

CELEBRATING CHRIST SINCE 1873

February 17, 2019 ◆ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Mr. Matthew T. Himes Transitional Deacon

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 (Quiet), 9:00, 10:30 AM (Choir);

12:00 (Contemporary Choir) & 5:00 PM

Misa en Español: Sabado: 7:00 PM • Domingo: 1:45 PM

Weekday Masses / Communion Service:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 AM (Little Church) Saturday: 8:00 AM (Little Church)

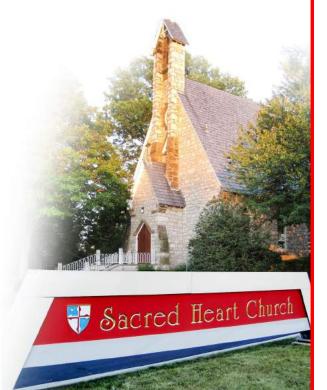
Holy Day Schedule: Consult bulletin Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays:

Exposition follows the 9:00 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction before the Saturday 8:00 AM Mass (Little Church)

ASSISTING CLERGY

Rev. Santhosh George, O.SS.T Rev. James McKearney, P.S.S.

Rev. Gilbert J. Seitz



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Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of God in the parish of Sacred Heart, are constantly attempting to become a faith community of those who, believing in Jesus, proclaim God's Kingdom and share the mystery of faith by worshipping the Father, enabling all members to grow in their relationship with each other through the Son, and witnessing our gifts through active service to others in the Spirit.

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass, February 16

4:00 PM Mass William Ment 7:00 PM Sp. Mass Oscar Diaz

Sunday, February 17

7:30 AM Mass Charlie Anderson 9:00 AM Mass Nancy Lewis 10:30 AM Mass Thomas Lawson

12:00 PM Mass Renato and Chalita Tecson

1:45 PM Sp. Mass Berta Lopez 5:00 PM Mass Kristina Rivera

Monday, February 18

9:00 AM Mass Michael Kolakowski

Tuesday, February 19

7:00 AM Mass Paul Carr, Sr. 9:00 AM Mass Carl Downs

Wednesday, February 20

7:00 AM Communion Service

Mary Ellen Bialek 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, February 21

7:00 AM Mass Jimmy Stephan 9:00 AM Mass Anne Taucher

Friday, February 22

7:00 AM Mass Bob Palermini 9:00 AM Mass John Selman

Saturday, February 23 – St. Polycarp, **Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 AM Mass Terry Awkward

Saturday Vigil Mass, February 23

Parishioners of Sacred Heart 4:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Sp. Mass Oscar Diaz

Sunday, February 24

7:30 AM Mass George Arthur Mary Claire Filippelli 9:00 AM Mass William Stinchcomb 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass Mary Ellen Bialek 1:45 PM Sp. Mass Richard Vasquez 5:00 PM Mass Jeffrey Skewers

Prayer and Worship

Presiders' Schedule: Feb. 24, 2019

Msgr. Aiken 4:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Sp. Mass Fr. Hilario 7:30 AM Mass Fr. McKearney 9:00 AM Mass Fr. McKearney 10:30 AM Mass Msgr. Aiken Msgr. Aiken 12:00 PM Mass Sp. Mass Fr. Hilario 1:45 PM 5:00 PM Mass Fr. Canisius

St. Charles Presiders' Schedule: February 24, 2019

4:00 PM Mass Fr. Canisius 8:30 PM Mass Fr. Canisius 11:00 AM Mass Fr. Canisius

Scripture Readings: Feb. 24, 2019

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 • Lk 6:27-38

In baptism we are called to mirror and image (2) the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us (Ps). As David would not harm Saul, his enemy (1), so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us (3).

"The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1718



Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

"You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions.

