

Sacred Heart Parish



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CELEBRATING CHRIST SINCE 1873

May 2, 2021 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 PM • 7:00 PM *español*

Sunday at 7:30 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM
4:00 PM *español*

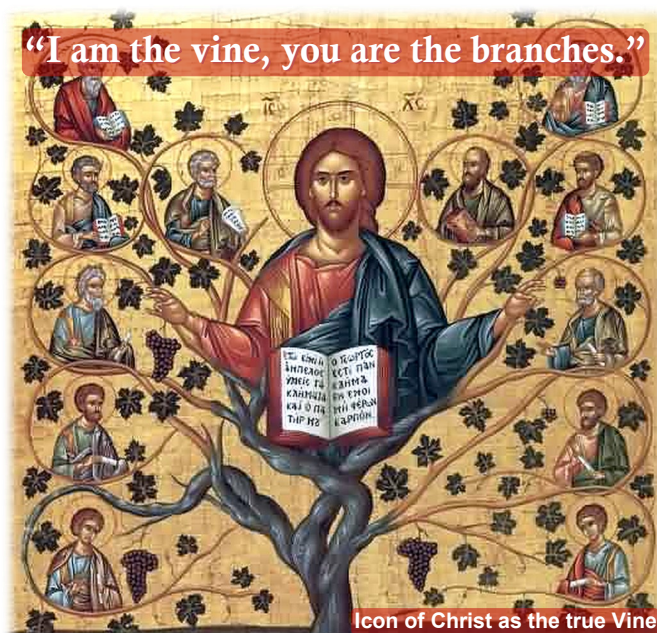
Weekday Masses

Monday — Friday at 9:00 AM

Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

Saturday at 8:00 AM

Martes a las 7:00 de la noche en español



Icon of Christ as the true Vine

May 2, 2021

Sacred Heart of Glyndon

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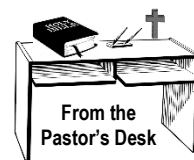
Dear Parishioners,

We often forget how difficult it was to be a Christian in the early Church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us of Paul's first visit to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles. Most people were afraid of him, we are told, because they knew his reputation as being a killer of their brothers and sisters. After Paul was able to convince them of his true conversion, he was then threatened by the Greek-speaking Jews — only to be saved by his new-found friends who now believed in him.

We have seen in our own day how it can sometimes be very difficult to be a true Christian. Just going to church on a Sunday causes people to think we are weird, not even to mention our moral stance on pro-life, marriage, and living justly with a priority for the poor. Bring up those topics at a cocktail party and you will see how difficult it is to be a Christian!

Yet Jesus says that He is the **vine** and that we are the **branches**. Growing on a vine, He says, requires pruning. I believe that is what we are going through once again in our times. The Church — that is, you and I — is being pruned, and **that**, ultimately, will make us stronger and more faithful.

Fr. Jerry Francik



Join Us in Praying at the Holy Hour for Life

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

The **Respect Life Committee** invites you to the **Holy Hour for Life** during Eucharistic Adoration on **First Friday, May 7** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the Main Church. Come and join us in person as we adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, listen to songs of praise, listen to teens and children read prayers and scripture verses, and pray that all will respect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We will also **livestream the Holy Hour for Life**. If you cannot participate in person, please join us from home. *Thank you for your steadfast prayers for respect for the sacred gift of life.*



All-Day Eucharistic Adoration Coming in June

Our Archdiocese will begin celebrating the "**Year of the Eucharist**" in just a few short weeks. At Sacred Heart, we hope to spend this next year developing a deeper devotion as a parish to Christ through **Eucharistic Adoration**.

On **Monday, June 7** — after we celebrate **Corpus Christi** (*the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*) — we will begin **all-day Adoration on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**. We are looking for volunteers to make a commitment to attend Adoration in the Historic / Little Church **one hour per week**. To sign up and commit to a time period, you can use the **SignUpGenius** online at

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaba72cabf9c70-weekly

or call the Parish Office at 410-833-1696 and ask for Aly Callahan. The first active day will be **Monday, June 7**.

