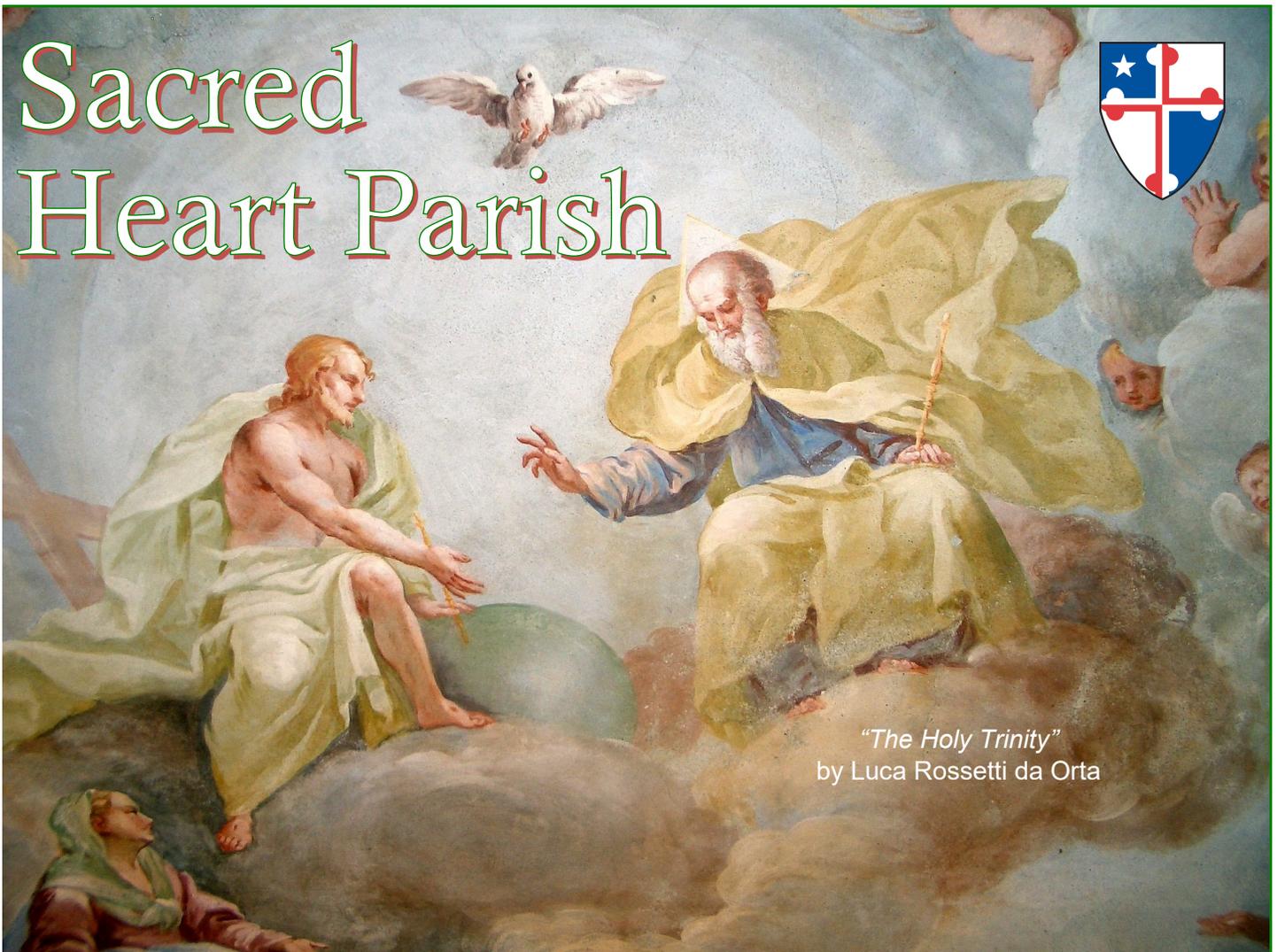
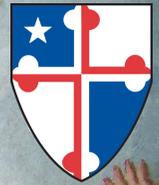