- St. John Vianney

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón

VI Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario 17 De Febrero De 2019

Oración de liberación

"Al pedir ser liberados del Maligno, oramos igualmente para ser liberados de todos los males, presentes, pasados y futuros de los que él es autor o instigador. En esta última petición, la Iglesia presenta al Padre todas las desdichas del mundo. Con la liberación de todos los males que abruman a la humanidad, implora el don precioso de la paz y la gracia de la espera perseverante en el retorno de Cristo." (Catecismo n. 2854)

Señor, el demonio anda "como león rugiente buscando a quien devorar" (1Pe 5,8).

No queremos caer en sus garras. Libranos del mal.

Libranos del tentador, de sus seducciones y de sus engaños, no dejes que siembre la cizaña del mal en nuestras vidas.

Libranos del orgullo, del amor propio y la autosuficiencia.

Líbranos de la idolatría y la vanidad, de toda forma de egoísmo, de ponernos al centro de nuestros pensamientos e intereses.

Líbranos de ser esclavos de la opinión de los demás, de la cobardía, del respeto humano y de todo aquello que condicione nuestra autenticidad cristiana.

Líbranos de cuanto nos esclaviza sin que nos demos cuenta.

Líbranos de los malos sentimientos, del rencor, del odio, del deseo de venganza.

Líbranos de cualquier ambición o atadura que nos robe la paz.

Queremos aspirar a las cosas de arriba, no a las de la tierra.

Líbranos de los apegos que nos impiden volar hasta ti.

Aleja de nosotros toda turbación, angustia, tristeza u obsesión.

Líbranos de las fuerzas del mal, de los maleficios, de las brujerías, de la infestación diabólica.

Queremos estar siempre en tus brazos y nunca bajo el poder de Satanás.

¡Queremos ser libres, Señor!

¡Queremos ser tuyos, sólo tuyos!

Queremos despojarnos del hombre viejo y que nos revistas del hombre nuevo a través de la gracia que nos regalas en los Sacramentos.

Tenemos la certeza de que si tú estás con nosotros, nadie podrá contra nosotros (cfr Rm 8, 31)

Por eso hacemos esta oración llenos de confianza en Ti: Tú has vencido al mundo (cfr. Jn 16,33)

Todo lo podemos en ti que nos das fuerza (cfr Fil, 4,13)

Por los méritos de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de tu Hijo Jesucristo, te pedimos, Padre, que nos libres del maligno ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

AVISO: Nuestro grupo "sendero de luz", de nuestra parroquia "Sagrado Corazón" Te invita a que participes del NOVENO ANIVERSARIO" que se llevara acabo Sábado 23 de Febrero a la 7:00pm con Misa de Sanación, si tienes en tu familia a alguien que esta enfermo, amigo, vecino, o tu mismo estas enfermo, no te pierdas esta linda oportunidad que te presenta el Señor, ven y ponte en las manos Del Señor, que el Senor obrara grandes prodigios en ti, en esta misa de Sanación. Te esperamos.

Sacramental

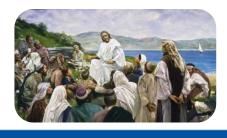
Bautizos: Se celebran cada segundo sábado del mes (excepto durante la cuaresma). Los padres y los padrinos requieren asistir a una clase de preparación que se realiza el tercer domingo de cada mes y los padrinos deben haber recibido todos sacramentos de iniciación cristiana (Bautizo, Confirmación y Eucaristía). 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 pm a 6:45 pm.





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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. Sondra Michael Hopkins, Veronica Juratovac, Gardner "Rick" Wolfe



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM 1:15—8:30 PM

Saturday-Sunday: 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office / Rectory 410-833-1696

Hispanic Ministry 410-830-1862

Development Office 410-833-4933

Sacred Heart School 410-833-0857

Religious Education Office 410-833-8515

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry 410-833-7639

Convent 410-526-1327

BULLETIN DEADLINE. Notices must be received in the parish office TEN days (Thursday) before the bulletin date requested.

Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers

Lucy Angerer, Renee Bence, Mary Ellen and Mike Berry, Georgeanne Bond, MaryLou Brosso, Foula Dargakis, Maria Dargakis, Grennie Demandante, Jean Diffenbaugh, Maria Ekavihare, Mon Etter, Theresa Eyler, John Fiore, Troy Heiner, Dennis Helm, Greg Hessler, Gerry Kleiman, John Kmiecik, Stan LaSov, Maria Victoria Londono, Lorrain May, Loretta McCusker, Carlyle Montanye, Scott Moser, Maria Ness, Socorro Ortiz, Tiho Peruzovic, Tony Pritchett, Cindy Pryor, Beth Ralston, Bill Seeley, Mel Serio, Ryan Shriver, Ashley Silcott, Chuck Stansbury, George Stifler, Laura Tell

Names Will Remain on the Sick List for 5 Weeks

If there is a need for the name of your loved one to be on the list for a longer period of time, we will be happy to accommodate you; please call the office at 410-833-1696.

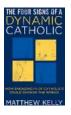
Sacred Heart Respect Life Committee Needs You

"...Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live..." Deuteronomy 30:19 The Respect Life Committee invites you to join us for a rosary for life and planning meeting on **Thursday**, **February 21** in Room 112. We pray a rosary for life from 6:30 – 7:00 PM, and the planning meeting takes place from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. We welcome you to join us in planning ways we can spread awareness for respect for the sacred gift of life from conception to natural death. Please call Denise at 410-795-6852 for more details.

The 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic

Join the Life in the Spirit charismatic prayer group as they continue to discuss Matthew Kelly's book "The 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 PM in Room 103 (use the back door by the Mother Seton statue). The speaker will be Mike Myers. All are invited!

Sign #1: PRAYER (was featured in January) Sign #2: STUDY





Contemplative Prayer and Adoration Will Return in March

Beginning on **March 11**, please join Fr. Canisius on **Monday evenings** during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Little Church for an hour of prayer, reflection, and adoration.

Catholics in Annapolis THIS THURSDAY

We need your help! Join us for *Catholics in Annapolis* on Thursday, February 21 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM at the Miller Senate Office Building (11 Bladen St. in Annapolis). *Please contact Ruby Wilson at 410-833-0812 ASAP* if you would like to participate and reserve a space in Annapolis for the reception. We will carpool from Sacred Heart.

Catholics in Annapolis is your chance to get inspired and meet face-to-face with your legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues. Your help is needed to stop a proposed abortion rights constitutional amendment, to help secure scholarships for low-income students, to stop the legalization of assisted suicide, and to protect human rights. We need your voice in 2019! Stand up for life, justice, and human rights! For more details, including the full agenda for the day and travel/parking recommendations, you can visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org, call 410-269-1155, or email Chris Santo at chris@mdcatholic.org.



The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. Morning Mass will be at 9:00 AM only on February 18 (no Communion Service).

Our Stewardship

Weekly Offering — February 10, 2019

Offertory	\$1 8,668.57 \$16,955.00
Loose	\$1,713.57
Seminarians	\$4,016.00

Electronic Fund Contributions 2/04/19 – 2/10/19

(Not included in above total)

Offertory	\$2,063.95
Maintenance	\$109.50

The Second Collection next weekend will be for **Catholic Education**.

Christian Formation and Evangelization

Catholic Scripture Study: Discovering the Mass in the Bible

The third distinct area of the tabernacle described in *Exodus*, called the Holy of Holies, signified the top of Mount Sinai — the heavenly throne on earth where God met with Moses. The Holy of Holies contained one thing: the Ark of the Covenant, which in essence was the portable throne upon which God descended in order to dwell amidst His people. When Moses or the priests entered the Holy of Holies, they were truly in the heavenly presence of God.

In the Catholic Church the Lord is enthroned, under the appearance of bread, in the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is a constant reminder that, as we enter the Sanctuary, we are truly in the heavenly presence of God.

