

# St. Charles Borromeo Church

*Celebrating 172 Years as the Catholic Community in the Heart of Pikesville*

## Mission Statement

Saint Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church is a Christian Community bonded by faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action through prayer, education, evangelization and service.



**NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**  
***The Thirty-third Sunday***  
***in Ordinary Time***

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM (Traditional Choir)  
Sunday: ~~8:30AM~~, 11:00AM (Contemporary Choir)  
Monday-Friday: 7:30AM & Wednesday: 7:00PM  
Holy Day: 7:30AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM  
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 8:00AM-9:00AM

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15PM-3:45PM; Wednesdays 6:00PM-6:55PM;  
or by appointment

## Infant Baptism

Congratulations to all parents and parents to be. Baptism Preparation sessions for parents and new godparents are led by Deacon Steve once a month following the 11:00AM Mass. Contact Deacon Steve Roscher to register for a session and to arrange for the celebration of your child's baptism.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ as they journey toward full initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) into the life of the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Roscher.

## Marriage

We rejoice with engaged couples, and ask them to contact Deacon Steve Roscher at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage, in order to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation.

## Additional Sacramental Preparation

Families wishing to prepare their children for Reconciliation or First Eucharist, please contact Fr. Canisius. High School youth who are interested in Confirmation should contact Sue Lea.

## Care for the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office when a parishioner is homebound, in the hospital, or in a healthcare facility and wishes to receive a visit, or any of the Sacraments. Whenever possible, please make arrangements for Anointing of the Sick before surgery or hospital admission.

## Faith Formation

Religious Education sessions for children (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) are held in the rectory on Sunday mornings from 9:45AM-10:55AM. Our Middle School program is a collaboration with Sacred Heart in Glyndon. Our High School program meets in the rectory basement on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00PM-9:00PM.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN: TUESDAY AT NOON

*Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.*

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## ✠ A REFLECTION FROM FR. CANISIUS ✠

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel tells of three investors and invites us to identify with them, the two who risked and gained and the one who, stricken by fear, made sure he did not lose the little he had. Our initial reaction might be to side with the prudent guy, and why not? In today’s world where the market can be so unpredictable, it makes sense to be cautious, especially when dealing with another’s money.

Yet, is that what Jesus wants? If we equate the word talent with a huge amount of money, we run the risk of misunderstanding this parable. Instead, we should see it as referring to something of tremendous value, the Gospel message. Because Matthew has chosen to place this parable ahead of the Last Judgment (which we shall hear next Sunday), we know that it speaks to us of success, failure, and judgment. Jesus exhorts his disciples to take risks, to invest their whole lives in the truth of the Gospel and, if necessary, to risk all for the glory of God.

Each servant is given according to his ability and that when risked, the reward is a share in the master’s joy. It is an exhortation to work diligently and fearlessly for the return of Christ. Now is the time for all of us to use our God-given talents and, if necessary, to risk all our gifts and talents, our resources and faith to share Christ with others and to bear the fruit of the dividends of that investment. That we do our part to improve that little piece of the world we inhabited.

Today’s gospel helps us with this challenge. How many times have we not taken advantage of all the Lord has given us? How often have we allowed His Grace to slip through our fingers like sand? How many people would have come closer to God if we had only invested what we were given better? God sees the times that we have reached out to others. He sees the return of his investment in our own works of charity.

You should have received a mailing about the “Our Path Forward” stewardship program. Next weekend, I will share with you the impact your offertory contributions have on our parish, how we put your generous contributions to work and how you can continue to support our Mission here at St. Charles. You will be asked to pledge your commitment. Please pray about your participation.