If you are unable to be there for your scheduled time, please contact Aly Callahan, Pastoral Associate, at acallahan@shgparish.org or 410-833-1696 as soon as possible.



V Domingo de Pascua — 2 de mayo de 2021



Estimados feligreses,

A menudo olvidamos lo difícil que era ser cristiano en la Iglesia primitiva. La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos habla de la primera visita de Pablo a Jerusalén para encontrarse con los apóstoles. La mayoría de la gente le tenía miedo, se nos dice, porque conocían su reputación de asesino de sus hermanos y hermanas. Después de que Pablo pudo convencerlos de su verdadera conversión, fue amenazado por los judíos de habla griega, solo para ser salvado por sus nuevos amigos que ahora creían en él.

Hemos visto en nuestros días cómo a veces puede ser muy difícil ser un verdadero cristiano. El solo hecho de ir a la iglesia un domingo hace que la gente piense que somos raros, sin siquiera mencionar nuestra postura moral sobre pro-vida, matrimonio y vivir con justicia con una prioridad para los pobres. ¡Traiga esos temas en un cóctel y verá lo difícil que es ser cristiano!

Sin embargo, Jesús dice que Él es la vida y que nosotros somos los pámpanos. Crecer en una vida, dice, requiere poda. Creo que eso es por lo que estamos atravesando una vez más en nuestros tiempos. La Iglesia, es decir, tú y yo, está siendo podada y eso, en última instancia, nos hará más fuertes y más fieles.

Padre Jerry Francik

San Jose Padre Amado

Un padre amado, un padre en la ternura, en la obediencia y en la acogida; un padre de valentía creativa, un trabajador, siempre en la sombra: con estas palabras el Papa Francisco describe a san José de una manera tierna y conmovedora. Lo hace en la Carta apostólica *Patris corde* ([leer aquí](#)), publicada hoy con motivo

del 150 aniversario de la declaración del Esposo de María como Patrono de la Iglesia Católica. De hecho, fue el Beato Pío IX con el decreto *Quemadmodum Deus*, firmado el 8 de diciembre de 1870, quien quiso este título para san José. Para celebrar este aniversario, el Pontífice ha convocado, desde hoy y hasta el 8 de diciembre de 2021, un "Año" especial dedicado al padre putativo de Jesús. En el trasfondo de la Carta apostólica, está la pandemia de Covid-19 que -escribe Francisco- nos ha hecho comprender la importancia de la gente común, de aquellos que, lejos del protagonismo, ejercen la paciencia e infunden esperanza cada día, sembrando la corresponsabilidad. Como san José, "el hombre que pasa desapercibido, el hombre de la presencia diaria, discreta y oculta". Y sin embargo, el suyo es "un protagonismo sin igual en la historia de la salvación".

Oportunidades de exploración en Sacred Heart

Nuestro Cub Scout Pack 706 se reúne los jueves de 5:30 a 6:30 PM en el estacionamiento del lado de la escuela (al aire libre). Si algún niño en los grados 1-5 quisiera unirse al paquete, comuníquese con Rosalie Tilghman al 410-262-3132 o rosaliefenwick@hotmail.com. Vea el paquete en acción en www.facebook.com/Pack706OfGlyndon.



La Tropa de Boy Scouts 706 se reúne los jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en el edificio Old Lynne Brick en Owings Mills al lado de Mezcal. También hacemos viajes de campamento de fin de semana una vez al mes. Si algún niño en los grados 6-12 está interesado en unirse a los Boy Scouts, comuníquese con Jackie Seal en 443-985-6418 o jackie@seal-family.net.

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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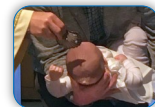
Sacred Heart of Glyndon

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ASSISTING CLERGY

Rev. James Proffitt

We Welcome the Newly Baptized
Leo James Flynn, Valentina Nicole Siliezar



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.