Sacred Heart Parish



"The Holy Trinity"
by Luca Rossetti da Orta

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CELEBRATING CHRIST SINCE 1873

June 7, 2020 ♦ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses (Outdoors)

Sabado a las 7:00 de la noche
en español

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Weekday Masses (Main Church)

Monday — Friday at 9:00 AM

Saturday at 8:00 AM

Jueves a las 7:00 de la noche
en español

Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays

Limited schedule; please check
www.shgparish/mass-schedule
for updates.

Confessions

Saturday (Main Church)

3:00 – 4:00 PM

5:30 – 6:45 de la tarde en español

Rosary

4:00 PM each day (Livestream)

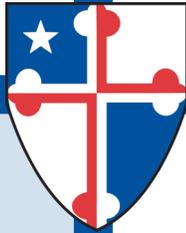
Little Church Open for Private Prayer

9:30 AM – 9:00 PM each day

Maximum of 1/3 church capacity permitted at one time.

Parish Office Open to Visitors

Please wear a protective mask and observe social distancing
when entering the office or the churches.



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Reflections for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

*Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments in 2019
on the readings at Mass for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.*

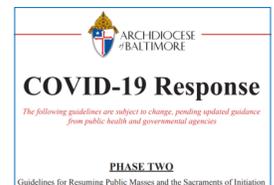
The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "What you are trying to do — comprehend the immensity of God with your small head — is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one, and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century who came from what is now Turkey in Asia and later lived out his vocation in Egypt, said: "God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God."

[Click to read the full reflection from Fr. Kadavil at the Vatican News website.](#)

We are now in "Phase II" of the reopening plan from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Please [click here](#) to review what this means for worship, sacraments, and more. Also, please see **Page 6** of this bulletin for full details about the reopening at Sacred Heart, including updates and schedules for Masses and confessions.



Phase II Additions to Public Worship

Archbishop Lori has extended his dispensation of the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through the entirety of Phase II. Parishes will continue to make Masses available to the faithful via livestreaming or recording, thereby ensuring that the faithful may maintain a spiritual connection with their local church.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

The Novena continues for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Parishioners can participate in the Novena in the Little Church, [following all necessary Phase II Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Baltimore](#), and it is also [livestreamed](#). It concludes with the novena prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, June 30**.



Masses and the Rosary will continue to be livestreamed at Facebook.

The videos can also be accessed on the [parish website](#) — and soon, [livestream videos will go directly to the website](#) and other platforms as well.

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

7 de junio de 2020

La Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

La celebración de la Santísima Trinidad subraya la insondable realidad de Dios uno y trino. Contemplamos dicho Misterio tal como nos lo dio a conocer Jesús, quien nos reveló que Dios es amor «no en la unidad de una sola persona, sino en la trinidad de una sola sustancia» (*Prefacio*): es Tres Personas, pero, a la vez, *un solo Dios*, porque el Padre es amor, el Hijo es amor y el Espíritu es amor. Dios es todo amor y sólo amor, amor purísimo, amor infinito y eterno. No vive en una espléndida y lejana soledad, sino que constituye, más bien, la fuente inagotable de vida que se entrega y comunica incesantemente.

Hablando del «nombre», la Biblia indica a Dios mismo, su identidad más verdadera, identidad que resplandece en toda la creación, donde cada ser, por el mismo hecho de existir y por el «tejido» del que está hecho, hace referencia a un Principio trascendente, a la Vida eterna e infinita que se entrega; en una palabra, al Amor. «En él —dijo san Pablo en el Areópago de Atenas— vivimos, nos movemos y existimos» (*Hch 17, 28*). La prueba más sencilla y fehaciente de que hemos sido creados a imagen de la Trinidad es esta: sólo el amor nos hace felices, porque vivimos en relación, y vivimos para amar y ser amados.