Our Path Forward—Our Path, Our Purpose, Our People is the fitting theme for this year. I thank you for being a part of our community, for joining us in prayer and worship (in person or virtually), for participating in

ministry and outreach, and for providing the resources to make all this happen! I am most appreciative and grateful for your commitment and involvement, which impacts our parish in more ways than you can imagine. I also ask that as part of this exercise, you prayerfully consider how has your Catholic community inspired you on your spiritual path? “Faith is life which is expressed in love and gift to our neighbor.” (*Gustavo Gutiérrez*)

Thank you for your support especially during this difficult time.

God bless,  
~ Fr. Canisius

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR ST. CHARLES FACEBOOK PAGE: [www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/](http://www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/)

Date	Time	Presider	Mass Intention
Mon Nov 16	7:30am	Fr. Canisius	All the Souls in Purgatory
Tue Nov 17	7:30am	Fr. Canisius	James Pulliam
Wed Nov 18	7:30am	Fr. Maurice	Rev. Ambrose Bevan
Wed Nov 19	7:00pm	Fr. Canisius	Thomas Bruemmer
Thu Nov 20	7:30am	Fr. Canisius	All the Souls in Purgatory
Fri Nov 21	7:30am	Fr. Canisius	Anthony Jaworski
Sat Nov 22	4:00pm	Fr. Canisius	People of the Parish
Sun Nov 22	8:30am	Fr. Canisius/ Deacon Steve	Nicolas Villa Intention (L)
Sun Nov 22	11:00am	Fr. Canisius/ Deacon Steve	Margaret Kammer & John Kammer

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*I wish, my Lord, to receive you  
with the purity, humility, and devotion  
with which your most holy Mother received you,  
with the spirit and fervor of the saints.*



## Altar Flowers



Donated by: *Debbie Cremen*

In Loving Memory of: *Richard Cremen*

**LET US PRAY WITH OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

*“There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.”*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

**...a time to heal**

Erika Wright; Ralph Kelly; Marie Fitzpatrick; Gertrude Molock; Erica Estworthy; Helen Bennett; Margaret “Peggy” Howser; Patricia League; Jean McKim; Krystal Roach; Theresa Brophy; Mary Margaret (Gillespie) Payne; Gloria Brennan; Bob & Peggy Moan; Tiffany Brown; Wendy Simpkins; Shelley McThomas; Marie McGinn; Gregory Hannon; Joan Marie Getchell; Tim McNamara; Ed McBride; Carol Jones; Marge Rudie; Andy Moan; Terry Bullinger; Betty Schmedes; Don Brink; Jeanette Cherigos; Herman Milovitz; Steve Haywood; Joan Herion; Debbie Cremen; Lori Roscher; Robert Anthony; Helen Arena; Roger Smith, Sr.; Ann Marie Goddard; Sr. Mary Dee Smith, GNSH; Gina Vespignani; Stephanie Schneider; Paul Gambriell; Christine Isaac; Mashariki Sanyika; Jeff Lohinski; Mary Mosner; Kathy Justice; Mary Beth Himmelheber

*May our Lord and Redeemer give health to their bodies and holiness to their souls.*

**...a time to die**

**Dolores “Dot” Gertz**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord*

**...a time to stand up and speak**

Congratulations to

**Samuel Fish and Cyrus Richardson**

who were confirmed on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*May the Spirit of the living God  
be with you always!*

**ARCHDIOCESAN MASS**

Archbishop Lori celebrates Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 11:00am each Sunday. *It will be broadcast live on Ch.24 (MyTV Baltimore); Comcast (24); Verizon (509); and DirectTV/Dish (41).* A livestream of the Mass is available online at: [archbalt.org/online-mass/](http://archbalt.org/online-mass/) or on the *myParish* app.