Esperanza Aguado Reyes, [Joseph Trinite Sr.](#)



Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday:

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

1:15 – 4:30 PM

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Financial Office

410-833-4933

Sacred Heart School

410-833-0857

Religious Ed. Office

410-833-8515

Youth Ministry

410-833-7639

Convent

410-526-1327

Bulletin Deadline

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

Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter			
7:30 AM	Mass	Parishioners of Sacred Heart	Fr. Brendan
9:30 AM	Mass	Lee Madaury	Fr. Francik
11:30 AM	Mass	Kristina Rivera	Fr. Francik
4:00 PM	Sp. Mass	Naomi B. Proper	Fr. Hilario
Monday, May 3 — Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles			
9:00 AM	Mass	Lance Cyford	Fr. Brendan
7:00 PM	Mass	Naomi B. Proper	Fr. Francik
Tuesday, May 4			
9:00 AM	Mass	Barbara Falco	Fr. Francik
7:00 PM	Sp. Mass	Oscar Díaz	Fr. Hilario
Wednesday, May 5			
9:00 AM	Mass	Charles Fenwick	Fr. Brendan
Thursday, May 6			
9:00 AM	Mass	Lois Braun	Fr. Francik
7:00 PM	Mass	Richard Unglesbee	Fr. Brendan
Friday, May 7			
9:00 AM	Mass	Marcella Alaica	Fr. Francik
Saturday, May 8			
8:00 AM	Mass	Catherine Celaire	Fr. Brendan
Saturday Vigil, May 8			
4:00 PM	Mass	Parishioners of Sacred Heart	Fr. Francik
7:00 PM	Sp. Mass	Oscar Ayala	Fr. Hilario
Sunday, May 9 — Sixth Sunday of Easter			
7:30 AM	Mass	Mother's Day Novena	Fr. Francik
9:30 AM	Mass	Mother's Day Novena	Fr. Brendan
11:30 AM	Mass	Mother's Day Novena	Fr. Brendan
4:00 PM	Sp. Mass	Mother's Day Novena	Fr. Hilario

Sick List

To place your loved one on the parish prayer list, please contact the office at 410-833-1696 or parish@shgparish.org.

Scripture Readings for May 9: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98:1-4
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us (3) by offering himself for our sins (2). His love is to be revealed to all the world (Ps), as Peter himself taught (1).

Our Stewardship

Weekly Offering — April 25, 2021

Offertory	\$15,482.00
Envelopes	\$13,769.00
Loose	\$1,713.00
Catholic Education	\$1,135.00
Poor Box (Sacred Heart Outreach).....	\$472.63
Maintenance	\$281.00
Easter Sunday	\$245.00
Good Friday / Holy Lands.....	\$115.00
Peter's Pence	\$110.00

Electronic Fund Contributions 4/19/21 – 4/25/21

(Not included in above total)

Offertory	\$6,171.80
Poor Box.....	\$399.60
Maintenance	\$257.00

Online Giving

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

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available at both church entrances and at the Parish Center. Please return the outside envelope (*with the names of your loved ones, living and deceased, to be remembered in our Mother's Day Novena*) in the collection basket or to the Parish Center **by Thursday, May 6**. The names will be listed in a Remembrance Book that will be on display in the church and available online. You can also make your novena offering at www.shgparish.org/mothersdaynovena.



A Novena of Masses for these intentions will begin on Sunday, May 9 and continue through May 17.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry



Food insecurity continues to be a harsh reality for many families amid the pandemic. If you or someone you know could benefit from food assistance, our pantry at Sacred Heart is available to

keep families in our community *fed* — no matter what challenges they are facing. Please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office or send an email to outreach@shgschool.org or parish@shgparish.org to schedule a time to pick up food.



Easter Outreach Project — Thank You!

Due to the generosity of our parish, we were able to provide **52 Easter baskets** full of non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards for local families. In addition, we were able to put together **67 decorated Easter baskets** with Easter eggs, treats, books, crafts, and toys for kids of all ages. Beneficiaries included families in need from our parish and the community at large via the local Community Crisis Center.