La Virgen María, con su dócil y tierna humildad, se convirtió en esclava del Amor divino: aceptó la voluntad del Padre y concibió al Hijo por obra del Espíritu Santo. En ella el Omnipotente se construyó un templo digno de él, e hizo de ella el modelo sublime y la imagen de la Iglesia, misterio y casa de comunión para los hombres todos. Que María, espejo de la Santísima Trinidad y primera criatura plenamente habitada por la Santísima Trinidad, nos ayude, pues, a crecer en la fe del misterio trinitario.

La solemnidad de hoy, domingo de la Santísima Trinidad, recapitula en cierto

sentido la revelación de Dios acontecida en los misterios pascales, a saber: muerte y resurrección de Cristo, su ascensión a la derecha del Padre y efusión del Espíritu Santo. La mente y el lenguaje humanos son inadecuados para explicar la relación que existe entre el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, y, sin embargo, los Padres de la Iglesia trataron de ilustrar el misterio de Dios uno y trino a base de vivirlo y contemplarlo en su propia existencia con profunda fe. Admirable y laudable estímulo éste para quienes aspiramos a pisar diariamente caminos rectos en la vivencia inefable de la fe trinitaria.

Un Mensaje de Su Bebe Adoptado Espiritual Quien Tiene 8 Meses

“¡Me gusta escuchar la voz de mi mamá!” Gracias por rezar por mí. Ya tengo 8 meses. Las uñas de mis dedos están largas y estoy muy ocupado preparándome para el día de mi nacimiento. No puedo esperar para ver a mi mamá y a mi papá. Gracias por sus oraciones. Les veré pronto.



Ahora su bebé espiritual está terminando de desarrollarse y se concentra en ganar peso; puede hacer sentir a su madre incómoda con su tamaño. Necesitará algunas capas de grasa que le ayudará a mantener una temperatura adecuada después de su nacimiento. Desde hace algunas semanas reconoce la voz de su madre. En un corto tiempo, su bebé espiritual nacerá. La madre de su bebé espiritual apreciará las oraciones que usted ha hecho por ella y el bebé durante su embarazo. No ha sido fácil, pero sus oraciones le han dado la gracia que necesitaba, para traer a su bebé a término. Si quiere información sobre como adoptar espiritualmente un bebe que está creciendo en el vientre por favor llame a Denise Blair-Nellies del comité de la vida de respeto en el numero 410-795-6852.

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 al 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.



Sacred Heart of Glyndon

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



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Bulletin Deadline

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

We Welcome the Newly Baptized
 Rory Ann Dickerson



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.
 Bernadette Brown

Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers

Lucy Angerer, Mary Ellen and Mike Berry, Georgeanne Bond, Arvel Brown, Abby Renehan Cafiero, Carol Conrad, Gloria Cyford, Maria Ekavhiare, Theresa Eyler, Sandy Gamber, Teresa Gigante, Troy Heiner, Gerry Kleiman, Loretta McCusker, Carlyle Montanye, Scott Moser, Elaine Ortiz, Judy Schaefer, Mel Serio, Bud Shearer, Ryan Shriver, Sue Shriver, Janice Staub, George Stifler, Joe Trinite Sr., Taylor Wagner

Sacred Heart Mass Intentions

| Sunday, June 7 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity | |
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| Parishioners of Sacred Heart | Francis Lori |
| Monday, June 8 | |
| Kristina Rivera | Bill Bower |
| Tuesday, June 9 | |
| Ferdinand Anicoche | Sp. Int. Josie Sala |
| Wednesday, June 10 | |
| Rosalie Lorenzet | Sp. Int. Jose Rosado |
| Thursday, June 11 — Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle | |
| Sp. Int. Michael Greenberg | William Ment |
| Thursday, June 11 (Spanish Mass) | |
| Sp. Int. Rosario Trujillo | |
| Friday, June 12 | |
| Jules Daniel Fontanilla | Violet Del Veccio |
| Saturday, June 13 — Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church | |
| Sp. Int. Stacey Rosado | Joyce Chomko |
| Saturday, June 13 (Spanish Mass) | |
| Por los Difuntos del Covid-19 | |
| Sunday, June 14 — Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ | |
| Parishioners of Sacred Heart | Bob Morano |

(All Mass intention requests are being offered, though not necessarily on the date requested.)