Burdens to Blessings

Join Kim Crabill for an eight-week study starting **Tuesday**, **February 19** from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. "Burdens to Blessings" combines Kim's signature message with in-depth Bible teaching. She challenges women to quit hiding and be real with God and each other about the hurts, disappointments, and regrets they carry. That's when God will transform those burdens into blessings above and beyond anything they could imagine, according to His promise in Ephesians 3:20. Contact Michele Hunter to sign up (410-833-1696 or mhunter@shgparish.org); space is limited. The cost is \$25 for materials.

Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

The Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in Room 103. Individual prayer is from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. Come and share in our singing and giving thanks to God, and hear what the Lord is saying to us through His gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Please note**: we will **not** have a meeting on **February 20**; instead, we encourage you to attend the Knights of Columbus presentation on "exorcism".

Youth Ministry

Confirmation and SOURCE Classes

There will be **NO classes** on **Sunday, February 17**. Please download and print out the most recent calendars on the parish website: www.shgparish.org/youth-ministry.aspx.

The next class for all youth registered in **SOURCE** (Years 1 & 2) will be Sunday, February 24. Please join us for 5:00 PM Mass, followed by sign-in and pizza in the school cafeteria.

Summer Programs for High School Youth

2019 Baltimore-Appalachia Work Camps: Baltimore – June 16-22 • Appalachia – June 23-29

Would you like to experience "a multi parish and school program that strives to help provide [its] participants with a first-hand experience of Catholic Social Teaching and an experience of the universal Church"? Then the Baltimore-Appalachia Work Camps are for you! Registration is NOW and will run *through March 22*. To reserve your spot, please complete our "Interest Form" (found online at www.shgparish.org/children/ym_work_camp_interestform_2019.pdf) and return with your \$100 deposit as soon as possible to Sacred Heart's Office of Youth Ministry. More details and paperwork will then be forwarded to you after registration.

2019 Steubenville Youth Conference: July 19-21 THEME: BELONG (1 John 3:1)

We would love for you to join us! Please complete and return our "Interest Form" found on our website at www.shgparish.org/high-school.aspx. Formal registration has begun and is first-come, first-served. *Registration deadline is March 20*.

For more info regarding Youth Ministry activities, events, and/or programs, please see the Youth Ministry page on the parish website (www.shgparish.org/youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at youth-ministry.aspx) or <a

Middle School Youth - SUMMIT

Join us for our next Middle School Summit Night on **Friday, March 8!** Meet us in the Gym Lobby! Doors open at 6:30 PM, and we kick off at 7:00 PM! Make sure to bring shoes to run in! If you are joining us for the first time, please complete our registration permission slip before attending (www.shgparish.org/children/ym_summit_permission_2018.pdf). Parents,

we could always use help! If you'd like to volunteer, please make sure that you complete all requirements (www.shgparish.org/stand adults.aspx).



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Service and Social Justice



SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

BAPTISMS:

Third Saturdays at noon and within the celebration of Mass (except during Lent). Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please 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 (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. All engaged couples 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.

Proposed Physician-Assisted Suicide and Abortion Bills in Maryland

Two issues currently before the Maryland General Assembly not only violate Catholic teachings, but they threaten the lives of our youngest and oldest people:

Physician-Assisted Suicide — The Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of-Life Option Act is currently being considered by the House of Delegates (HB399) and by the State Senate (SB311). Similar bills were defeated in the past, but it has been introduced for a fourth time. The House Judicial Committee was scheduled to hear testimony on Feb. 15, and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee will hear the bill on Tuesday, February 19. Compassion & Choices, once known as the Hemlock Society, organized supporters to canvas the halls of the Assembly on January 29 to gain support for the bill. A broad coalition including disability advocates, elder abuse lawyers, members of the medical community, patient advocates, and faith-based organizations, known as "Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide" (MAPAS), has joined together to fight this predatory policy, protect our state's most vulnerable citizens, and ensure that every Marylander has a compassionate end-of-life experience — and the Maryland Catholic Conference (the legislative arm of the bishops in Maryland) has teamed up with them.