As always, we appreciate the giving nature of our parishioners. Thank you to all who brought in donations and volunteered their time and effort in collecting items and assembling baskets! *If you are interested in helping with future outreach projects, please send an email to outreach@shgparish.org.*

Stewards of Our Environment

To celebrate the 51st anniversary of **Earth Day** (April 22) and recognizing that we need to live in harmony with our environment, the Sisters of Saint Joseph Associates in Mission Care for Earth Committee has offered a special **Earth Day action calendar** — with links to information, activity suggestions, prayers, songs, and other small steps that people can easily incorporate into their lives to help us become better stewards of God's home for us. You can view the calendar at www.shgparish.org/news/earth-day-2021.



May 2 — *Commit to turning off the lights whenever you leave a room. Hang a sticky-note reminder if you or your family tend to forget!*

May 3 — *Pick a clear night to step outside and look at the night sky and marvel at the miracle that is Earth.*





Sacramental Ministry

Baptisms

Third Saturdays at noon and within any weekend Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class (*offered monthly*). Contact the Religious Education Office at 410-833-8515 for more details and to arrange for Baptism.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in the Main Church on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM (English) and 5:30 – 6:45 PM (Spanish) and on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. They are also available by appointment. Additional opportunities are provided 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 sign up for a marriage preparation program. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest or deacon.

Communion to the Sick

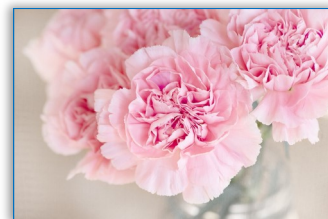
For the hospitalized or homebound who are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Outreach and Social Justice

Carnations for Mother's Day

The [Respect Life Committee](#) will sell carnations for Mother's Day after the 4:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 8** and after all Masses on **Sunday, May 9**. We thank God for all mothers, and we pray all will respect the sacred gift of life from conception to natural death.

All proceeds will be donated to the [Center for Pregnancy Concerns](#), a pro-life pregnancy center that provides free sonograms, parenting classes, diapers, baby shampoo, and more. For more information, please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852.



Mother's Day and Happy Spring Cards for the Nursing Home



"Stand up in the presence of the aged, and show respect for the old; thus shall you fear your God." – Lv 19:32

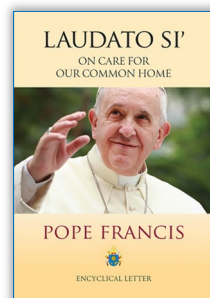
The [Respect Life Committee](#) invites you to share Christ's love by making Mother's Day cards for the ladies and Happy Spring cards for the men at FutureCare Cherrywood Nursing Home. Please write messages reminding them that Christ loves them! You can put your cards in an envelope marked "Respect Life" and drop it in the mail slot at the Parish Center any time. The Respect Life Committee will deliver these cards to the FutureCare residents. Please drop off cards **by Wednesday, May 5**. Thank you!

Laudato si' Year for the Catholic Church

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of his encyclical [Laudato Si'](#), Pope Francis designated the period between May 24, 2020 and May 24, 2021 as "[Laudato Si' year for the Catholic Church](#)". We are in the final weeks now!

We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. (LS #222)

- Which part of this excerpt most speaks to *your* heart?
- This week, "stop and appreciate the **small things**" that God places in front of you and in your life.



Healing the Wounds of Abortion

[Project Rachel Baltimore](#) serves all women and men hurting emotionally and spiritually after involvement with abortion. This ministry helps heal your wounded relationships with yourself, your child, and God. Extending God's compassion, unconditional love, and forgiveness, Project Rachel Baltimore offers hope and peace. If you are interested in attending a retreat or would like to speak with a peer minister, a priest, or a counselor, please contact us by email at projectrachel@archbalt.org or 410-625-8491 (talk) or 410-299-9345 (text only). You can also visit hopeafterabortion.com for more information. *All of our services are confidential.*



Parish Life

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will begin on **Tuesday, May 4** at 7:00 PM in the Little Church. It will be held for nine consecutive **Tuesday evenings**, concluding with the novena prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the final evening: **Tuesday, June 29**. *All are welcome to participate!*

Parent Baptism Preparation

The monthly baptism preparation class will be held on **Monday, May 10** at 7:00 PM in Room 104. This one-time class is for parents who are having their first child baptized at Sacred Heart or whose last child was baptized here more than four years ago. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP** by contacting Sister Cecilia at 410-833-8515 or sr.cecilia@shgparish.org.