**ONLINE PARISH MASSES**

At St. Charles we are praying for you every day! All are welcome to join us “virtually” in our communal prayer at the following times:

**DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday at 7:30am**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00pm\***

**SUNDAY MASS: 11:00am**

[www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/](http://www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/)

*\*Beginning next weekend, 11/21-11/22, only the 11:00am Mass will be live-streamed on the weekend.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30*

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin**

*Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 | Lk 18:35-43*

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

*Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 | Lk 19:1-10*

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles;*

**St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

*Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 | Mt 14:22-33*

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Rv 5:1-10 | Lk 19:41-44*

**Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Rv 10:8-11 | Lk 19:45-48*

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Rv 11:4-12 | Lk 20:27-40*

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**King of the Universe, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46*

*The full text of Daily Mass readings can be found at  
[www.bible.usccb.org](http://www.bible.usccb.org) or on MyParish app.*

**Fr. Ray’s Prayer Poem for Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Part I...in the words the First Letter to the**

**Thessalonians 5:5a**

*“For all of you are children of the light...!”*

**Part II...in another’s words, a prayer-poem –**

it’s about our identity

its clarity

in this age of self questioning

the certitude affirmed:

children of the light

of the Genesis type

the original Light “genesising” light

imprinted in our spiritual genes

each of us

“Phosphoros”

our God-given name

our Kingdom-Making identity

light-bringers, we all...

[a graced “amen”]

-Fr. Ray



**BAPTISM PREPARATION** can be held via ZOOM or in person and private Baptisms can now be scheduled. To learn more, please email Deacon Steve at: [steve.roscher@archbalt.org](mailto:steve.roscher@archbalt.org)

**CHILDREN’S READINGS & CLOSED CAPTIONS**

Martha Yalov, our CLOW leader, is now posting weekly videos on our Facebook page proclaiming the Sunday readings from a simplified lectionary translation created for children. These videos also contain “closed captions” so they are wonderful for those who suffer from hearing loss or are deaf. They are about 9-10 minutes long. Gather the family and check it out this weekend!

**FAITH FORMATION**

**K-5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Planning is currently underway for the 2020-2021 program year, which due to COVID, will have a new look this year. Watch this spot for details as they become available, or email Fr. Canisius at [canisius.tah@archbalt.org](mailto:canisius.tah@archbalt.org) with any questions.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**



For information about preparing your child to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in the coming year, please email Father Canisius at [canisius.tah@archbalt.org](mailto:canisius.tah@archbalt.org) or call him at the parish office (410-486-5400).

**B.A.S.I.C. YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Our Youth Minister, Susan Lea, is in the process of reaching out to all St. Charles families with high school-aged youth to check-in and see what you need from St. Charles Youth Ministry. If you have a preferred day/time of contact or are not currently registered in our parish, please email Susan at [slea@shgparish.org](mailto:slea@shgparish.org). We hope to reach everyone by early November.



Are you someone, or do you know someone, who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- Was baptized into another religion, but never received any formal religious education?

Do you find yourself in any of the above or know someone who does? If so, then RCIA is right for you and others. Due to the coronavirus, meetings will be held online at this time. For more information contact Deacon Steve Roscher at [sroscher@verizon.net](mailto:sroscher@verizon.net) or leave a message for him by calling the parish office.



*Our Inter-Parochial Catholic Elementary School*

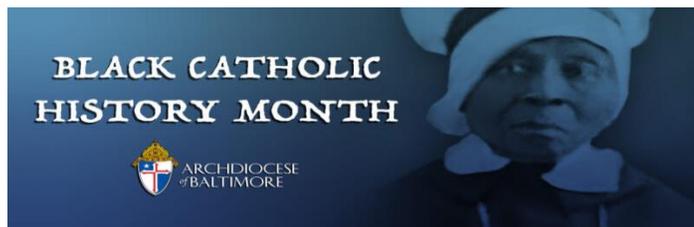
**OUR SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF TO A RUNNING START** for both our remote and in-school learners! Sacred Heart School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and academically rigorous educational experience for our students by offering both an on-site (5 full days) and virtual instructional option for our families. Since we are a rolling admissions school, we are still accepting applications and inquiries for the 2020-2021 school year.