Scripture Readings for June 14 — The Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a • Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 • 1 Cor 10:16-17 • Jn 6:51-58

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not his body (2, 3)? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven (1), so too do we feed on the best of wheat (Ps), the bread of angels, food for the pilgrim journey (*Seq*).

Our Stewardship

Weekly Offering — May 31, 2020

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| Offertory | \$14,888.00 |
| Envelopes | \$14,117.00 |
| Loose | \$771.00 |
| Maintenance | \$1,184.00 |
| Easter | \$2,450.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$713.00 |
| Catholic Communication | \$170.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$125.00 |
| Church Communication | \$115.00 |

Electronic Fund Contributions 5/25/20 – 5/31/20

(Not included in above total)

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| Offertory <i>(includes those who give monthly)</i> | \$10,203.50 |
| Maintenance | \$314.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$181.00 |
| Catholic Communication | \$327.00 |

Father's Day Novena Cards

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available at the Parish Center. *(And soon they will also be available online.)* Please return the outside envelope by mail or drop it at the Parish Center **by June 17** so the names of your beloved, both living and deceased, can be placed in the Remembrance Book. *Please print clearly.* A Novena of Masses for these intentions will begin on **Sunday, June 21.**

Online Giving

<https://www.shgparish.org/giving>

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



The Roof Has Been Raised!

After some long delays due to COVID-19, the roof of Fr. Canisius' home parish in Cameroon has finally been completed. We hope to have more details in future weeks.

Parish Outreach

Our Daily Bread

We are resuming the regular monthly casserole drop-off schedule for **Our Daily Bread** in June. Casseroles and other food items are collected **on the fourth Wednesday of each month.** Pans can be picked up **at the Parish Center during regular office hours.** Contact Mark (markgrabenstein@verizon.net or 410-654-0414) or Vicki (mahrfamily5@comcast.net or 410-292-5738) for more information.

Food Collection for Parishioners

Food is collected for Sacred Heart parishioners at the drop-off location outside of the Mother Seton Room. All non-perishable items are welcome. Items especially needed are **pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and canned vegetables.**

Distribution of food items to those in need is on Sundays from 10:30 AM through the afternoon.



Sacred Heart School

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2020!

We are so proud of you and wish you the very best on your future high school journey. You will be in our prayers and in our hearts.

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 June 10 and June 17.** 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 your questions or help you through the application process.

Our Lord's blessings to you and your family during this difficult time.





**Sacramental
Ministry**

Baptisms

Baptisms are currently being scheduled for one family at a time; there are no “group baptisms”. 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 – 4:00 PM (*5:30 – 6:45 PM in Spanish*) in the Main 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

In normal times:

For the hospitalized or homebound who are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Mass is celebrated at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home on the 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

Phase II Reopening at Sacred Heart

As of June 3 (*bulletin deadline*) — for updates, please see the parish website and check for Flocknote announcements.

