration of Sacred Heart Parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00 AM Mass on **Sunday, May 3**. This will take place following the *Prayer after Communion*. [Click here](#) to view and follow along with the prayer service guide.



Knights of Columbus Food Drive

[Immaculate Lady Council](#) will join the parish food drive in a special way on **Wednesday, May 6**. Food items can be dropped off near the Mother Seton Room door from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope clearly marked **"Knights of Columbus: Food for SHG Parishioners"** and drop it in the mail slot at the Parish Center. The food items in short supply are:

Dry noodles, rice, dry beans, canned foods, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, oil, canned tuna, grocery store gift cards, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, wipes, dry formula, toiletries, soap, laundry detergent *(and please, nothing expired)*

Brother Knights will be there between 1:00 – 3:00 PM if you need assistance *(please have your food items in the trunk of your car)*. Let's make a good showing and help to replenish the parish food pantry! **Please remember the social distancing and mask guidelines (bring your own masks)**. If you are not able to donate at this time, a prayer will be very helpful!

If your family is in need, contact GK Ron Spohn at suznron@aol.com or 443-629-0777; the Knights can help assist in easing your situation.



A photograph of a man and a woman embracing outdoors. The man is wearing a light blue checkered shirt, and the woman is wearing a light-colored top. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a soft-focus green field.

4TH WEEK OF EASTER

May 3-9

SUNDAY MAY 3

John 10:1-10 Jesus the Good Shepherd

When have you heard the Good Shepherd's voice in your life? What could you do to listen him more closely and hear Him more often?

MONDAY MAY 4

John 10:11-18 Jesus the Good Shepherd

When have you "laid down your life" and made a sacrifice for someone? When has someone sacrificed for you?

TUESDAY MAY 5

John 10:22-30 Jesus is Rejected by the Jews

When have you ignored or rejected God's love? When has someone rejected your love? What does it mean for you to "give without counting the cost?"

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

John 12:44-50 Summary of Jesus' Teaching

Jesus says the Father's commandment is eternal life. How often do you reflect on eternal life? How is your earthly life preparing you for eternal life?

THURSDAY MAY 7

John 13:16-20 Being a Servant

This gospel passage comes just after Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Who serves you and whom do you serve? Is there someone else God may be inviting you to serve?

FRIDAY MAY 8

John 14:1-6 Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

"Let not your hearts be troubled..." This can be challenging to accept even on good days. It is even harder to live now. Is there something worrying you that you can choose to hand over to God? Ask for grace and strength and then place it at His feet.

SATURDAY MAY 9

John 14:7-14 Show Us the Father

We don't always get what we pray for. Is there something you have been praying for that God has not yet granted? Are you willing to pray, "Thy will be done," and wait on God? He never fails to surprise us!

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www.archbalt.org/online-mass

Support your local parish at
www.archbalt.org/giving

Find **daily** ideas on how to live your faith at home: www.archbalt.org/at-home

Friends, parents, family, teachers... if young people express interest or feel a possible calling to a religious vocation, please help and encourage them and respond generously — and pray for them!



HOW TO DISCERN YOUR VOCATION

1

PRAY

Establish a routine prayer life of attending Mass regularly, praying the Rosary, meditating on Scripture, journaling, making a retreat, and spending time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

2

TALK

Contact your Diocesan Vocations Director and speak to them about your discernment thus far to get their advice on next steps.

3

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction, often by a priest or consecrated person, attunes the heart to the voice of the Lord and will help you identify how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life.

4

COME & SEE

Often coordinated by the diocesan vocation office, these "Come & See" events offer a glimpse into the life of a seminarian / religious sister and will help you identify if this is the life to which God is calling you.

5

GET INVOLVED

Consider volunteering in your parish or community and finding trusted friends who can provide support and accountability for your discernment journey.

6

REST

Discerning a vocation should not be considered an "accomplishment" that you check off your to do list. It's a daily walking with God that involves the whole person. A healthy life balance of eating well, exercising, and getting the proper amount of rest will positively contribute to your spiritual well-being!

5 BOOKS ON DISCERNMENT

FOR MEN & WOMEN

OTHER RECOMMENDED READING

Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux

Introduction to the Devout Life – St. Francis DeSales

Time for God – Fr. Jacques Philippe

Jesus of Nazareth – Pope Benedict XVI



Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds)

St. Pope John Paul II

To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood

Fr. Brett Brannen

Priests for the Third Millennium

Cardinal Timothy Dolan

The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest

Fr. Donald Cozzens

A Living Sacrifice: Guidance for Men Discerning Religious Life

*Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.
Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.*



On the Dignity and Vocation of Women

St. Pope John Paul II

Discerning Religious Life

Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR

The Fire in These Ashes: A Spirituality of Contemporary Religious Life

Sr. Joan Chittister

An Introduction to the Vocation of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World

*United States Association of
Consecrated Virgins*

And You Are Christ's: The Charism of Virginity and the Celibate Life

Fr. Thomas Dubay



Second Prayer to Our Lady by Pope Francis

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.