**WE ARE ALSO HOSTING A “Virtual Welcome Wednesday Coffee Chat” on November 18<sup>th</sup>.** To attend, please go to [www.shgschool.org](http://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. Stacey Aisquith, our Director of Admissions, at [saisquith@shgschool.org](mailto:saisquith@shgschool.org) or 410.833.0857 ext. 114



**What is Black Catholic History Month?**

Black Catholic History Month is a time for us to celebrate the contributions of Black Catholics to the Roman Catholic tradition. In the world today there are more than 200 million people of African descent in the Roman Catholic Church. To learn more visit <https://www.archbalt.org/bchm/>



## STEWARDSHIP

– What I Do With What I Have Been  
Given When I Believe in God –

NOVEMBER 8 <sup>TH</sup> , 2020	WEEK 2	NOVEMBER
Offertory – Envelopes	\$2572	\$9502
Offertory – Loose	\$118	\$514
Maintenance / Air Conditioning	\$60	\$110
All Saints Day	\$45	\$419
<b>TOTAL PARISH OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$2795</b>	<b>\$10,545</b>
Over / Under FY2019 Offertory Budget of \$7700/wk	-\$4905	-\$4855
All Souls Day Novena	\$265	\$704
World Mission Sunday	\$0	\$25
Seminarians	\$212	\$237
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$0	\$40
Poor Box/Food Pantry (SVdP)	\$12	\$15
<b>WEEKEND ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>249</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOX  
WHICH SUPPORTS OUR  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH  
TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

### SPECIAL NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

During the month of November we will have several special collections:

- November 15 Building & Maintenance Fund**
- November 22 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**
- November 29 Utility (Heat) Fund**

Thank you for your generosity. We will have a special collection box available in the back of church for your offering, or you may give online by selecting the fund name listed above.



### **Our Path ~ Our Purpose ~ Our People**

Please pray about your participation in advance of Commitment Weekend on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would also like for you to reflect on the question: *How has your Catholic community inspired you on your spiritual path?*

You may submit your responses online by visiting [www.opfaob.com](http://www.opfaob.com). You may also read the comments from parishioners across our Archdiocese and watch an inspirational video.

*If you are uncomfortable with rejoining us in person for Sunday Mass, you can still provide critical support for our parish by mailing your tithe to the parish office; or by using your bank's BillPay feature; or through online giving.*

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ONLINE GIVING

- No need to write checks or remember envelopes
- Contributions can be scheduled regularly--or give on an a la carte basis, giving when you choose
- Choose which Second Collections to support
- Contribute to the Poor Box
- No need to make up missed contributions
- A credit card or debit card can be used instead of a checking account, if you wish

Online giving is not meant to replace the traditional Sunday offertory collection; it is meant to enhance it.

For more information email the parish office:

[charlesst@comcast.net](mailto:charlesst@comcast.net)

Or go to [www.ourstcharles.org](http://www.ourstcharles.org) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the homepage.

## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### OUR DAILY BREAD

*"For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food"*

**NEXT DELIVERY DATE:**

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Frozen casseroles can be made in advance and dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours. Pans w/ recipe may be picked up at the parish office or in the rear of the church. Store-bought party-sized (90+ oz.) Lasagna and Mac & Cheese casseroles are also gratefully accepted.

We received the following *Thank You* from Catholic Charities for our October gifts to Our Daily Bread:

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deep appreciation for your support of Catholic Charities' relief efforts with your generous donation on October 22, 2020.

Every day at Catholic Charities, through our more than 80 programs, our employees and volunteers work to meet the most pressing needs of children, families, seniors and individuals with intellectual disabilities. This work is only possible through the dedication of our thoughtful donors.

Your consideration for others speaks volumes of your kindness and compassion, at what is a difficult time for us all. Our neighbors appreciate your generosity now more than ever, as we work to provide vital resources and keep people safe.

It means so much to have you as a part of our community. Thank you for being such a thoughtful partner and friend to Catholic Charities. Your support surrounds families with compassion and comfort during this time of uncertainty.