Abortion — On Feb. 8, Maryland House Speaker Michael Busch, introduced legislation (HB1031) that would make abortion a constitutional "right" in Maryland. Thus, even if *Roe v. Wade* is ever overturned, abortion would continue to be legal in Maryland and no state law could curtail it. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Assembly, it would be a ballot issue for Maryland voters in 2020. The MCC strongly opposes the bill.

What Everyone Can Do — There is a great deal that each of us can do, including:

- 1) Learn about the issues, especially physician-assisted suicide. Nancy Valko is known as its most effective opponent in the USA, and she gave several local lectures last week. Visit her fascinating blog at NancyValko.com. See also www.mdcatholic.org/news.
- 2) Visit the Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide website to see the numerous flaws and dangers of the proposed bill at stopassistedsuicidemd.org/infographic. Stay up to date on the effort to keep assisted suicide *out* of Maryland at stopassistedsuicidemd.org, where you can learn about the facts, sign up for alerts, contact your legislator, and more.
- 3) Check out the **documentary**, *The Dignity Mandate*, which discusses the issue in detail; it can be found at www.TheDignityMandate.org.
- **4)** Attend **Catholics in Annapolis**, organized by the Maryland Catholic Conference, on February 21, and speak to your representatives about the issues. (*See bulletin page 4*.)
- 5) Sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network of the MCC to keep updated on legislative issues from a Catholic perspective: www.mdcatholic.org/joincan.
- 6) Attend the **Maryland March for Life** on March 4. State pro-life legislators will be there. Next week's bulletin will have many more details; see also www.mdmarchforlife.com.
- 7) Send a letter, email, or call your state representatives expressing your concern about the legislation. Suggestions for contacting your legislators can be found at the Maryland Right to Life website: www.mdrtl.org/Contact%20Your%20Legislators.html. You can learn who your elected state representatives are at www.mdelect.net.
- 8) Fast and pray at least once a week for the remainder of the General Assembly's session (it ends April 8) that these bills are defeated. It would be a fine Lenten intention.
- 9) Get the word out. Inform others of these issues and what can be done about them.

Life is again under serious attack in Maryland. God bless you for your efforts to help!

American Red Cross Thank You

Dear Parishioners ~ I want to thank you for being a valued member of the American Red Cross family. Nearly every eight minutes, we meet a family that has lost everything to a home fire or other disaster—the roof over their heads, their clothes, their most cherished possessions. When tragedy strikes, <u>you</u> generously responded to the call for help. Sincerely ~ Scott R. Salemme, Regional Chief Executive Officer

Parish Life

Singing Songs with Future Care Residents

Psalm 104:33 "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live."

The Respect Life Committee and Faith in Action invite you to share the love of Christ by singing with the residents of Future Care Cherrywood Nursing Home (12020 Reisterstown Road) on **Tuesday**, **February 19** from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. We will meet in the lobby at 6:25 PM. We will be distributing St. Valentine's cards and pictures to the residents. As we thank God for the sacred gift of life, we will also sing "Happy Birthday" to each resident who has a birthday in February. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 410-795-6852 for more details.

Family Fellowship: Mother / Son Bowling

Mothers and sons are encouraged to enjoy an evening out at Greenmount Bowling (1625 N. Main Street in Hampstead) on **Saturday**, **February 23** during the annual Father / Daughter Dance here at the parish. To reserve your lane, call 410-374-6211. Contact Michele Hunter at mhunter@shgparish.org or 410-833-1696 for more info.

St. Patrick's Day Raffle

Sacred Heart Sodality will be selling chances for their annual St. Patrick's Day Raffle on Saturday and Sunday, **March 2 and 3** after all weekend Masses. First Prize is a \$150 gift card to spend at any place(s) of your choosing. Chances are \$1 each — or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Sodality St. Patrick's Day Party on Monday, March 18 in the West Room. Stop by our table and see if "The Luck of the Irish" is with you!