To help you focus on the class, it is highly recommended that you find child care during the class time. For more details about baptisms, visit www.shgparish.org/baptism



Bereavement Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? This newly formed group offers support on your journey towards healing. Please join us on **Sunday, May 2** from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in Room 104. Contact Janet at 410-833-1542 or

darrell.e.tenney@gmail.com to register.

Pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart

We invite you to pray the Rosary with us on **weekdays** at 8:15 AM in the Little Church. The Virgin Mary has asked us to pray the Rosary every day, and it is a wonderful way to start your daily journey! The Rosary brings you peace, joy, and comfort.

If you can't make it on weekdays, consider joining us for the Rosary at 8:30 AM on **Saturdays** after the 8:00 AM Mass. All are welcome!



Weekend Outdoor Options for Mass

As we slowly start to emerge from our pandemic quarantine, we would like to safely welcome **all** in our community back to campus for Mass. Moving forward, we will offer **outdoor seating** (*weather permitting*) at the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday morning Masses — with a speaker system to hear our services.

- Bring your own lawn chair or use one provided!
- You can spread out and socially distance.
- Communion will be brought out to you.

For those of you who have been reluctant to sit inside with others and also for those who just love a little sunshine — this is for **you!**

Scouting Opportunities at Sacred Heart

Nothing can stop the Scouts! Our **Cub Scout Pack 706** meets on **Thursdays** from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the school-side parking lot (outdoors). If any boy in grades 1-5 would like to join the pack, please contact Rosalie Tilghman at 410-262-3132 or rosaliefenwick@hotmail.com. See the pack in action at www.facebook.com/Pack706OfGlyndon.



Boy Scout Troop 706 meets on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Old Lynne Brick building in Owings Mills next to Mezcal. We also go on weekend camping trips once a month. If any boy in grades 6-12 is interested in joining the Boy Scouts, please contact Jackie Seal at jackie@seal-family.net or 443-985-6418.

*The Boy Scouts would like to thank all parishioners who supported us in our **mulch sale** last week. All profits help to pay for scout camping trips, crew gear, and summer camp. We really appreciate your help!*

American Red Cross Parish Blood Drive

Saturday, May 22 • 7:45 AM – 1:15 PM • West Room

Thank you for giving the **gift of life** and supporting the American Red Cross during the pandemic! Healthy donors are encouraged to book an appointment with the Red Cross for our May blood drive at www.redcrossblood.org/give.

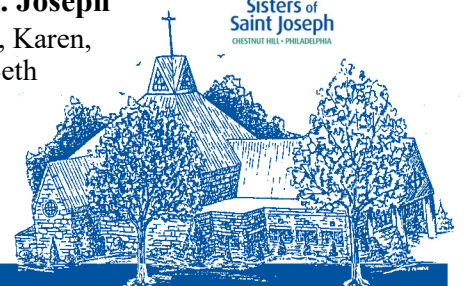


Wisdom Sayings from the Sisters of St. Joseph

– Sisters Cecilia, Karen, and Mary Beth

Maxim 97:

*In face of
opposition,
let go of fear.*



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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sacramental Ministry

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: 6–9 PM
(Musical praise: 7–8 PM)

First Fridays: 4–5 PM
(Holy Hour for Life)

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency, call the Parish Office 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 twice per 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.

Parish Ministry Spotlight



THE THEATER COMPANY BUILT ON A DREAM

Sacred Heart's [Glyndon Area Players](#) (GAP) is the theatre-in-residence at Sacred Heart Parish. Founded in 1998, GAP was established as a creative outlet to showcase the talent of our parish along with the Glyndon, Reisterstown, and surrounding Maryland communities. With incredible casts ranging in number from thirty to eighty and in age from eight to eighty, expansive and authentic sets, and professional sound and lighting, GAP brings family favorites, as well as cutting-edge shows, to life each August — making GAP a truly unique and affordable theatrical experience.