Update for Masses

- As long as weather permits, *weekend Masses will remain outdoors*. The reasons:
 - 1) People won't be in a confined space, so it is safer. The safety of parishioners is of the utmost priority to Fr. Jerry.
 - 2) More people can attend, since there is no size limitation and our outdoor field is big.
 - 3) Logistically, it is easier to sanitize because of less surfaces.
- The weekend Mass schedule will continue to be:

Saturday at 7:00 PM in Spanish • Sunday at 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM in English

This won't change for the next several weeks, but as attendance increases, the number of Masses may be increased. Times may be adjusted based on heat and whether or not more Masses are added to the schedule. There will be less Masses than pre-COVID and more time between Masses because plenty of time is needed to sanitize everything — especially if Mass is indoors.
- Any decisions about the weekend weather will be made on Thursday evenings and will be announced through the [parish website](#) and [Flocknotes](#).
- Future weekend indoor Masses will be limited in capacity. An online ticket sign-up system will be used, and we are still working out how to also allow sign-ups for those who do not have computers. Attendees will be seated when they enter church (*you can't choose your seats*) — starting at the front rows and working back so that proper distancing is maintained. **These procedures are to keep everyone safe as we recall our responsibilities as Catholics and the importance of serving and taking care of others.**
- Weekday Masses are in the Main Church at 9:00 AM (Mon-Fri) and 8:00 AM (Sat).

Confession Updates

- Confessions are available on **Saturdays** in the Main Church:

3:00 – 4:00 PM in English • 5:30 – 6:45 PM in Spanish
- The priest will be located in the back corner of the church behind a screen and near the tabernacle. Confessors will enter the church (one at a time) when directed and will stand on the spot marked on the floor that is about six feet away from the priest. After finishing with their confession, they will exit the church via the route instructed. (There will be a one-way traffic flow.) *In order to provide privacy for confessions, people will not be allowed to stay in the church.*
- Church doors will be open so that no one is touching door handles. People waiting for confession will have to stand in the Gathering Space. Helpers will direct “traffic” and make sure that social distancing is maintained. If a large number of people are present at the same time, some may end up standing outdoors in order to maintain safety.

General Information

- All people over the age of two must wear a mask from the time they enter church property (once you leave your car in the parking lot) until they exit.
- Although Holy Communion may be received on the tongue, ***it is being highly discouraged at this time in order to maintain the safety of our priests and ministers.***
- All Masses and special services will continue to be livestreamed through the [parish website](#) and [Facebook](#) (*except for the Sunday 12:00 PM Mass*).

Respect Life Committee



Message from Your Eight Month Old Spiritually Adopted Baby “I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!”

Thank you for praying for me. I have long fingernails, and I am busy getting ready for my birthday. I can’t wait to see my mom and dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I will see them soon.

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother’s womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother’s voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby’s mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers are giving her the grace she needs to bring her baby to term. Thanks for your prayers.

Invitation to Make Cards 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, teens, friends, and neighbors to join you in making 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, June 29**. The [Respect Life Committee](#) will deliver the cards and pictures 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 details.

American Red Cross Parish Blood Drive Saturday, June 20 • 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM West Room

The need for blood is constant and ever-changing in these times. The [Red Cross](#) follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. ([Learn about coronavirus and our safety protocols.](#)) **Help save lives.** Healthy donors are encouraged to book an appointment.

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.

Invitation to Spiritually Adopt Victims Dying Alone from COVID-19

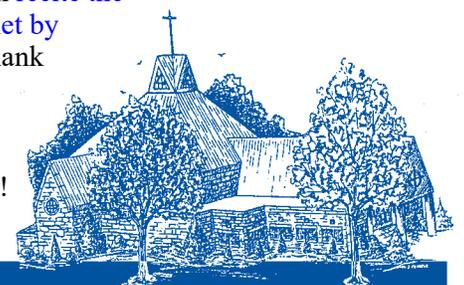
The Respect Life Committee encourages you to spiritually adopt people who are dying alone from COVID-19. Inspired by news that due to severe quarantine people suffering from COVID-19 are dying separated from family and friends, a Catholic priest sent out an appeal to believers to daily *“spiritually place ourselves beside one of the poor unfortunate men and women who are dying alone in hospitals all over the world because of this virus.”* The families of the dying cannot say goodbye, hold their loved ones’ hands, or pray with them because everyone is quarantined.

[LifeSiteNews](#) was forwarded a touching proposal conceived by Fr.