Spend an Afternoon Being Irish

Come to Sacred Heart's West Room on Monday, March 18 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Sodality Annual Luncheon and Card Party. You will enjoy a delicious chicken salad lunch and the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. There will also be many opportunities to test your Irish Luck at the Card Table, Tombola Table, a 50/50 Raffle, Cake Raffle, and a drawing for a Shopping Spree. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Reservations are required by March 14. For reservations, please contact Dorothy Clark at 410-833-7633.

Hersheypark Tickets from Sacred Heart School

The SHG Class of 2019 is offering discounted Hersheypark tickets to parish and school families for a cost of \$33 each. (Regular cost is \$69.30.) Tickets are valid from May 3 – September 29. If interested, please leave an envelope with your check (made out to "Sacred Heart School") at the Parish Center or school labeled HERSHEYPARK TICKETS – Attn: Peggy Dryden. Please include your name and phone number. Any questions, please e-mail SHGClassof2019@comcast.net. Deadline to purchase is March 18. Tickets will be distributed in late April.

Organizations

Best Years

Our next meeting of Best Years will be on Wednesday, March 6 in the Mother Seton Room. A speaker will be announced at a later date. Your input is always welcome about things for us to do. Hope to see you there! Let's keep putting our best foot forward. We've walked 9,534 miles across America and into the Pacific Ocean. We only have 2,052 miles to go before we get to the Marshall Islands. Don't forget to turn in your miles at the meeting. All exercise counts, including walking. Our group has now volunteered for a whopping 44,578 hours from 2007 - 2018. If you want to know more about Best Years and get a full calendar of upcoming events, go to the parish website at www.shgparish.org under Fellowship or contact our president, Stan Behnken, at 410-833-0182. The only membership requirement is that you be 55 years old. If your spouse is under 55, he or she is also welcome to become a member. Our yearly dues are only \$5, and we now have 81 paid members.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, February 20: Lunch Bunch at 12:30 PM at Glyndon Grill. Please contact Carol Johnson at 410-526-6455 for more information.
- Wed., Feb. 27: Executive Board Meeting at 1:00 PM
- Sarah's Hope is requesting canned vegetables, sugar, and laundry pods. If you can help, it will be greatly appreciated.

Blood Pressure Screenings TODAY

Nurses will be available for blood pressure screenings in Room 103 on **Saturday, February 16** after the 4:00 PM Mass and **Sunday, February 17** from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are made for folks who are seriously ill or who have a serious disability. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the third Tuesday of the month (**February 19**) in Room 103 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Are you interested in helping to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn either of these skills? Would you like a prayer shawl for someone? Please contact Sister Helen at helenwiegmann@yahoo.com or 410-833-1696.

Volunteer Training

Volunteers (ages 18 and older) for the school and/or parish need to complete all requirements before beginning their volunteer service. This process is now on-line through VIRTUS — a compliance management system. Please visit

for step-by-step instructions for new and current volunteers.

www.shgparish.org/stand.aspx

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Religious Education

Presidents' Day Holiday TODAY

There will be NO Religious Education classes on February 17 or 18 (Sunday/Monday).

First Eucharist Parent Meeting Next Week

Our first gathering for parents of all children who are preparing for First Eucharist will take place on **Sunday**, **February 24** at 10:15 AM **OR**—**Tuesday**, **February 26** at 3:15 PM in the Media Center. This meeting is for **parents only**, and *at least one parent* should attend. Nursery service is available at the Sunday morning session if needed. If you misplaced the letter with details about First Eucharist preparation, you can find it at www.shgparish.org/mass/First_Eucharist_Preparation_handouts_2019.pdf.



We look forward to beginning this special time of preparation with you and your child! To learn more about First Eucharist preparation at Sacred Heart, please go to www.shgparish.org/communion.aspx.

"Holy Communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.' Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: 'As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me.'"