With gratitude,  
*Erin Bolles*  
Chief Development Officer

## FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

*"I was hungry and you gave me food."*



We have already fed **18** families so far in the month of **November** with your generously donated items. By bringing something during the month you can help keep our food pantry well-stocked to meet the continuing need in our community. Items may be dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours or placed in the shopping carts in the church vestibule. Items most needed at this time are: **Rice; Rice-a-Roni; Instant Potatoes; Gravy; Jelly; Canned Potatoes; Hearty Soups.** **Please check expiration dates – we cannot distribute expired or opened items.**

### HOLY INNOCENTS MINISTRY

Nearly 25% of all pregnancies end in a miscarriage. The Archdiocese of Baltimore via the *Holy Innocents Ministry* will care for your miscarried child with a burial and care for the family during the difficult time. Keep this information handy for when a family member or friend experiences a miscarriage. Contact the Holy Innocent Ministry HELPLINE at [holyinnocents@archbalt.org](mailto:holyinnocents@archbalt.org) or 410-547-3142. One of the many team members will respond quickly to you.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

#### **DEFEND LIFE LECTURE SERIES**

Steven Mosher, Director of the Population Research Institute, who exposed China's disastrous one child forced abortion policy as the first American social scientist to be allowed into Communist China, will speak on the topic *China's Plan to Enslave America* on **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at Our Lady's Center (3301 S. Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, 21043) and again at **7:30pm** at St. Joseph Church-Fullerton (8420 Belair Rd., 21236). For more information visit [www.DefendLife.org](http://www.DefendLife.org). All are encouraged to attend this FREE lecture.

#### **MATERNITY COUNSELING/ADOPTION**

Maternity counseling and adoption services are offered by Catholic Charities at 667-600-2400

**Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-ANGEL-OK**

## ANNUAL "FOOD FOR LIFE" OUTREACH

For nearly a decade a tradition has been built here at our parish to extend our charitable love to families in need within the zip codes that we serve. This program, sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society, is called **Food for Life**. Our parishioners and friends provided frozen turkeys, non-perishable food and cash donations that allowed us to feed up to 80 families at Christmas time. Due to the pending sale of our parish center building, we no longer have the space available to run this program in the same manner as in years past.

After much consideration, we decided to continue to serve our neighbors in a different but effective way. Rather than asking for food and turkey donations this year, we are asking for your financial support. We will purchase gift cards to a local supermarket and distribute them to these families in place of the food. This program serves people right here in our neighborhoods, many of whom are elderly or in poor health. The people of St. Charles have been extremely generous in the past and we hope that you will continue to lend support to this effort of charitable outreach.

If you are able to join us again this year, please mail your check (made payable to St. Charles Church) to the parish office by **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please note your check as being for "*Food for Life*." You may also donate online by going to [www.ourstcharles.org](http://www.ourstcharles.org), clicking on the "Online Giving" button, and selecting the "Food for Life" fund (at the bottom of the list). May God bless you for remembering your neighbors in need at a time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



## St. Charles Parish Giving Tree 2020

This year will be different

### **NO tags, NO wrapping, only 3 weeks!**

We want the Giving Tree to be easy and safe for everyone—the donor and the recipient. Donations are down a lot during the pandemic, so these organizations can really use your help. With your usual generosity, instead of choosing tags, please purchase gifts from the wish lists on our website or make a monetary contribution and we will take care of the rest.