Even though the pandemic impacted our ability to stage a show during 2020, we are planning on an outside 2021 summer event along with a September 11th concert in conjunction with the parish. We are also excited to bring our 3rd annual *Greatest Story Ever Told* Christmas Event on **December 17 and 18**.

If you are interested in joining our group (*either on stage or behind the scenes*) or for more information about GAP, please contact Kari O'Donnell at 443-386-0152.

Religious Education

First Eucharist at Sacred Heart

With the “[Year of the Eucharist](#)” only weeks away, many of our parish children are receiving their [First Eucharist](#) this weekend (**May 1/2**). Please continue to pray for these children and their families!

The students in the [Religious Education](#) Spanish classes will receive their [First Eucharist](#) at the 4:00 PM Spanish Masses on **Sunday, May 9** and **Sunday, May 16**. Some of these children will also be baptized.

*If you normally attend this Mass, please note that attendance **will be higher than normal** and seating might be more limited.*



Did you know? Parish children are prepared for their [First Reconciliation](#) and [First Eucharist](#) during 1st and 2nd grade religion classes in [Sacred Heart School](#) and the [Religious Education program](#). Children are required to attend both years in order to be fully ready to receive the sacraments. A separate program called “RCIC” is available for children in grade 3 or above who have not yet celebrated these sacraments. For more information about First Eucharist and [children's faith formation](#), please contact Sister Cecilia at 410-833-8515 or sr.cecilia@shgparish.org.

In the Community

National Day of Prayer — Thursday, May 6

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the **first Thursday in May**. This year is the 70th anniversary, and the featured bible verse is **2 Corinthians 3:17**:

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*



Maryland will have a **virtual** program this year, and you can view the livestreamed prayer at facebook.com/nationaldayofprayermaryland on **May 6** at 2:00 PM. For more details about the National Day of Prayer, you can visit www.NationalDayofPrayer.org.



at Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House

Dates:

June 21 - 25
Rocky Railway
9:00am - 3:00pm
July 12 - 16
God's Big Backyard
9:00am - 3:00pm
July 26 - 29
Heroes of Faith
9:00am - 3:00pm
August 2 - 6
Destination Dig
9:00am - 3:00pm
August 9 - 13
Adventure Island
9:00am - 3:00pm

Limited to 50 campers
First come, first serve!

Before and After Care available Week of

July 12 and July 26
8:00 - 9:00 & 3:00 - 4:00
\$35 for one or \$65 for both

Activities
Religion
Science
Reading/Math
Arts & Crafts
Outdoor games
Pool



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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May is the Month of Mary!

As the **Mother of God**, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

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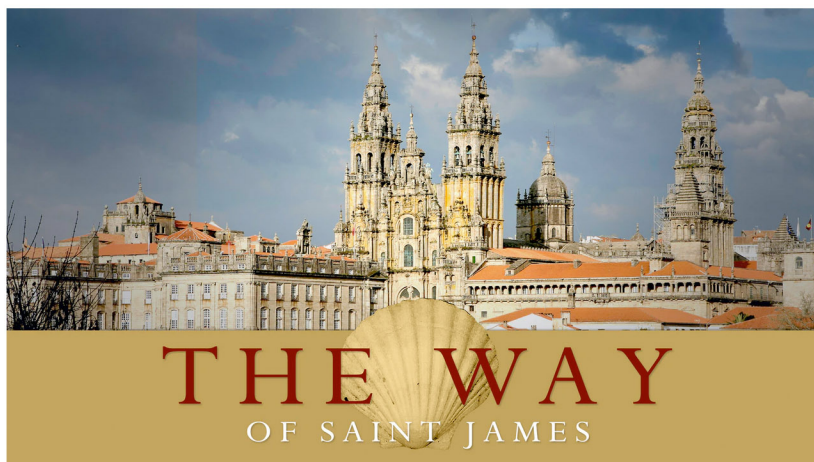
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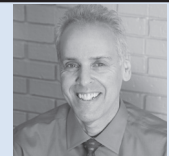
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