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1391

First Eucharist and RCIC Prayers

More than 130 parish children will be preparing to receive Holy Eucharist for the very first time in April and May. Thirty-four of those children are in the RCIC English and Spanish classes, learning about God and developing their relationship with Him as they prepare to receive their sacraments after Easter. Please keep all of these children in your prayers and pray that their families will grow in faith and in their love for the Eucharist.

Sunday Nursery at the 10:30 AM Mass

A free nursery service (child care) is available on most Sunday mornings for children under the age of three years old from 10:15 – 11:30 AM in Room 126. For more details, please contact Sister Cecilia at 410-833-8515. There is NO nursery today (**February 17**).

Community Events and Services

Presidents' Day Holy Hour at Our Lady's Center

Come spend an hour with us in solemn adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, February 18** following the 12:00 PM Mass at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City (3301 S. Rogers Ave.) as we honor our former presidents and pray for the office of the presidency and the protection of its current occupant. We will never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy, particularly our freedom of religion, nor will we cease to pray for those entrusted with authority over us, that they be humbly guided by Truth and blessed with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Project Rachel Retreat

"Come to the Waters of Healing", a day retreat for women after an abortion, will be offered on **Saturday**, **February 23** from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM in the Ellicott City area at a confidential location. The cost is \$20, and scholarships are available. For more info contact <u>projectrachel@archbalt.org</u> or 410-625-8491 or visit <u>www.project-rachel.net</u>.

Save the Date — Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland's Annual Conference Saturday, March 23 • One-Day Lenten Retreat • St. Joseph Church Fullerton Theme: St. Joseph: Father | Protector | Provider — Becoming a Great Man of God! You can visit www.catholicmensfellowship.com for tickets and much more information.

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.



IMMACULATE LADY COUNCIL #5208 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father / Daughter Cupcake Dance

Saturday, February 23 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Gym

The Knights of Columbus Father / Daughter Cupcake Dance is only a few days away. Get your tickets now to this annual social event that's designed just for dads and their little girls!

This year we have a new menu. Only beverages and dessert — cupcakes and ice cream — will be served! Semi-formal attire is required, and professional photos by *Portraits on the Way* are available for purchase at the dance. You can snap your own informal photos with "Cupcake", the mascot for the dance. You can take chances as we raffle off "Cupcake's Friends" and other prizes suitable for when "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun".



Every person — fathers <u>and</u> daughters — attending the dance must present a ticket in order to enter. Ticket Request Forms are available at the SHG Parish Office, at the SHG School Office, and at <u>www.shgparish.org/children/kc fd dance2019.pdf</u>. Return the completed forms with a check made payable to "K of C #5208". Tickets can be picked up at the Parish Center — or by SHG School students in their homerooms. Any questions, please contact Ron Spohn (443-629-0777; <u>suznron@aol.com</u>) or Vic Lengrand (410-517-0497; <u>LenGrandjr7@yahoo.com</u>).

Exorcism: The Devil's in the Details

Wednesday, February 20 in the West Room / Cafeteria (No Charge to Attend)

Coming this Wednesday, the Knights of Columbus will present Sacred Heart's very own Fr. Jim McKearney, who will lead us on a tour of the dark world of demonic possession and into the light of exorcism.

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Angus beef burgers, all-beef hot dogs, French fries, and beverages will be available for purchase until the talk begins at 7:00 PM. At 7:45 PM, the Q&A period will begin. Please consider purchasing food to help support the Knights and these social events.

"The Exorcist: The Devil's in the Details" will examine the world of the victims, their satanic oppressors, and the remedy provided by the grace of Our Lord — a talk not to be missed!

"In a simple form, exorcism is performed at the celebration of Baptism. The solemn exorcism, called 'a major exorcism,' can be performed only by a priest and with the permission of the bishop. The priest must proceed with prudence, strictly observing the rules established by the Church. Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or to the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to his Church."

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- Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1673