#### ❖ **If you choose to purchase gifts:**

- Select items from the wish lists on our website:

<http://www.ourstcharles.org/Giving%20Tree%20Wish%20List.pdf> and add

- them to your normal shopping or online ordering (allow extra time for shipping).
- DO NOT WRAP any gifts. NO TAG is needed.
- Bring/ship your gifts to the Rectory--101 Church Lane 21208 Attn: Giving Tree (M-F 9AM-3PM) or leave your gifts in church by the mini-tree at weekend Masses only.
- All gifts must be received no later than Sun. Dec. 6. (*Because of the changes due to Covid-19, we need an extra week to prepare and let sit before delivery*)

❖ **Instead of purchasing gifts, you may donate the money you would have spent.**

- Cash or checks (made out to St. Charles) may be left at the Rectory, or mailed
- Give online at [www.ourstcharles.org](http://www.ourstcharles.org) Click on the Giving Tree button on the home page.
- Choose the organization(s) to receive your donation or we will apply it to the greatest need.
- We would appreciate receiving your donation by Nov. 23 in order to shop for you.

- ❖ **Questions?** Email [Ruthanne\\_Otto@yahoo.com](mailto:Ruthanne_Otto@yahoo.com) or call 410-655-7437 (please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly)

## IN THE COMMUNITY...

### GRIEVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season can be a difficult time for those who are grieving, and this year more than ever, many people are experiencing compounded grief due to the current political, economic, and social climate. Join Julie Kays, Manager and Clinical Counselor of the Counseling Center at Stella Maris, along with others in the community who are grieving, for a virtual conversation about ways to cope with loss and how to face the impending holiday season this year. The talk will be **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:30pm**. This program is FREE, but you must register to attend by calling 410-252-4500, ext. 7291 or email [hbenassi@stellamaris.org](mailto:hbenassi@stellamaris.org)

### MISSION HELPERS OF THE SACRED HEART

Join our Sisters in prayer. Today, more than ever, we long to reach out to others and offer our assistance, and yet we may feel powerless to do so. However, we can unite in prayer and solidarity! One way to unite our prayerful voices during the lingering pandemic is to **pause every Friday between 1-3pm** to keep each other in heart, mind, and soul...all of our sisters and

brothers around the globe. As we close our prayers we add...*Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You.* Did you know Mission Helpers updates our prayer list every few days? If you have a prayer request, email [administrator@missionhelpers.org](mailto:administrator@missionhelpers.org)

### FREE HEALTH & VISION SCREENING

The Mezu International Foundation and their partners Aqua Vision Care and Amerigroup are sponsoring free health and vision screenings **every Wednesday** from **10:00am to 3:00pm** through December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Aqua Vision Care (1006 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, 21208) for children and adults with refractive errors. To register for an appointment visit their website at [www.mezufoundation.org](http://www.mezufoundation.org), call 410-602-1567 or email [info@mezufoundation.org](mailto:info@mezufoundation.org).

### FLU CLINIC AT KENILWORTH

Spread the word, not the flu! UM St. Joseph will be holding a FREE community flu clinic on **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-6:00pm** at the Shops at Kenilworth. Registration is required. Call 410-337-1337 for more information and to register or visit <https://www.umms.org/sjmc/community/flu-shot>

## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP...

On Tuesday, the Vatican released its report on the investigation of the former Cardinal, now Mr. Theodore McCarrick. While it will take some time to thoroughly read and digest the full report, which is more than 450 pages long, I join Archbishop José F. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and all bishops throughout the country, in offering as soon as possible an acknowledgement of the pain this report brings to the faithful, and most especially to those who have suffered abuse by a member of the clergy...

Click here: <https://www.archbalt.org/a-message-from-archbishop-lori-on-the-mccarrick-report/> to read the full message from Archbishop Lori. (en español: <https://catholicreview.org/un-mensaje-del-arzobispo-lori/> )

Read the message from Archbishop Gomez here: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/statement-holy-sees-report-theodore-mccarrick-most-reverend-jose-h-gomez-archbishop-los>

The full Vatican report can be found here: [http://www.vatican.va/resources/resources\\_rapporto-card-mccarrick\\_20201110\\_en.pdf](http://www.vatican.va/resources/resources_rapporto-card-mccarrick_20201110_en.pdf)

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