[Philip Kemmy](#), a priest in Ireland, who suggests that we each commit to praying the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) daily with a very specific intention in mind. Inspired by a scene in the Diary of St. Faustina, where she was spiritually transported by the Lord in order to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the bedside of a dying man she did not know, Fr. Kemmy suggests we commit to praying the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) each day to *spiritually place ourselves beside one of the poor unfortunate men and women who are dying alone in hospitals all over the world because of this virus* — some of whom are perhaps not well-prepared spiritually for their earthly end. If families were to pray it, then several dying persons would be spiritually adopted with the prayer of the Chaplet.



Praying the Chaplet for the dying, we will petition Jesus to enfold them in His Merciful Love in their final hours and grant them a strong experience of His consoling presence before they take their leave of this life. This would be a great act of mercy and love for those who are victims and who are approaching their end. (In the Diary of St. Faustina, it states that Jesus said: *“When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my Father and the dying person, not as the just judge, but as the merciful Savior.”*) You can [pull up the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song by visiting YouTube](#), or you can [recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet by using the rosary](#). Thank you for uniting in prayer for all our brothers and sisters who are dying alone!





Social Justice

Sacramental Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency call the Parish Office/Rectorry 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.

Laudato si’ Year for the Catholic Church

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of his encyclical *Laudato si’*, Pope Francis announced that the period between May 24, 2020 and May 24, 2021 will be designated as *Laudato si’ Year for the Catholic Church*, and he released a special prayer. During this year, Sacred Heart Parish will provide weekly excerpts from the encyclical with reflection questions as a way for parishioners to participate in this global commemoration. To read and reflect on the full encyclical, click below:

[Laudato si’ in English](#) • [Laudato si’ in Spanish](#)

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” — “Praise be to you, my Lord”

In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. *“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs”* (LS #1).

Reflect on these words as you notice the beauty of God’s creation this week. Do you think of planet Earth as a mother who nourishes you physically through her fruits, vegetables and wheat? Do you realize how often Mother Earth tends to your spirit through sunny days, a swim in the ocean, the smell of flowers, a beautiful sunset? How can you deepen your appreciation for the natural world? What gifts of Mother Earth do you most appreciate?

Knights of Columbus Update

In compliance with Governor Hogan and Fr. Jerry, all planned activities for the Knights of Columbus have been cancelled until further notice. Information on future activities will be determined as the COVID-19 virus plays out. The Council schedule for June is still on the books, but all events for June have been temporarily cancelled until further notice. Your patience is asked during this international crisis.

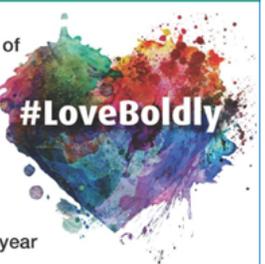
We pray that all of our Brothers and their families are doing well. Keep safe, and

if you require assistance or if there is something else that your council can help you with, [please contact one of our Council Officers.](#)

The Leadership Team’s ...

Statement in response to the call for justice

In our Chapter Direction Statement of 2019, we, Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, committed to be “joyful, courageous witnesses to the Gospel imperative of active, inclusive love” and “to engage with courage and vigilance in personal and public advocacy for systemic change.”



We recognize the sin of racism and the terrible reality and frustration of those suffering from our nation’s 400-year history of institutionalized racism.

In that spirit and united with every dear neighbor from whom we do not separate ourselves, we...

- Grieve injustice in our world.
- Stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of color.
- Acknowledge our own privilege.
- Support those assembled in peaceful protest.
- Pray for an end to violence.
- Unite ourselves with others to work to dismantle racism.



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Statement of U.S. Bishops' President on George Floyd and the Protests in American Cities



WASHINGTON – Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement on George Floyd and the protests in American cities that have taken place over the last several days. This follows the **Friday statement** from seven U.S. bishop chairmen of committees within the USCCB. Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise — to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all.

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